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EFTA Seminar on the EEA – 16 and 17 December 2010

Programme

Moderator: *Lars Erik Nordgaard, Director, EEA Co-ordination Division, EFTA*

Thursday, 16 December 2010

- 9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30-9:45 **Introduction**
Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat
- 9:45-10:45 **Policy shaping in the EEA and the role of the Secretariat**
Tore Grønningsæter, Information Officer, EFTA Secretariat
- 10:45-11:30 **The EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) as the EEA watchdog**
Per Sanderud, President, EFTA Surveillance Authority
- 11:30-12:00 Coffee
- 12:00-12:45 **The role of the EFTA Court**
Prof. Dr. Carl Baudenbacher, President of the EFTA Court
- 12:45-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:15 **EEA and Norway Grants - reducing disparities and strengthening relations**
Sigve Soldal Bjørstad, Head of Information, Financial Mechanism Office
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee
- 15:30-16:15 **The EFTA Statistical Office**
Kurt Wass, Deputy Head of the EFTA Statistical Office
- 16:15-18:30 Reception hosted by Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General of EFTA**



Friday, 17 December 2010

The Single Market towards 2020

- 09:00-09.45 **The future of the Single Market – the Commission’s view**
Emer Daly, Director, Internal Market Policy, European Commission, DG Internal Market and Services
- 09:45-10.30 **Switching on the Single Market prosperity machine: An independent view**
Jacques Pelkmans, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- 10.30-10.45 *Coffee*
- 10.45-11.30 **The Single Market and the EEA – our future challenges**
Marius Vahl, Officer, EFTA Secretariat, EEA Coordination Division
- 11:30-11.45 **Concluding remarks**
Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, Deputy Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat