

Introductory Seminar on the European Economic Area

12 March 2024, 09:30-16:30

EFTA House, Avenue des Arts 19H, 1000 Brussels
& online

Anniversary Edition
#EEA30Years

09:00-09:30

Registration and Coffee

09:30-09:35

Opening Remarks

Siri Veseth Meling, Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat

How the EEA Agreement Works

Marit Schage Andria, Director of Internal Market Division, EFTA Secretariat

From EU Law to EEA Law: An Introduction

Óli Dagur Valtýsson, Senior Legal Officer, EFTA Secretariat

EEA at 30 Years: Dynamic Agreement in a Changing Europe

Elisabet Ólafsdóttir, Officer, EFTA Secretariat

How EEA EFTA States can Influence EU Law-making: An Introduction

Trond Helge Baardsen, Senior Officer, EFTA Secretariat

10:50-11:05

Q&A: Expert Panel

11:05-11:25

Coffee Break

**Parliamentarians, Social Partners and Local/Regional Representation
in the EEA**

Christophe Zufferey, Senior Officer to the EFTA Parliamentary
Committee, EFTA Secretariat

EEA Enforcement: ESA and the EFTA Court

Melpo-Menie Joséphidès, Director of Legal & Executive Affairs, ESA and
Ólafur Jóhannes Einarsson, Registrar, EFTA Court

**EEA and Norway Grants Reduce Disparities and Strengthen
Cooperation in Europe**

Ragna Fidjestøl, Managing Director, EEA and Norway Grants



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EEA at 30 Years: View from the EEA EFTA States

Ambassador Kristján Andri Stefánsson, Mission of Iceland to the EU, Chair of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States

EEA at 30 Years: View from the EU

Representatives from the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Closing Remarks

Andri Lúthersson, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat

12:35-13:30

Lunch

Go to breakout rooms

13:30-14:45

Break out session I (in person only - see topics below)*

14:45-15:15

Networking Coffee

15:15-16:30

Break out session II (In person only - see topics below)*

16:30-18:00

Networking Reception

*Participants can choose two of the following four sessions

All four sessions will run in parallel

Workshop sessions are for in-person participants only

» From EU Law to EEA Law

» EEA Enforcement: Surveillance and Judicial Control

Run by ESA and the EFTA Court

» EEA at 30 Years: Influencing the Green and Digital Transition

The involvement of the EEA EFTA States in shaping the EU's green and digital policies

» EEA at 30 Years: Empowering People through EU Programmes

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