

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 36/2000****of 31 March 2000****amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as adjusted by the Protocol adjusting the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', and in particular Articles 86 and 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Protocol 31 to the Agreement was amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 172/1999 of 26 November 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) It is appropriate to extend the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement to include the promotion of European pathways in work-linked training, including apprenticeship (Council Decision 1999/51/EC ⁽²⁾).
- (3) Protocol 31 to the Agreement should therefore be amended in order to allow for this extended cooperation to take place from 1 January 2000,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 4(2c) of Protocol 31 to the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The word 'programme' in the introductory sentence shall be replaced by 'programmes'.
2. The following indent shall be added:
'— **399 D 0051**: Council Decision 1999/51/EC of 21 December 1998 on the promotion of European pathways in work-linked training, including apprenticeship (OJ L 17, 22.1.1999, p. 45).'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 April 2000, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the Agreement have been made to the EEA Joint Committee (*).

It shall apply from 1 January 2000.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2000.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

F. BARBASO

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 17, 22.1.1999, p. 45.

(*) Constitutional requirements indicated.