



EFTA Secretariat
12-16 Rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels

EFTA Introductory Seminar on the EEA

Tuesday, 17 September 2019
Draft Programme

- 08:30-09:00 Registration and Coffee
- 09:00-09:15 **Welcome**
Henri Gétaz, EFTA Secretary-General
- 09:15-09:35 **Introduction: EFTA and the EEA Agreement in historical context**
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
- 10:10-10:20 **Questions & Answers**
Moderator: Thorfinnur Omarsson, Head of Communications, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:20-10:45 **Incorporation: How EU law becomes EEA law**
Audur Steinarsdóttir, Legal Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00-11:30 **Surveillance: How EEA law is enforced**
Catherine Howdle, Deputy Director, Legal and Executive Affairs, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 11:30-12:00 **Judicial control: How EEA law is interpreted**
Olafur Einarsson, Registrar, EFTA Court
- 12:00-12:30 **How EEA and Norway Grants reduce disparities and strengthen cooperation**
Árni Páll Árnason, Deputy Director, EEA Grants and Norway Grants
- 12:30-12:45 **Questions & Answers**
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00-16:30 **Break-out sessions in different sectors (topics tbc)**
- 16:30-17:30 **Networking reception**