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REPORT

Subject: Progress Report by the EEA Joint Committee

Decision making

1. The EEA Joint Committee has adopted 223 Joint Committee Decisions (JCDs) incorporating 388 legal acts into the EEA Agreement since the 61st meeting of the EEA Council on 20 November 2025. In the period from 1 January to 18 May 2026 the EEA Joint Committee adopted 154 JCDs incorporating 245 legal acts. In comparison, during the period from 1 January to 8 May 2025, the EEA Joint Committee adopted 117 JCDs incorporating 194 legal acts.
2. On 8 April 2026¹, there were 595 legal acts awaiting incorporation, compared with 615 legal acts on 1 October 2025. Since November 2025, therefore, the overall number of legal acts outstanding has decreased. Of the 595 legal acts outstanding on 8 April 2026, 214 legal acts are still in the early stages of the incorporation process, where the compliance date in the EU passed less than six months ago.
3. On 15 April 2026, the number of JCDs awaiting the fulfilment of constitutional requirements where the six-month period had expired was 26, compared with 19 in October 2025.

¹ The date reflects the most recent edition of the Monitoring List prior to the EEA Joint Committee meeting of 30 April 2026. This is a list of all legal acts outstanding where the compliance date passed two weeks prior to the Subcommittees I-IV meeting.

4. Important decisions incorporated since the 61st meeting of the EEA Council on 20 November 2025 include:
- Decision No 288/2025 amending EED Annexes on the contents of comprehensive assessments of the potential for efficient heating and cooling
 - Decision No 289/2025 reviewing harmonised efficiency reference values for separate production of electricity and heat
 - Decision No 307/2025 on Data Governance Act
 - Decision No 310/2025 on combating online child sexual abuse
 - Decision No 13/2026 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of cadmium in certain foodstuffs
 - Decision No 14/2026 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food
 - Decision No 88/2026 on Review of European Supervisory Authorities
 - Decision No 107/2026 on European business statistics
 - Decision No 108/2026 on Community statistics on migration and international protection
 - Decision No 140/2026 as regards the prudential treatment of global systemically important institutions with a multiple-point-of-entry resolution strategy and methods for the indirect subscription of instruments eligible for meeting the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (“Daisy Chains Regulation”)
 - Decision No 155/2026 as regards statistics on health care expenditure and financing

Decision shaping

5. The EEA EFTA States participate in 15 EU programmes and 19 decentralised agencies, as well as in the activities of six executive agencies.
6. Since the last meeting of the EEA Council on 20 November 2025, the EEA Joint Committee has taken note of EEA EFTA Comments on the following subjects:
- Horizontal issues in the EU programme proposals 2028–2034
 - Roadworthiness Package
 - AgoraEU Programme Proposal
 - EEA EFTA Comment on Commission Proposal for Critical Medicines Act
 - EEA EFTA Comment on the EU Space Act Proposal

Briefings in the EEA Joint Committee

7. In the period from 25 October 2025 to 30 April 2026, the EEA Joint Committee received briefings on:
- the state of play of the EEA and Norway Financial Mechanisms 2021-2028, including an update on the Memoranda of Understanding with the Beneficiary States
 - secure connectivity / cooperation on space in the EEA

Status of issues outstanding

8. Discussions on the following issues have not yet been concluded:

Energy:

- 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; 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; Directive (EU) 2019/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 amending Directive 2009/73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas; Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity; Directive (EU) 2019/944 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on common rules for the internal market for electricity and amending Directive 2012/27/EU; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1294 of 15 September 2020 on the Union renewable energy financing mechanism.

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 scheme (recast) – DSG III; Regulation (EU) 2019/2099 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1302 of 14 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to fees charged by the European Securities and Markets Authority to central counterparties established in third countries;

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1303 of 14 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the criteria that ESMA should take into account to determine whether a central counterparty established in a third country is systemically important or likely to become systemically important for the financial stability of the Union or of one or more of its Member States; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1304 of 14 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the minimum elements to be assessed by ESMA when assessing third-country CCPs' requests for comparable compliance and the modalities and conditions of that assessment.

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 of 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; Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2146 of 26 November 2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 1099/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics, as regards the implementation of updates for the annual, monthly and short-term monthly energy statistics; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1030 of 15 July 2020 laying down the technical specifications of data requirements for the topic 'ICT usage and e-commerce' for the reference year 2021, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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

Financial Mechanisms

10. For the current period of the EEA and Norway Financial Mechanisms (2021-2028), the EEA EFTA States contribute with a total of EUR 3.268 billion to 15 Beneficiary States in the EU. Memoranda of Understanding were signed with 13 Beneficiary States: Poland, Estonia, Slovakia, Portugal, Croatia, Latvia, Czechia, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Malta, Greece and Romania.
 11. The three priority areas for the period 2021–2028 are:
 - Green transition
 - Democracy, rule of law and human rights
 - Social inclusion and resilience
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