

PROTOCOL 30 ^{1}

ON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF STATISTICS

Article 1

General provisions

- 1.^{2} A conference of representatives of national statistical organisations of the Contracting Parties, the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) and the EFTA Statistical Office (ESO) shall guide statistical cooperation and develop programmes and procedures for statistical cooperation in close coordination with those of the Community and monitor their implementation. This conference and the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC) shall organise their tasks for the purposes of this Protocol in combined meetings as ESSC/EEA Conference pursuant to specific rules of procedure to be established by the ESSC/EEA Conference.
2. The EFTA States shall, as from the start of the cooperation in connection with the programmes and actions referred to in this Protocol, participate fully without the right to vote in the EC committees and other bodies which assist the EC Commission in the management or development of these programmes and actions.
3. Statistical information from EFTA States shall be transmitted from the EFTA States to Eurostat for storage, processing and dissemination. To this end, ESO shall work in close cooperation with the EFTA States and Eurostat in order to ensure that data from the EFTA States is transmitted properly and disseminated to the various user groups through the normal dissemination channels as part of the EEA statistics.
4. The EFTA States shall defray the additional costs incurred by Eurostat for storing, processing and disseminating data from their countries.
5. The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the Community's overhead costs arising from their participation in programmes and actions referred to in this Protocol other than those incurred for storing, disseminating or processing data in accordance with Article 82(1)(b) of the Agreement.
6. ^{3} The handling of statistics from the EFTA States shall be governed by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164), as amended by:
- ^{4} **32015 R 0759**: Regulation (EU) 2015/759 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 90).
- 7.^{5} A joint ESO/Eurostat annual report assessing whether the objectives, priorities and actions planned in connection with this Protocol have been achieved, shall be produced and submitted to the ESSC/EEA conference to which reference is made in paragraph 1 and to the EEA Joint Committee.

^{1} Text of Protocol 30 replaced by Decision No 75/2008 (OJ L 257, 25.9.2008, p. 41 and EEA Supplement No 58, 25.9.2008, p. 23), e.i.f. 7.6.2008. It shall apply from 1.1.2008.

^{2} Words in Article 1 replaced by Decision No 153/2009 (OJ L 62, 11.3.2010, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 12, 11.3.2010, p. 54), e.i.f. 5.12.2009.

^{3} Text of Point 6 (Council Regulation 322/97) replaced by Decision No 153/2009 (OJ L [to be published] and EEA Supplement No [to be published]), e.i.f. 5.12.2009.

^{4} Indent and words “, as amended by:” added by Decision No 98/2019 (OJ L 210, 2.7.2020, p. 84 and EEA Supplement No 44, 2.7.2020, p. 101), e.i.f. 1.11.2019.

^{5} Word in Article 7 replaced by Decision No 153/2009 (OJ L 62, 11.3.2010, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 12, 11.3.2010, p. 54), e.i.f. 5.12.2009.

Article 2[] {⁶}*Article 3***Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012**

1. The Community statistical programme 2008 to 2012 as established by Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council to which reference is made in paragraph 4 shall constitute the framework for the EEA statistical actions to be carried out between 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2012. All main fields and statistical themes of the Community statistical programme 2008 to 2012 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.
2. From 1 January 2008, a specific EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be developed every year jointly by the EFTA Statistical Office and Eurostat. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be based on a subset of, and in parallel with the annual work programme elaborated by the Commission in accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council referred to in paragraph 4. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own internal procedures.
3. From 1 January 2008, the EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 03 and 29 01 04 01 (Statistical Information Policy) entered in the Community budget.
4. The following Community act is the object of this Article:
 - **32007 D 1578**: Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012 (OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15).

Article 4{⁷}**Modernisation of European Enterprises and Trade Statistics (MEETS)**

1. The EFTA States shall, from 1 January 2009, participate in the Community programmes and actions referred to in paragraph 4.
2. Objectives 1, 2 and 3 and related actions of the annual work programmes adopted by the Commission in accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council referred to in paragraph 4 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.
3. From 1 January 2009, the EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 04 and 29 01 04 04 (Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics) entered in the Community budget.

{⁶} Text of Article 2 deleted by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014, it shall apply from 1.1.2014.

{⁷} Text of Article 4 inserted by Decision No 90/2009 (OJ L 277, 22.10.2009, p. 43 and EEA Supplement No 56, 22.10.2009, p. 21), e.i.f. 4.7.2009, it shall apply from 1.1.2009.

4. The following Community act is the object of this Article:
- **32008 D 1297**: Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) (OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 76).

Article 5^{8}

Statistical Programme 2013 to 2020

1. The following act is the object of this Article:
- **32013 R 0099**: Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17 (OJ L 39, 9.2.2013, p. 12), as amended by:
 - ^{9} **32013 R 1383**: Regulation (EU) No 1383/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 84),
 - ^{10} **32017 R 1951**: Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2017, p. 1).
- 2.^{11} The European statistical programme 2013-20 as established by Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 shall constitute the framework for the EEA statistical actions to be carried out between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2020. All main fields of the European statistical programme 2013-20 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.
- 3.^{12} A specific EEA Annual Statistical Programme for 2013 to 2020 shall be developed jointly by the EFTA Statistical Office and Eurostat. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be based on a subset of, and be drawn up in parallel with the annual work programme elaborated by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 99/2013. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be approved by the Contracting Parties according to their own internal procedures.
- 4.^{13} The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the activities referred to in this Article in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent.

^{8} Text of Article 5 inserted by Decision No 134/2013 (OJ L 345, 19.12.2013, p. 2 and EEA Supplement No 72, 19.12.2013, p. 2), e.i.f. 9.7.2013, it shall apply from 1.1.2013. Words “2013 to 2017” in title replaced by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014; it shall apply from 1.1.2014. The word “2017” in title replaced by the word “2020” by Decision No 169/2018 (OJ L 67, 25.2.2021, p. 65 and EEA Supplement No 13, 25.2.2021, p. 70), e.i.f. 7.7.2018; it shall apply from 1 January 2018.

^{9} Indent and words “, as amended by:” added by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014; it shall apply from 1.1.2014.

^{10} Indent and words “, as amended by:” added by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014; it shall apply from 1.1.2014.

^{11} Text of Article 5(2) inserted by Decision No 134/2013 (OJ L 345, 19.12.2013, p. 2 and EEA Supplement No 72, 19.12.2013, p. 2), e.i.f. 9.7.2013, it shall apply from 1.1.2013; and subsequently replaced by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014, it shall apply from 1.1.2014. The words “2013-17” and “31 December 2017” are replaced by the words “2013-20” and “31 December 2020” by Decision No 169/2018 (OJ L 67, 25.2.2021, p. 65 and EEA Supplement No 13, 25.2.2021, p. 70), e.i.f. 7.7.2018; it shall apply from 1 January 2018.

^{12} Text of Article 5(3) inserted by Decision No 134/2013 (OJ L 345, 19.12.2013, p. 2 and EEA Supplement No 72, 19.12.2013, p. 2), e.i.f. 9.7.2013, it shall apply from 1.1.2013, and subsequently replaced by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014; it shall apply from 1.1.2014. The words “2013 to 2017” are replaced by the words “2013 to 2020” by Decision No 169/2018 (OJ L 67, 25.2.2021, p. 65 and EEA Supplement No 13, 25.2.2021, p. 70), e.i.f. 7.7.2018; it shall apply from 1 January 2018.

^{13} Text of Article 5(4) inserted by Decision No 134/2013 (OJ L 345, 19.12.2013, p. 2 and EEA Supplement No 72, 19.12.2013, p. 2), e.i.f. 9.7.2013, it shall apply from 1.1.2013, and subsequently replaced by Decision No 147/2014 (OJ L 342, 27.11.2014, p. 56 and EEA Supplement No 71, 27.11.2014, p. 54), e.i.f. 28.6.2014; it shall apply from 1.1.2014. Text subsequently replaced by Decision No 169/2018 (OJ L 67, 25.2.2021, p. 65 and EEA Supplement No 13, 25.2.2021, p. 70), e.i.f. 7.7.2018; it shall apply from 1 January 2018. Text subsequently replaced by Decisions No 262/2021 (OJ L [to be published] and EEA Supplement No [to be published]), e.i.f. 25.9.2021. It shall apply from 1 January 2021.

Article 6 {¹⁴}**Statistical actions 2021 to 2027**

1. The following act is the object of this Article:
 - **32021 R 0690**: Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1).
2. The specific objective as defined in Article 3(2)(f) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690 shall constitute the framework for the EEA statistical actions to be carried out between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2027. All main fields of European Statistics shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.
3. A specific EEA Annual Statistical Programme for 2021 to 2027 shall be developed jointly by the EFTA Statistical Office and Eurostat. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be based on a subset of, and be drawn up in parallel with the annual work programme prepared by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/690. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be approved by the Contracting Parties according to their own internal procedures.
4. The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the statistical activities referred to in Article 3(2)(f) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690 in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent.
5. The costs incurred for activities the implementation of which starts after 1 January 2021 may be considered eligible as from the starting date of the action fixed in the grant agreement or the grant decision concerned, under the conditions set out therein, provided that Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 262/2021 of 24 September 2021 enters into force before the end of the action.

{¹⁴} Text of Article 6 inserted by Decision No 262/2021 (OJ L [to be published] and EEA Supplement No [to be published]), e.i.f. 25.9.2021. It shall apply from 1 January 2021.