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# NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
Date:	7 December 2021
Time:	15.00
Venue:	COUNCIL
	JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
	Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Delegations are reminded that due to current social distancing requirements, their participation in this meeting will be limited to 1+1.

This meeting will take place in the COVID certificate zone.

### 1. SWISS CONFEDERATION

- 1.1 EU-Swiss relations (state of play)
  - = information by the Commission (followed by discussion)

The Commission will update the EFTA Working Party on the latest developments in EU-Swiss relations.

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- 1.2 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Committee of the EU-Swiss Free Trade Agreement (10 November 2021)
  - = information by the Commission

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the outcome of the meeting.

- 1.3 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee of the EU-Swiss Agreement on the simplification of inspections and formalities in respect of the carriage of goods and on customs security measures (10 November 2021)
  - = information by the Commission

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the outcome of the meeting.

- 1.4 Meeting of the EU-Swiss Joint Committee on the Free Trade Agreement (30 November 2021)
  - = information by the Commission

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the outcome of the meeting.

- 1.5 16th Meeting of the Joint Committee of the EU-Switzerland Agreement on Mutual Recognition (Video conference, 1 December 2021)
  - = information by the Commission (followed by discussion)

The EFTA Working Party will be informed about the state of play of the preparations for the meeting.

- 1.6 Meeting of the EU-Swiss Joint Committee on Land Transport (Video conference, 3 December 2021)
  - = information by the Commission (followed by discussion)

The EFTA Working Party will be informed about the state of play of the preparations for the meeting.

- 1.7 Meeting of the EU-Swiss Joint Committee of the EU-Switzerland GNSS Cooperation Agreement (Video conference, 6 December 2021)
  - = information by the Commission (followed by discussion)

The EFTA Working Party will be informed about the state of play of the preparations for the meeting.

#### 2. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

- 2.1 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee, concerning the amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement (Tobacco Product Directive)
  - = discussion

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

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- 2.2 53rd meeting of the EEA Council on 24 November 2021
  - = debrief by the Presidency

The EFTA Working Party will be debriefed about the outcome of the EEA Council of 24 November 2021.

# 3. KINGDOM OF NORWAY

- 3.1 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the EU-Norway Joint Committee on administrative cooperation an recovery of claims in the area of VAT on 7 December 2021
  - = information by the Commission

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the outcome of the meeting.

### 4. AOB

4.1 End of the Slovenian Presidency

<u>NB</u>: Delegations are asked to submit their requests for "other business" items to the General Secretariat, <u>efta@consilium.europa.eu</u>, in writing by **Monday**, **6 December 2021**, **12.00 (noon)**.

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