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## REPORT

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Subject: Progress report of the EEA Joint Committee

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### Decision making

1. The EEA Joint Committee has adopted 134 Joint Committee Decisions (JCDs) incorporating 252 legal acts into the EEA Agreement since the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EEA Council on 21 May 2025. In the period from 1 January to 24 October 2025, the EEA Joint Committee adopted 251 JCDs incorporating 445 legal acts. In comparison, during the period from 1 January to 25 October 2024, the EEA Joint Committee adopted 247 JCDs incorporating 469 legal acts.
2. On 1 October 2025<sup>1</sup>, there were 615 legal acts awaiting incorporation, compared with 610 acts on 16 April 2025. Since April 2025, therefore, the overall number of legal acts outstanding has increased. Of the 615 legal acts outstanding on 1 October 2025, 195 acts are still in the early stages of the incorporation process, where the compliance date in the EU passed less than six months ago.
3. On 24 October 2025, the number of JCDs awaiting the fulfilment of constitutional requirements where the six-month period had expired was 19, compared with 22 in April 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> The date reflects the most recent edition of the Monitoring List prior to the EEA Joint Committee meeting of 24 October 2025. This is a list of all acts outstanding where the compliance date passed two weeks prior to the Subcommittees I-IV meeting.

4. Important decisions incorporated since the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EEA Council on 21 May 2025 include:

- Decision No 159/2025 regarding the disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches
- Decision No 170/2025 regarding decisions of European standardisation organisations concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables
- Decision No 174/2025 on energy efficiency
- Decision No 175/2025 on the energy performance of buildings and energy efficiency
- Decision No 176/2025 on the calculation and promotion of renewable energy
- Decision No 221/2025 on rules for calculating price differences between eligible aviation fuels and fossil kerosene, as well as for allocating allowances for the use of eligible aviation fuels under the EU Emissions Trading System
- Decision No 243/2025 on European Green Bonds and optional disclosures for bonds marketed as environmentally sustainable and for sustainability-linked bonds
- Decision No 247/2025 on the guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network

### **Decision shaping**

5. The EEA EFTA States participate in 15 EU programmes and 18 decentralised agencies, as well as in the activities of six executive agencies.
6. Since the last meeting of the EEA Council on 21 May 2025, the EEA Joint Committee has taken note of EEA EFTA Comments on the following subjects:
- The European preference requirement in public procurement
  - The Omnibus proposals

### **Briefings in the EEA Joint Committee**

7. In the period from 21 May to 24 October 2025, the EEA Joint Committee received briefings on:
- The Single Market Strategy
  - The Import Surveillance Task Force

## Status of issues outstanding

8. Discussions on the following issues have not yet been concluded:

### *Energy:*

- Regulation (EU) 2017/460 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas; Regulation (EU) 2017/459 establishing a network code on capacity allocation mechanisms in gas transmission systems and repealing Regulation (EU) No 984/2013; Regulation (EU) No 312/2014 establishing a Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks and Regulation (EU) 2015/703 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules; Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/631 establishing a network code on requirements for grid connection of generators; Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT); Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2196 establishing a network code on electricity emergency and restoration; Regulation (EU) 2019/942 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

### *State aid:*

- Council Regulation (EU) No 734/2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 93 of the EC Treaty

### *Food chain:*

- Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed (GM Food and Feed); Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2122 on personal consignments

### *Transport:*

- Regulation (EU) 2016/1199 on helicopter offshore operations (HOFO)

### *Competition policy:*

- Directive (EU) 2019/1 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 to empower the competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers and to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market (“ECN+ Directive”); Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union

*Financial services:*

- Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on deposit guarantee schemes (recast) – DGS III

*Environment:*

- Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC

*Statistics:*

- Regulation (EU) 2016/1952 of the European Parliament and of the Council 26 October 2016 on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC; Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2010 of 9 November 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics, as regards the updates for the annual and monthly energy statistics; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1799 of 21 November 2018 on the establishment of a temporary direct statistical action for the dissemination of selected topics of the 2021 population and housing census geocoded to a 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid

9. The EEA Joint Committee has reiterated its determination to work towards the rapid conclusion of these issues.

## **Financial Mechanisms**

10. The Agreement on the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Agreement on the Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2021–2028 were signed on 12 September 2024 and entered into force on 1 August 2025. The two additional protocols on market access for fish between the EU and Norway, and between the EU and Iceland, also entered into force on 1 August. For the new period of the EEA and Norway Grants, the EEA EFTA States will contribute a total of EUR 3.268 billion to 15 Beneficiary States in the EU.

10. The three priority areas for the period 2021–2028 are:
- Green transition
  - Democracy, rule of law and human rights
  - Social inclusion and resilience
12. For the period 2014–2021, the EEA and Norway Grants allocated a total of EUR 2.8 billion. The period of eligibility for projects under both Mechanisms ended in April 2024. The final date for eligibility for support under the Fund for bilateral relations was 30 April 2025.
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