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#### **Senior Judge, and former President, Carl Baudenbacher stepped down from the bench, and Dr Bernd Hammermann sworn in as Judge of the EFTA Court**

At a public sitting of the Court held at Cercle Cité, Luxembourg, on Monday 9 April 2018, Senior Judge, and former President, Carl Baudenbacher stepped down from the EFTA Court bench. Prof. Dr. iur. Dr. rer. pol. h.c. Carl Baudenbacher, a Swiss national, took up office as a Judge of the EFTA Court on 6 September 1995, being nominated by the Principality of Liechtenstein. He was the Court's President from 2003 to 2017, and was the longest serving member of the EFTA Court bench having served for more than 22 ½ years. The Court wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Dr Bernd Hammermann, who has been nominated by the Principality of Liechtenstein and who has been appointed by common accord of the EFTA governments, took the oath and entered into office as Judge of the EFTA Court with a term of office that ends on 5 September 2019. He replaced Senior Judge, and former President, Carl Baudenbacher on the EFTA Court bench.

The public sitting was attended by more than 100 people from the European and the Luxembourg judiciary, politics, the diplomatic corps, the business community, and civil society. Among the Court's guests were Ms Bente Angell-Hansen, President of the EFTA Surveillance Authority, Mr Dag Wernø Holter, Deputy Secretary-General EFTA, Mr. Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Mr Antonio Tizzano, Vice-President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Mr Marc Jaeger, President of the General Court of the European Union, Mr Henri Grethen, Member of the Court of Auditors of the European Union, Mr. Francis Delaporte, President of the Administrative Court of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as well as the ambassadors of several EFTA and EU States, and beyond, including the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey.

Further details on the Judges' backgrounds may be found on the Court's website [here](#).