

Launch of The Handbook of EEA Law



On Tuesday 15 December 2015, [The Handbook of EEA Law](#) edited by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Carl Baudenbacher, President of the EFTA Court was launched at an event hosted by the EFTA Secretariat in Brussels.

The Handbook provides the reader with a thorough grounding in the EEA Agreement, detailing how secondary EU law becomes applicable in the EFTA pillar, and the roles played by the EFTA Surveillance Authority and the EFTA Court. It considers the EEA Agreement from the respective perspectives of the national authorities, courts, and the legal professions of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The book meticulously examines substantive EEA law, beginning

with the general principles and the four freedoms, through competition law and State aid to such aspects as the precautionary principle, tax law and mutual administrative and legal assistance. Emphasis is placed on jurisprudence and especially that of the EFTA Court. Each chapter has been written by a judge, noted practitioner or eminent academic in their respective fields.

More than a hundred attended the launch, including representatives of the leadership of three institutions, and heard speeches given by [Dag W. Holter](#), Deputy Secretary-General of EFTA, [Sven Erik Svedman](#), President of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, Ian Forrester, Judge of the General Court of the European Union, Anke Seyfried of Springer, the Handbook's publisher, and [President Baudenbacher](#) (the programme can be found [here](#)). The evening continued with a reception catered by Léa Linster, Luxembourg's Food Ambassador, accompanied by refrains from Jazz' Animation.



Speakers and dignitaries at the book launch (from right to left): Dag W. Holter, Deputy-Secretary General, EFTA Secretariat; Carl Baudenbacher, President of the EFTA Court and Editor of the Handbook; Sven Erik Svedman, President of the EFTA Surveillance Authority; Doris Baudenbacher-Tandler; Ian Forrester, Judge of the General Court; Léa Linster, Luxembourg's Food Ambassador; and Jacques Steenbergen, President of the Belgian Competition Authority.



Further speakers and dignitaries (from left to right): Georges Baur, Assistant Secretary-General, EFTA Secretariat; Anke Seyfried of Springer, the Handbook's publisher; Kristján Andri Stefánsson, Ambassador and Director General, Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Helga Jónsdóttir, College Member, EFTA Surveillance Authority; Kurt Jäger, Ambassador of Liechtenstein to Belgium and Head of the Mission of Liechtenstein to the European Union; Frank Büchel, College Member, EFTA Surveillance Authority and contributing author; and Jóhanna Helga Halldórsdóttir.

A gallery of the evening can be found [here](#).