

**Question for written answer E-010425/2012  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: EEA Agreement with Norway

There is a cooperation agreement - the EEA Agreement - between the three EFTA Member States Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein and the EU. This means that the EU's internal-market provisions also apply in those countries. The EEA Agreement does not encompass the EU Customs Union, fisheries or agriculture, however.

Gradual liberalisation of trade between the EU and Norway is an important aim of the European Economic Area, of which Norway is a member.

Since the EEA Agreement entered into force in 1994, there have been only two new agreements on liberalisation. Can the Commission say what the prospects are - or whether there are prospects - for further trade liberalisation agreements between the EU and Norway?