



# EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

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## **EFTA MINISTERIAL MEETING**

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### **CONCLUSIONS ON STANDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

- Closely coordinate with the EU on COVID-19 measures to ensure a level playing field and coherence of the Internal Market, to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic (COVID-19 certificate) and the efficient roll-out of vaccines
  - Continue to ensure the swift incorporation of EEA-relevant EU acts and closely monitor the backlog situation
  - Engage at an early stage in the decision-shaping process of EEA-relevant EU legislation, with a focus on the European Commission's work programme for 2021, including initiatives linked to the green and digital transformation
  - Work to ensure EEA EFTA participation in relevant EU programmes in the 2021-2027 period, including in their preparatory and early stages, through the timely incorporation of decisions on relevant programme regulations
  - Closely monitor issues related to the relationship with the United Kingdom that are relevant for the EEA Agreement and conclude work on future arrangements
  - Undertake outreach activities to strengthen knowledge of the EEA Agreement in the EU and the EEA EFTA States
  - Continue preparations for upcoming negotiations on the EEA EFTA states' financial contributions to alleviate social and economic disparities in the EEA
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