



EFTA Secretariat
12-16 Rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels

EFTA Introductory Seminar on the EEA

Tuesday, 17 September 2019
Programme

- 08:30-09:00 Registration and Coffee
- 09:00-09:15 **Welcome**
Henri Gétaz, EFTA Secretary-General
- 09:15-09:35 **Introduction to EFTA and the EEA Agreement**
Hege Marie Hoff, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat
- 09:35-10:10 **Functioning of the EEA Agreement and role of the Secretariat**
Brit Helle, Director of Internal Market Division, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:10-10:30 **Questions & Answers**
Moderator: Thorfinnur Omarsson, Head of Communications, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:30-10:45 **Coffee break**
- 10:45-11:15 **Incorporation: How EU law becomes EEA law**
Audur Steinarsdóttir, Legal Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 11:15-11:45 **Surveillance: How EEA law is enforced**
Catherine Howdle, Deputy Director, Legal and Executive Affairs, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 11:45-12:15 **Judicial control: How EEA law is interpreted**
Birgir Hrafn Búason, Senior Lawyer Administrator, EFTA Court
- 12:15-12:30 **Questions & Answers**
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30-14:00 **How EEA and Norway Grants reduce disparities and strengthen cooperation**
Katrine Steinfeld, Country and Bilateral Officer, EEA Grants and Norway Grants
- 14:00-14:45 **The Two-Pillar solution: The backbone of the EEA**
Finnur Birgisson and Karoline Lumholdt Mathisen, EFTA Secretariat
- 14:45-15:30 **Iceland and the EEA in the second half of 2019**
Gunnar Pálsson, Ambassador, Head of Icelandic Mission to the EU and Chair of the EFTA Standing Committee
- 15:30-16:30 **Networking reception**