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PROTOCOLS

PROTOCOL 30

on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics

[^{F1}Article 1

General provisions

1 A conference of representatives of national statistical organisations of the Contracting Parties, the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) and the EFTA Statistical Office (ESO) shall guide statistical cooperation and develop programmes and procedures for statistical cooperation in close coordination with those of the Community and monitor their implementation. This conference and the [^{F2}European Statistical System Committee (ESSC)] shall organise their tasks for the purposes of this Protocol in combined meetings as [^{F2}ESSC/EEA Conference pursuant to specific rules of procedure to be established by the ESSC/EEA] Conference.

2 The EFTA States shall, as from the start of the cooperation in connection with the programmes and actions referred to in this Protocol, participate fully without the right to vote in the EC committees and other bodies which assist the EC Commission in the management or development of these programmes and actions.

3 Statistical information from EFTA States shall be transmitted from the EFTA States to Eurostat for storage, processing and dissemination. To this end, ESO shall work in close cooperation with the EFTA States and Eurostat in order to ensure that data from the EFTA States is transmitted properly and disseminated to the various user groups through the normal dissemination channels as part of the EEA statistics.

4 The EFTA States shall defray the additional costs incurred by Eurostat for storing, processing and disseminating data from their countries.

5 The EFTA States shall contribute financially to the Community's overhead costs arising from their participation in programmes and actions referred to in this Protocol other than those incurred for storing, disseminating or processing data in accordance with Article 82(1) (b) of the Agreement.

6 [^{F2}The handling of statistics from EFTA States shall be governed by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164)] [^{F3}][^{F4}, as amended by:

— **32015 R 0759**: Regulation (EU) 2015/759 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 90).]

7 A joint ESO/Eurostat annual report assessing whether the objectives, priorities and actions planned in connection with this Protocol have been achieved, shall be produced and submitted to the [^{F2}ESSC/EEA] conference to which reference is made in paragraph 1 and to the EEA Joint Committee.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 75/2008 of 6 June 2008 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.](#)
- F2** Substituted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 153/2009 of 4 December 2009 amending Annex XXI \(Statistics\) and Protocol 30 on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics to the EEA Agreement.](#)
- F3** Deleted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 98/2019 of 29 March 2019 amending Annex XXI \(Statistics\) and Protocol 30 on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics to the EEA Agreement \[2020/846\].](#)
- F4** Inserted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 98/2019 of 29 March 2019 amending Annex XXI \(Statistics\) and Protocol 30 on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics to the EEA Agreement \[2020/846\].](#)

^{F5}Article 2

[^{F5}Statistical Programme 2003 to 2007]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 75/2008 of 6 June 2008 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.](#)
- F5** Deleted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 147/2014 of 27 June 2014 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.](#)

Article 3

Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012

1 The Community statistical programme 2008 to 2012 as established by Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council to which reference is made in paragraph 4 shall constitute the framework for the EEA statistical actions to be carried out between 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2012. All main fields and statistical themes of the Community statistical programme 2008 to 2012 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.

2 From 1 January 2008, a specific EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be developed every year jointly by the EFTA Statistical Office and Eurostat. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be based on a subset of, and in parallel with the annual work programme elaborated by the Commission in accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council referred to in paragraph 4. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own internal procedures.

3 From 1 January 2008, the EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 03 and 29 01 04 01 (Statistical Information Policy) entered in the Community budget.

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- 4 The following Community act is the object of this Article:
— **32007 D 1578**: Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 on the Community Statistical Programme 2008 to 2012 (OJ L 344, 28.12.2007, p. 15).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 75/2008 of 6 June 2008 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.](#)

[^{F6}Article 4

Modernisation of European Enterprises and Trade Statistics (MEETS)

1 The EFTA States shall, from 1 January 2009, participate in the Community programmes and actions referred to in paragraph 4.

2 Objectives 1, 2 and 3 and related actions of the annual work programmes adopted by the Commission in accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council referred to in paragraph 4 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.

3 From 1 January 2009, the EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 04 and 29 01 04 04 (Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics) entered in the Community budget.

- 4 The following Community Act is the object of this Article:
— **32008 D 1297**: Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) (OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 76).]

Textual Amendments

- F6** Inserted by [Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 90/2009 of 3 July 2009 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.](#)

[^{F7}Article 5

Statistical Programme [^{F8}2013 to 2017]

- 1 The following act is the object of this Article:
— **32013 R 0099**: Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17 (OJ L 39, 9.2.2013, p. 12)[^{F5}].]^{F9}, as amended by:
— **32013 R 1383**: Regulation (EU) No 1383/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 84).]

2 The European statistical programme 2013-17 as established by Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 shall constitute the framework for the EEA statistical actions to be carried out between 1

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January 2013 and [F831 December 2017]. All main fields of the European statistical programme 2013-17 shall be considered to be relevant for the EEA statistical cooperation and shall be open for full participation by the EFTA States.

3 [F8A specific EEA Annual Statistical Programme for 2013 to 2017 shall be developed jointly by the EFTA Statistical Office and Eurostat. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be based on a subset of, and be drawn up in parallel with the annual work programme elaborated by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 99/2013. The EEA Annual Statistical Programme shall be approved by the Contracting Parties according to their own internal procedures.]

4 [F8The EFTA States shall contribute financially in accordance with Article 82(1)(a) of the Agreement and the Financial Regulations thereto to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 05 (European statistical programme 2013-17) and 29 01 04 05 (Statistical information policy — Expenditure on administrative management) entered in the budget of the European Union for 2013 and to an amount representing 75 per cent of the amount shown in budget lines 29 02 01 (European statistical programme 2013-17) and 29 01 04 01 (Statistical information policy — Expenditure on administrative management) entered in the budget of the European Union for 2014 to 2017.]]

Textual Amendments

F5 Deleted by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 147/2014 of 27 June 2014 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.

F7 Inserted by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 134/2013 of 8 July 2013 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organisation of cooperation in the field of statistics.

F8 Substituted by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 147/2014 of 27 June 2014 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.

F9 Inserted by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 147/2014 of 27 June 2014 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organization of cooperation in the field of statistics.

[F10 Appendix

List of programme elements of the EEA statistical programme]

Textual Amendments

F10 Deleted by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 99/2000 of 27 October 2000 amending Protocol 30 to the EEA Agreement, on specific provisions on the organisation of cooperation in the field of statistics.

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