



**EFTA Secretariat**  
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## **EFTA Seminar on the EEA: Current and Future Challenges**

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### **Programme**

Moderator: *Marius Vahl, Senior Officer, EEA Coordination Division, EFTA*

- 08:30-09:00 Registration and Coffee
- 09:00-09:15 **Introduction**  
*Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat*
- 09:15-10:00 **Policy shaping in the EEA and the role of the EFTA Secretariat**  
*Lars E Nordgaard, Director, EFTA Secretariat*
- 10:00-10:45 **The EFTA Court – The EFTA Judicial System Reaches the Age of Majority - Accomplishments and Problems**  
*Carl Baudenbacher, President, EFTA Court*
- 10:45-11:15 Coffee
- 11:15-11:45 **The EFTA Statistical Office – Building a common language for the EEA**  
*Andrea Scheller, Head of EFTA Statistical Office*
- 11:45-12:15 **EEA and Norway Grants – reducing disparities and strengthening cooperation in Europe**  
*Sigve Soldal Bjørstad, Deputy Head of Communication, Reporting and Evaluation, Financial Mechanism Office*
- 12:15-13:45 Lunch
- 13:45-14:30 **The EFTA Surveillance Authority as the EEA watchdog**  
*Oda Helen Sletnes, President, EFTA Surveillance Authority*
- 14:30-15:00 Coffee
- 15:00-17:30 **The Norwegian EEA Review – Presentation of the final report**  
*Fredrik Sejersted, Head of the Norwegian EEA Review Committee*  
*Ulf Sverdrup, Secretary of the Norwegian EEA Review Committee*
- 17:30-19:00 **Reception hosted by Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General of EFTA**