

# EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

## FORUM OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE EEA EFTA STATES

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### **24<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EEA EFTA FORUM**

*11 to 12 May 2023*

*Jura Resort - Hôtel Cristal, Saignelégier, Switzerland*

#### **Draft Agenda**

#### **Thursday, 11 May 2023**

*9:00-10:30*

1. Welcome and presentation.  
  
Tour-de-table from the Forum members.  
  
Introduction of the Liechtenstein guest and a short presentation about the local level in Liechtenstein.
2. Adoption of the agenda (Ref. 23-450).
3. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Ref. 23-1018).
4. Follow-up of the opinions adopted at last Forum meeting on the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (Ref. 22-3645) and the Transparent Pay Directive (Ref. 22-3595).
5. The latest EEA developments and the work of the EFTA Secretariat.  
  
Mr. Andri Luthersson, Deputy Secretary-General, the EFTA Secretariat.
6. The Gigabit Infrastructure Act – Regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying gigabit electronic communications networks.

General introduction on the work of the EFTA Secretariat in relation to the EU Digital Agenda and in particular the Gigabit Infrastructure Act.

Mr. Trond Bardsen, Officer, the EFTA Secretariat.

*10:30-11:00*            Coffee break

*11:00-12:00*

7.     The Gigabit Infrastructure Act continued.

Each delegation discusses the topic in their own language.

*12:00-13:00*            Lunch at the Jura Resort - Hôtel Cristal

*13:00-14:30*

8.     The Gigabit Infrastructure Act continued.

Presentation of a draft opinion.

Discussion and exchange of views in plenary.

Adoption of the opinion on the Gigabit Infrastructure Act.

*14:30-15:00*

9.     The experience of the bilateral agreements between Switzerland and the EU.

Mr. Roland Mayer, General Secretary of the Conference of Swiss Cantonal Governments.

*15:00-18:00*

10.    Guided visit to the hydroelectric power station of La Goule.

Walk with commentary by Minister David Eray.

*18:30-21.00*

11.    Aperitif and dinner at La Goule restaurant.

*21.00-22.00*

12.    Return to the hotel at Saignelégier

**Friday, 12 May 2023**

*9:00-10:30*

13. "Swiss Digital Administration", a platform to improve the digitalization of public services at every level in Switzerland.

Regierungsrat Markus Dieth, President of the Conference of Cantonal Governments and a co-chair of the project.

14. The digitalization of the administration / digital transition in Switzerland, Norway, and Iceland

“The Digital Strategy Switzerland”, presentation by the Head of the IT department of the Canton of Jura.

Information about the digitalization of the administration / digital transition in Norway.

*10:30-11:00*            Coffee break

*11:00-12:00*

15. The digitalization of the administration / digital transition continued.

Information about the digitalization of the administration / digital transition in Iceland.

16. Discussion and exchange of views in plenary.

17. Any other business.

18. Date for the next EFTA Forum in Brussels.

*12:00-13:00*            End of meeting and lunch at the Jura Resort - Hôtel Cristal

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