

Parallel Legislation in the EEA: Automatic or Manual?

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1. Introduction

«Brussels» is not in everyone's best books just now! So it is, perhaps, as well that you won't be getting «a» – let alone «the» – view on the European Economic Area Agreement from the glitz of the European Commission's renovated Berlaymont building in Brussels. At best, I can give you one or two entirely personal ideas on the «half-way house» adventure in which I have been honoured to participate, after «Goliath» said «no» but «David» had the courage to «opt-in», some ten years ago!

Let me say, straight away, that I have very much enjoyed playing my rather modest role in this – to my mind – eminently successful undertaking. For a lawyer, who is not a «lawyer's lawyer» and who prefers pragmatism to formality and doctrine, I am bound to say that the EEA – whose motto could well be: «let's get on with the job» – is a very satisfactory environment in which to work.

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