

Package Meeting in Norway
22-23 October 2020

Follow-up letter

**Free Movement of Persons / Workers
(Annex V / Article 28 EEA)**

Responsible case handler: Jonas Nielsen

Own initiative case concerning financial assistance to studies (Case No 77396)

The meeting was attended by:

- Ellen Carine Smogeli from the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research;
- Tone Holstvedt Aarthun from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Elisabeth Sawkins Eikeland from the Office of the Attorney General; and
- Gabrielle Somers, Kristin Sæther Bangsund and Stewart Watson from the Authority.

At the meeting, reference was made to the previous correspondence in the case, in particular the reasoned opinion of 1 April 2020 (Doc No 1110282), and the letter dated 1 July 2020 (Doc No 1141624 / your ref. 17/4898-) in which the Norwegian Government responded to the reasoned opinion.

The representatives of the Authority inquired about whether the Norwegian Government would foresee any further changes being made to the requirements in the Study Financing Regulation, with a view to bringing the rules into compliance with EEA law. The representatives of the Norwegian Government clarified that no further changes were foreseen, and that the Norwegian Government is of the opinion that the requirements in the study financing regulation is in compliance with EEA law.

No specific follow-up needed at this time.