

The EEA at 30 Years:

Dynamic Agreement in a Changing Europe

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Europe stands at the crossroads. We either go ahead – with resolution and determination – or we drop back into mediocrity. We can now either resolve to complete the integration of the economies of Europe; or, through a lack of political will to face the immense problems involved, we can simply allow Europe to develop into no more than a free trade area.

– 1985 White Paper on the Completion of the Internal Market



30 States, 30 Years



**A Europe fit for
the digital age**

2019

**The European
Green Deal**

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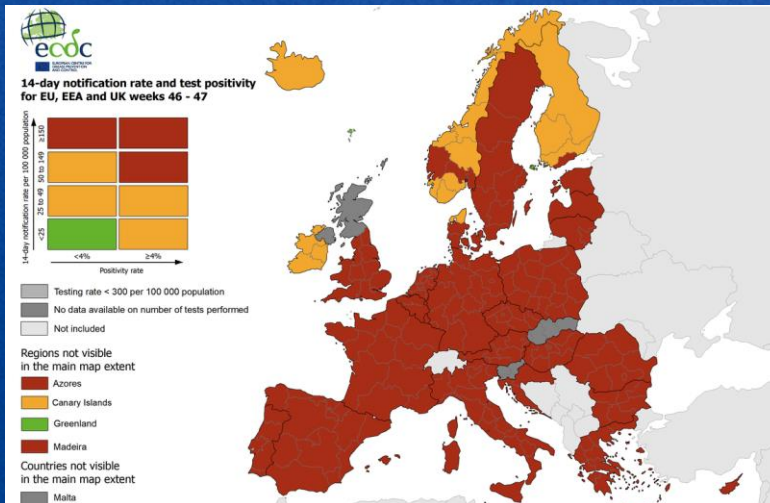




Over the years, many global challenges have put our EEA framework to the test. Through each crisis – from the COVID-19 pandemic to the war of aggression against Ukraine – the EEA EFTA States and the EU have remained the closest and most reliable of partners and offered a common response to protect, adapt and develop our Internal Market.



- Joint statement on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the European Economic Area



A photograph of Ursula von der Leyen, a prominent European Union official, standing in a crowd. She is wearing a light-colored blazer and dark trousers, smiling and gesturing with her hands. She is surrounded by people, some of whom are taking photos with cameras. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor event. The text "Brussels in transition" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Brussels in transition

The current geopolitical situation highlights the importance of the internal market as a driver for Europe's welfare and competitiveness. Therefore, efforts aimed at achieving greater economic security and resilience should not result in the fragmentation of the internal market of 30 States.

– EEA EFTA Comment – 30 Years, 30 States: Together for a Competitive and Resilient Europe

“The overall objective remains as clear and valid as ever: to secure the upholding of a dynamic and homogenous EEA, based on a level playing field for all actors participating in it.”

– Elisabeth Walaas – Chair of the Task Force on Files with



Thank you
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