

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 174/2015****of 11 June 2015****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [2016/2209]**

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) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ('EaSI') and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion ⁽¹⁾ was incorporated into the EEA Agreement by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 151/2014 of 27 June 2014 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) The limited participation of Norway in the Programme should be extended to the Progress axis.
- (3) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2015,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In paragraph 8 of Article 15 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words 'EURES axis' are replaced by the words 'Progress and EURES axes':

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement (*).

It shall apply from 1 January 2015.

*Article 3*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, 11 June 2015.

*For the EEA Joint Committee**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 238.

⁽²⁾ See p. 44 of this Official Journal.

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.