

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 302/2019****of 13 December 2019****amending Annex V (Free movement of workers) and Protocol 31 (on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms) to the EEA Agreement [2020/320]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/589 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2016 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets, and amending Regulations (EU) No 492/2011 and (EU) No 1296/2013 ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/716 of 11 May 2016 repealing Implementing Decision 2012/733/EU implementing Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the clearance of vacancies and applications for employment and the re-establishment of EURES ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1255 of 11 July 2017 on a template for the description of national systems and procedures to admit organisations to become EURES Members and Partners ⁽³⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1256 of 11 July 2017 on templates and procedures for the exchange of information on the EURES network national work programmes at Union level ⁽⁴⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (5) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1257 of 11 July 2017 on the technical standards and formats required for a uniform system to enable matching of job vacancies with job applications and CVs on the EURES portal ⁽⁵⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (6) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/170 of 2 February 2018 on uniform detailed specifications for data collection and analysis to monitor and evaluate the functioning of the EURES network ⁽⁶⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (7) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1020 of 18 July 2018 on the adoption and updating of the list of skills, competences and occupations of the European classification for the purpose of automated matching through the EURES common IT platform ⁽⁷⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (8) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1021 of 18 July 2018 on the adoption of technical standards and formats necessary for the operation of the automated matching through the common IT platform using the European classification and the interoperability between national systems and the European classification ⁽⁸⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 107, 22.4.2016, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 125, 13.5.2016, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 12.7.2017, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 179, 12.7.2017, p. 24.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 179, 12.7.2017, p. 32.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 31, 3.2.2018, p. 104.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 183, 19.7.2018, p. 17.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 183, 19.7.2018, p. 20.

- (9) Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/716 repeals Commission Implementing Decision 2012/733/EU ⁽⁹⁾, which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (10) Annex V and Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex V to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

- (1) the following is added in point 2 (Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council):

‘, as amended by:

- **32016 R 0589**: Regulation (EU) 2016/589 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2016 (OJ L 107, 22.4.2016, p. 1).;

- (2) the following points are inserted after point 8 (Directive 2014/54/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council):

- ‘9. **32016 R 0589**: Regulation (EU) 2016/589 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2016 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers’ access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets, and amending Regulations (EU) No 492/2011 and (EU) No 1296/2013 (OJ L 107, 22.4.2016, p. 1).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

- (a) The words “Article 45 TFEU” shall be replaced by the words “Article 28 of the EEA Agreement”.
- (b) The words “citizens of the Union” shall be replaced by the words “nationals of EU Member States and EFTA States”.
- (c) In Article 6:
- (i) references to Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union and to Article 145 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union shall not apply.
- (ii) in point (d), the words “in compliance with Union” shall be replaced by the words “in compliance with legislation applicable pursuant to the EEA Agreement”.
- (d) In Article 9(4)(c), the words “Union rules and instruments” shall be replaced by the words “rules and instruments applicable pursuant to the EEA Agreement”.
- (e) In Article 34, the words “Union law” shall be replaced by the words “legislation applicable pursuant to the EEA Agreement”.

- 9a. **32017 D 1255**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1255 of 11 July 2017 on a template for the description of national systems and procedures to admit organisations to become EURES Members and Partners (OJ L 179, 12.7.2017, p. 18).

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 21.

- 9b. **32017 D 1256**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1256 of 11 July 2017 on templates and procedures for the exchange of information on the EURES network national work programmes at Union level (OJ L 179, 12.7.2017, p. 24).
- 9c. **32017 D 1257**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1257 of 11 July 2017 on the technical standards and formats required for a uniform system to enable matching of job vacancies with job applications and CVs on the EURES portal (OJ L 179, 12.7.2017, p. 32).
- 9d. **32018 D 0170**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/170 of 2 February 2018 on uniform detailed specifications for data collection and analysis to monitor and evaluate the functioning of the EURES network (OJ L 31, 3.2.2018, p. 104).
- 9e. **32018 D 1020**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1020 of 18 July 2018 on the adoption and updating of the list of skills, competences and occupations of the European classification for the purpose of automated matching through the EURES common IT platform (OJ L 183, 19.7.2018, p. 17).
- 9f. **32018 D 1021**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1021 of 18 July 2018 on the adoption of technical standards and formats necessary for the operation of the automated matching through the common IT platform using the European classification and the interoperability between national systems and the European classification (OJ L 183, 19.7.2018, p. 20).;

(3) the text of point 2a (Commission Implementing Decision 2012/733/EU) is deleted.

Article 2

The following is added in the first paragraph of the third indent of Article 15(8) (Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement:

‘, as amended by:

- **32016 R 0589**: Regulation (EU) 2016/589 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2016 (OJ L 107, 22.4.2016, p. 1).’

Article 3

The texts of Regulation (EU) 2016/589 and Implementing Decisions (EU) 2017/1255, (EU) 2017/1256, (EU) 2017/1257, (EU) 2018/170, (EU) 2018/1020 and (EU) 2018/1021 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 14 December 2019, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 13 December 2019.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Gunnar PÁLSSON

(*) Constitutional requirements indicated.