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**DECISION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES No. 3/2025/SC
of 7 May 2025
on internal cost sharing [2025/1873]**

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as the EEA Agreement,

Having regard to Protocol 38d on the EEA Financial Mechanism (2021–2028) to the EEA Agreement,

Having regard to Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 1/2004/SC of 5 February 2004 establishing an Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism,

Having regard to Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 4/2004/SC of 3 June 2004 establishing a Financial Mechanism Committee,

Having regard to Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 4/2024/SC of 24 October 2024 amending Decision of the Standing Committee No 4/2004/SC establishing a Financial Mechanism Committee,

Having regard to Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 5/2024/SC of 24 October 2024 extending the tasks of the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism,

Having regard to the Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021–2028, adopted by the Financial Mechanism Committee on 7 January 2025,

Whereas the Standing Committee has concluded a review of the cost sharing mechanism in view of a change from GDP to GNI as the basis for calculation, as provided in the Annex to Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 1/2016/SC of 28 April 2016 on internal cost sharing,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Contributions of the EFTA States

The contributions of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway (hereinafter referred to as the EFTA States) to the EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2021–2028 are to be divided into annual tranches and determined on the basis of Article 2.

Article 2

Conditions for the contributions

1. The contributions of the EFTA States to the EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2021–2028 are based on their Gross Domestic Products (GDP).
2. For any EFTA State, the contribution for a specific financial year t is to be based on the available GDP data for the year $t-2$ and correspond to that States' share of GDP ($t-2$) in the overall GDP ($t-2$) of the EFTA States.
3. The respective GDP data on which the contributions for a specific year t are to be based shall be delivered annually by each EFTA States. They shall relate to the year $t-2$.
4. Contributions shall be expressed in Euros.
5. In case of post-2028 financial contributions, the EFTA States may review the methodology for the cost-sharing mechanism.

*Article 3***Accession of an EFTA State to the EU**

The accession of an EFTA State to the EU shall not affect its obligation to contribute to the EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2021–2028 in accordance with this Decision.

*Article 4***Publication**

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

*Article 5***Entry into force and application**

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

Done at Brussels, 7 May 2025.

For the Standing Committee

The Chair

Pascal SCHAFHAUSER

The Secretary-General

Kurt JÄGER
