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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/1322

of 4 June 2026

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 (Budget Line 07 20 03 01 – Social Security)

(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 Articles 46 and 48, 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on the European Economic Area ⁽²⁾ (the 'EEA Agreement') entered into force on 1 January 1994.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 98 of the EEA Agreement, the EEA Joint Committee is able to amend, inter alia, Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms.
- (3) It is appropriate to continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement with regard to the free movement of workers, the coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries.
- (4) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to establish the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the EEA Joint Committee concerning 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 6, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1994/2894/oj>.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/1994/1/oj.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 4 June 2026.

For the Council

The President

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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No ...**of ...****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (the 'EEA Agreement'), and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It is appropriate to continue the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement in Union actions funded from the general budget of the Union with regard to the free movement of workers, the coordination of social security schemes and measures for migrants, including migrants from third countries.
- (2) Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2026,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In paragraphs 5 and 14 of Article 5 of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, the words 'financial years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025' are replaced by the words 'financial years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following the last notification under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement (*).

It shall apply from 1 January 2026.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at ..., ...

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

The Secretaries

To the EEA Joint Committee

(*) [No constitutional requirements indicated.] [Constitutional requirements indicated.]