

EEE 1603/25

REPORT

Subject: Progress report of the EEA Joint Committee

Decision making

1. The EEA Joint Committee has adopted 177 Joint Committee Decisions (JCDs) incorporating 282 legal acts since the 59th meeting of the EEA Council on 25 November 2024. In the period from 1 January to 8 May 2025, the EEA Joint Committee has adopted 117 JCDs incorporating 194 legal acts. In comparison, during the period from 1 January to 26 April 2024, the EEA Joint Committee adopted 110 JCDs incorporating 214 legal acts.
2. As of 16 April 2025¹, there were 610 legal acts outstanding where the compliance date in the EU had passed, compared to 561 acts on 2 October 2024. Since November 2024, therefore, the overall number of legal acts outstanding has increased. Of the 610 legal acts outstanding on 16 April 2025, 246 acts are still in the early stages of the incorporation process, where the compliance date in the EU has passed less than six months ago.
3. As of 16 April 2025, the number of JCDs awaiting the fulfilment of constitutional requirements where the six-month period had expired was 22, compared to 23 in October 2024.

¹ The date reflects the most recent issue of the Monitoring List prior to the Joint Committee meeting on 8 May 2025. This is a list of all outstanding acts where the compliance date passed two weeks prior to the Subcommittees I-IV meeting.

4. Important decisions incorporated since the 59th meeting of the EEA Council on 25 November 2024 include:
- Decision No 300/2024 on the alignment of reporting obligations in the field of legislation related to the environment,
 - Decision Nos 308/2024 and 309/2024 amending Protocol 4, on rules of origin,
 - Decision No 310/2024 on establishing the general requirements for proofs of origin issued electronically under Article 17(4) of Appendix A to Protocol 4 to the Agreement on the European Economic Area,
 - Decision No 1/2025 on health technology assessment,
 - Decision No 30/2025 on facilitating cross-border exchange of information on road-safety-related traffic offences,
 - Decision No 31/2025 on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union,
 - Decision No 40/2025 on digital operational resilience for the financial sector,
 - Decision No 41/2025 on markets in crypto-assets,
 - Decision No 68/2025 incorporating Directive 2021/2118 relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability,
 - Decision No 70/2025 incorporating Directive 2019/2034 on the prudential supervision of investment firms and Regulation 2019/2033 on the prudential requirements of investment firms,
 - Decision No 85/2025 incorporating Directive 2019/2121 as regards cross-border conversions, mergers and divisions,

- Decision 118/2025 incorporating Regulation 2023/606 as regards the requirements pertaining to the investment policies and operating conditions of European long-term investment funds (ELTIF).

Decision shaping

5. The EEA EFTA States are participating in 15 EU programmes and 18 decentralised agencies, as well as in activities of 6 executive agencies.
6. Since the last meeting of the EEA Council on 25 November 2024, the EEA Joint Committee has taken note of EEA EFTA Comments on the following subjects:
7. EEA EFTA Participation in EU Programmes 2028-2034
8. The Proposed Amendment to the Measuring Instruments Directive (MID)
9. The Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the screening of foreign investments in the Union and repealing Regulation (EU) 2019/452 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Briefings in the Joint Committee

10. In the period from 25 November 2024 to 8 May 2025 the EEA Joint Committee has received briefings on:
11. Report by Special Adviser Sauli Niinistö: *Safer Europe - Strengthening Europe's civilian and military preparedness and readiness*
12. Commission Work Programme 2025
13. Clean Industrial Deal
14. State of play of the EEA and Norway Financial Mechanisms 2021-2028 in the beneficiary States, including an update on the Memoranda of Understanding with the beneficiary States

Status of issues outstanding

15. The discussions on the following issues have not yet been concluded:

Energy:

Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency; 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; Directive (EU) 2018/844 amending the energy performance of buildings directive and the energy efficiency directive; 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 km² grid.

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

Financial Mechanisms

17. 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 were provisionally applied as of 1 December 2024 (EEA FM) and 1 November 2024 (Norwegian FM). On the same day in September, the two additional protocols on market access for fish between the EU and Norway, and between the EU and Iceland, were also signed. 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.

18. The three priority areas for the period 2021–2028 are:

- Green transition;
- Democracy, rule of law and human rights;
- Social inclusion and resilience.

19. For the period 2014–2021, the EEA and Norway Grants allocated a total of EUR 2.8 billion. The period of eligibility in projects under both Mechanisms ended in April 2024. The final date for eligibility for support under the Fund for bilateral relations is 30 April 2025.
