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## **Norway and the EU**

Norway, not an EU member, participates in the EU Internal Market via an FTA<sup>1</sup>, AND – unlike EU members - retains full sovereignty over its trade policy inside and outside the EU<sup>2</sup>. Permanent joint committees<sup>3</sup> with the EU allow Norway to participate in new EU trade-related legislation and, once enacted in Norway, in its supervision. Norway retains a veto in these joint committees.

Norway remains OUTSIDE the CAP, the CFP, the CFSP, EMU, EU Justice and Home Affairs Policies and the EU Customs Union. Its per capita GDP is 82 per cent higher than that of the Eurozone.

*1 European Economic Area Agreement of 1994*

*2 Norway (unlike EU members) sits and votes at the WTO (World Trade Organisation) in its own right*

*3 EEA Council, EEA Joint Committee, EFTA Surveillance Authority, EFTA Court*

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