



**Council of the European Union**  
General Secretariat

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### **COMMUNICATION**

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

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Date: 13 July 2021

Time: 14.30

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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#### **1. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA**

- 1.1 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 of the four freedoms (Budget line 07 20 03 01 - Social Security)

= discussion

10504/21 + ADD 1

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

- 1.2 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 (European Defence Fund)

= discussion

10691/21 + ADD 1

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

## **2. FAROE ISLANDS**

- 2.1 Negotiations on an Agreement between the EU and the Faroe Islands on the general principles for the participation of the Faroe Islands in Union programmes and the association of the Faroe Islands to Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)

= information by the Commission (followed by discussion)

10098/21 + ADD 1

## **3. AOB**

- 3.1 EU-Swiss relations - Information point from the delegation of Germany

NB: Delegations are asked to submit their requests for "other business" items to the General Secretariat, [efta@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:efta@consilium.europa.eu), in writing by **Monday, 12 July 2021, 12.00 (noon)**.

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