



25 years of the EEA Agreement - Conference Programme

14 June 2019 - [Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon, 1040 Brussels](#)

08:30 - 9:30	Registration & welcome coffee
09:30 - 10:00	Opening ceremonies
10:00 - 11:30	<p>Panel discussion 1: The EEA Agreement – 25 years and still going strong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A closer look at the past, the present and the future of the EEA Agreement What makes the EEA a success? How does it compare with other models of integration? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Judge Páll Hreinsson, President of the EFTA Court Eleanor Sharpston QC, Advocate General at the CJEU Professor Steve Peers, University of Essex Professor Halvard Fredriksen, University of Bergen</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Sabine Monauni, Ambassador of the Principality of Liechtenstein to Belgium and Head of the Liechtenstein Mission to the EU</p>
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break & refreshments
12:00 - 13:30	<p>Panel discussion 2: Competition and Consumers in the EEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What have 25 years of the EEA competition rules delivered to consumers? How do the EEA institutions deliver this, and how can we continue to deliver? <p><i>Keynote:</i> Johannes Laitenberger, Director General, DG Competition, European Commission</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Páll Gunnar Pálsson, Director-General, Icelandic Competition Authority Beret Sundet, Partner at BAHR Eddy de Smijter, DG Competition, European Commission Agustin Reyna, Head of Legal and Economic Affairs, BEUC</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Emily O'Reilly, Competition and State Aid Directorate, ESA</p>
13:30 - 13:40	Wrap- up: Daniel Bjarmann-Simonsen, State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industries
13:40 - 14:40	Walking lunch
14:40 – 16:30	<p>Panel discussion 3: People at work in the EEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does EEA law affect and reflect the changing work environment? What challenges and opportunities have arisen for EEA citizens in the workplace over the last 25 years? What part does EEA law play in the changes we have seen and those to come? <p><i>Keynote:</i> Björn Bjarnason, Former Icelandic Minister of Justice and Education</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Krystyna Kowalik-Banczyk, Judge at the GCEU Hans-Christian Gabrielsen, leader of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions Guðrún Hafsteinsdóttir, Confederation of Icelandic Industry Hildur Hjörvar, Council of Europe</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Marthe Dystland, Internal Market Affairs Directorate, ESA</p>
16:30 – 17:30	Wrap-up & cocktail