

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 181/2019

of 14 June 2019

**amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside
the four freedoms**

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) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to include Decision (EU) 2018/646 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC¹.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2019,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 4 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph is inserted after paragraph 2o:
‘2p. The EFTA States shall, with effect from 1 January 2019, participate in the following European framework:
 - **32018 D 0646:** Decision (EU) 2018/646 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC (OJ L 112, 2.5.2018, p. 42).’
2. The text of paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:
‘The EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement to the programmes and actions referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j, 2k, 2l, 2m, 2n, 2o and 2p.’

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2019.

¹ OJ L 112, 2.5.2018, p. 42.

* [No constitutional requirements indicated.]

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, 14 June 2019.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Claude Maerten

*The Secretaries
to the EEA Joint Committee*

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