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Subject:	Informal videoconference of the Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
Date:	14 September 2021
Time:	14.30
Venue:	VTC

1. SWISS CONFEDERATION

- 1.1 EU-Swiss relations
- = information by the Commission
- General information point by the Commission*

2. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

- 2.1 Preparation of the 53rd meeting of the EEA Council on 24 November 2021: draft conclusions
- = discussion
- On the basis of a draft prepared by the EEA EFTA side, the EFTA Working Party will hold a first discussion on the draft conclusions to be adopted by the EEA Council at its 53rd meeting, scheduled to take place on 24 November 2021.¹*

¹ To be issued.

- 2.2 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget line PA 13 17 01 - Preparatory Action on Defence Research)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 10929/21 + ADD 1
- 2.3 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (European Solidarity Corps programme)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11219/21 + ADD 1
- 2.4 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics, and Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Single Market Programme)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11223/21 + ADD 1
- 2.5 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Horizon Europe)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11227/21 + ADD 1
- 2.6 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (European Social Fund Plus (ESF+))
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11231/21 + ADD 1

- 2.7 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Erasmus+)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11236/21 + ADD 1
- 2.8 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Digital Europe Programme)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11240/21 + ADD 1
- 2.9 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM))
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11252/21 + ADD 1
- 2.10 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Creative Europe Programme)
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- 11257/21 + ADD 1
- 2.11 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee on incorporation of the Railway Package into the EEA Agreement
- = discussion
- The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.*
- xxxx/21 + ADD 1²

² To be issued.

2.12 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (LIFE Programme)

= discussion

The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.

11526/21 + ADD 1

2.13 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (EU4Health Programme)

= discussion

The EFTA Working Party will start the examination of the proposal with a view to finding an agreement.

11533/21 + ADD 1

2.14 State of play on the preparation for the negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein on the future financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States to social and economic cohesion in the European Economic Area

= information by the EEAS/Commission (followed by discussion)

The EEAS will inform the EFTA Working Party on the state of play of these negotiations.

3. PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA, PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO AND REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

3.1 Negotiations on one or several Association Agreements

= information by the EEAS (followed by discussion)

Preparation for the next round of negotiations, to be held from 21 to 23 September 2021.

4. NORWAY

4.1 Elections in Norway

= information by EEAS

The EEAS will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the outcome of the parliamentary elections held in Norway on 13 September 2021.

5. AOB

NB: Delegations are asked to submit their requests for "other business" items to the General Secretariat, efta@consilium.europa.eu, in writing by **Monday, 13 September 2021, 12.00 (noon)**.