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#### **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: 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 (Eurofound)

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2024/...**

**of ...**

**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  
(Eurofound)**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 153(2) in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 of 28 November 1994 concerning arrangements for implementing the Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 6.

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on the European Economic Area<sup>2</sup> ('the EEA Agreement') entered into force on 1 January 1994.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 98 of the EEA Agreement, the EEA Joint Committee may decide to amend, inter alia, Protocol 31 on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms ('Protocol 31') to the EEA Agreement.
- (3) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement to include Regulation (EU) 2019/127 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>3</sup>.
- (4) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly and such extended cooperation should take place retroactively from 1 January 2024.
- (5) The position of the Union within the EEA Joint Committee should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/127 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 (OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 74).

*Article 1*

The position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, within the EEA Joint Committee on the proposed amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, shall be based on the draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, ...

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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