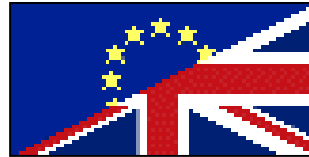


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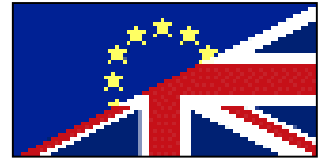
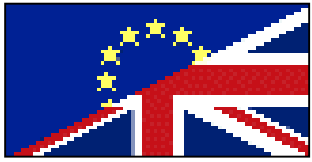
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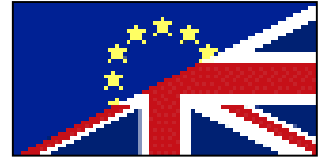
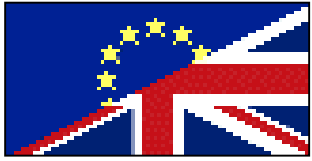
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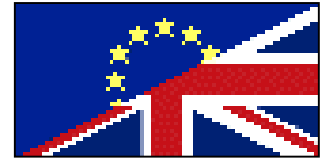
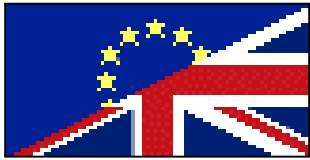


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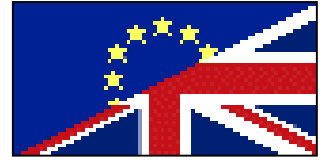
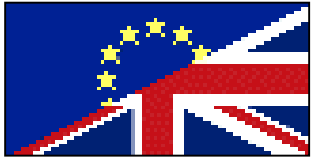


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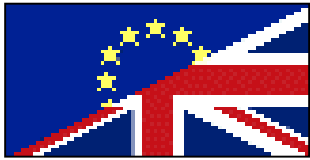
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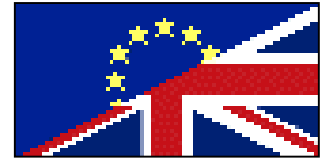
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The referendum held in the United Kingdom on 23 June on the question of whether to remain in, or leave, the European Union resulted in 51.9% of those voting (on a 71.8% turn-out) supporting withdrawal from the Union. Although, formally speaking, the referendum was consultative, the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, and his government had indicated clearly in advance that the outcome would be considered binding. In announcing his resignation, Cameron said that the UK would activate the procedure set out in Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) enabling a Member State to withdraw, but that this process would wait until his successor had been chosen (by October). In a resolution adopted at the conclusion of a special plenary session on 28 June, MEPs called on the UK government to instigate 'a swift and coherent implementation of the withdrawal procedure', to prevent 'damaging uncertainty for everyone and to protect the Union's integrity'.



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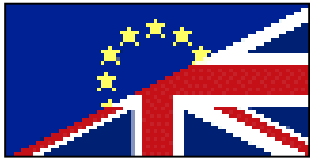
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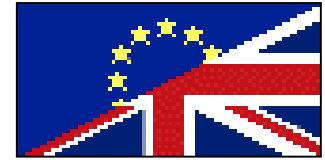
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Location: Downing Street, London
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Prime Minister David Cameron made a statement in Downing Street on the outcome of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

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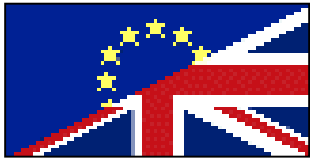
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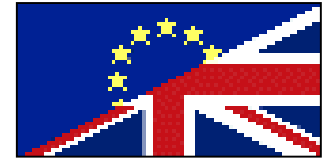
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The UK must respect the wish of a majority of its citizens, entirely, fully and as soon as possible, by officially withdrawing from the EU before any new relationship arrangements can be made, says the European Parliament in a resolution voted after an extraordinary plenary debate on Tuesday. MEPs also stress the urgent need for reforms to ensure that the EU lives up to its citizens' expectations.

After a debate between Parliament's political group leaders, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and Dutch minister Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, representing the EU Council's rotating presidency, Parliament voted a resolution on ways forward after the UK referendum on 23 June. The text was approved by 395 to 200, with 71 abstentions.

Parliament calls upon the UK government to respect its people's democratic decision via a swift and coherent implementation of the withdrawal procedure, i.e. by activating Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union so as to allow withdrawal negotiations to start as soon as possible.

To prevent damaging uncertainty for everyone and to protect the Union's integrity, the UK Prime Minister should notify the outcome of the referendum to the European Council of 28-29 June, in order to launch the withdrawal procedure and negotiations as soon as possible, urge MEPs.

MEPs recall that the European Parliament's consent for the withdrawal agreement and any future relationship is required under the Treaties, and that it must be fully involved at all stages of the various procedures.

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Joint statement by Schulz, Tusk, Rutte and Juncker on UK referendum outcome

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EP President Martin Schulz, European Council President Donald Tusk and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte met Friday morning in Brussels at the invitation of EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. They discussed the outcome of the United Kingdom referendum and made the following joint statement:

"In a free and democratic process, the British people have expressed their wish to leave the European Union. We regret this decision but respect it.

This is an unprecedented situation but we are united in our response. We will stand strong and uphold the EU's core values of promoting peace and the well-being of its peoples. The Union of 27 Member States will continue. The Union is the framework of our common political future. We are bound together by history, geography and common interests and will develop our cooperation on this basis. Together we will address our common challenge to generate growth, increase prosperity and ensure a safe and secure environment for our citizens. The institutions will play their full role in this endeavour.

We now expect the United Kingdom government to give effect to this decision of the British people as soon as possible, however painful that process may be. Any delay would unnecessarily prolong uncertainty. We have rules to deal with this in an orderly way. Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union sets out the procedure to be followed if a Member State decides to leave the European Union. We stand ready to launch negotiations swiftly with the United Kingdom regarding the terms and conditions of its withdrawal from the European Union. Until this process of negotiations is over, the United Kingdom remains a member of the European Union, with all the rights and obligations that derive from this. According to the Treaties which the United Kingdom has ratified, EU law continues to apply to the full and in the United Kingdom until it is no longer a Member.

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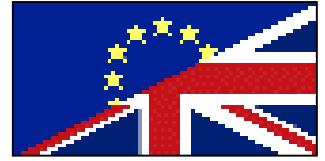
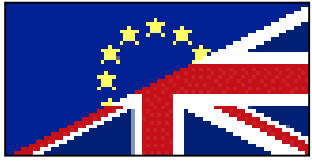
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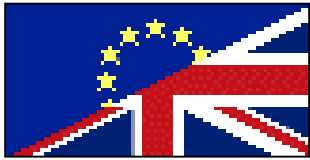
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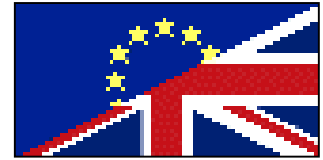
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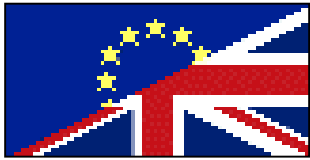
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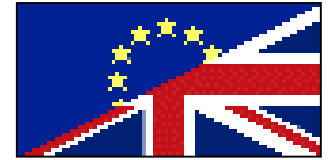
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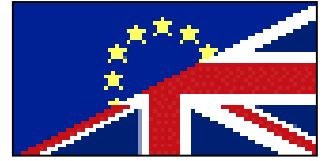
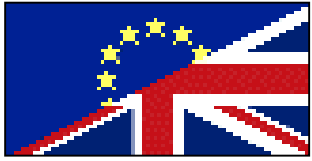
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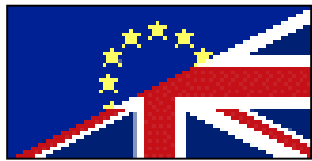


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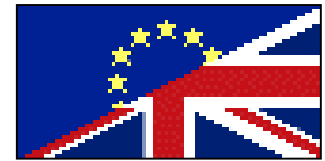
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PM: UK should become the global leader in free trade

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, The Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Department for Exiting the European Union and Department for International Trade
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Prime Minister Theresa May will set out her ambition for the UK to become the global leader in free trade when she attends the G20 Summit in China.

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Remarks by President Donald Tusk during his meeting with UK Prime Minister Theresa May

Thank you Prime Minister for having me here today in London, at such a crucial time, both for the UK and for the European Union.

My intention is to tell you about the agenda of the Bratislava meeting of 27 leaders next week. We decided to organise this informal meeting to discuss and to assess the political consequences of Brexit for the EU community. This doesn't mean that we are going to discuss our future relations with the UK in Bratislava. For this, and especially for the start of the negotiations, we need your formal notification, I mean Article 50. And this is the position shared by all 27 Member States.

To put it simply, the ball is now in your court. I am aware that it is not easy, but I still hope you will be ready to start the process as soon as possible. But I am convinced that at the end of the day our common strategy goal to establish the best possible relations between the UK and the European Union.

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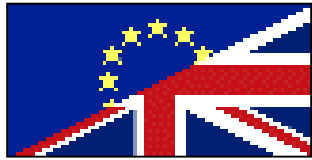
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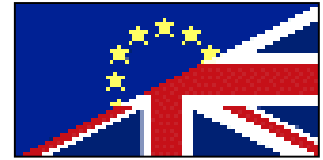
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From: HM Treasury, Department for Exiting the European Union and The Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP
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Further funding certainty for hundreds of British projects which are reliant on EU funding, announced by the Chancellor.

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10 October 2016

Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, David Davis, made a statement in the House of Commons on Monday 10 October 2016, on the next steps in leaving the European Union.

Keir Starmer, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, responded on behalf of the Opposition.

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12 October 2016

MPs debated parliamentary scrutiny of the UK leaving the EU in the House of Commons on Wednesday 12 October 2016. The subject for debate was chosen by the Opposition.

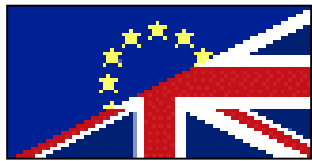
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The debate was moved by Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, Keir Starmer.

Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, David Davis, responded on behalf of the Government.

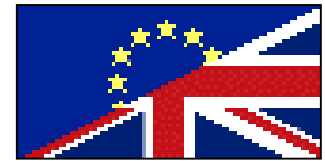
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-and-
The Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union – Defendant
(1) Grahame Pigney & Others
(2) AB, KK, PR and Children – Interested Parties
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Brexit: Article 50 TEU and the EU Court

By Vaughne Miller, Arabella Lang, Jack Simson-Caird

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High Court ruling on Article 50: statement

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A statement was issued following the High Court ruling today (3 November 2016).

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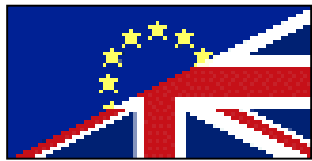
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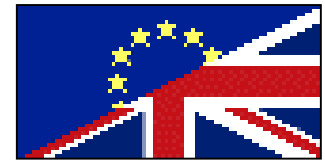
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Joint Ministerial Committee (EU negotiations) communiqué: 9 November 2016

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UK signals green light to Unified Patent Court Agreement

From: Intellectual Property Office and Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG
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The UK government has confirmed it is proceeding with preparations to ratify the Unified Patent Court Agreement.

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PM: Historic summit will strengthen UK-Poland ties

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Prime Minister Theresa May welcomes Polish Prime Minister Beata Szydlo to London for a summit to strengthen the UK-Poland relationship.

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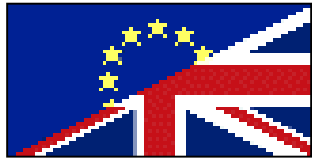
David Davis makes first trip to Spain

From: Department for Exiting the European Union and The Rt Hon David Davis MP
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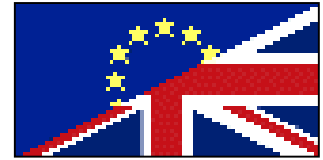
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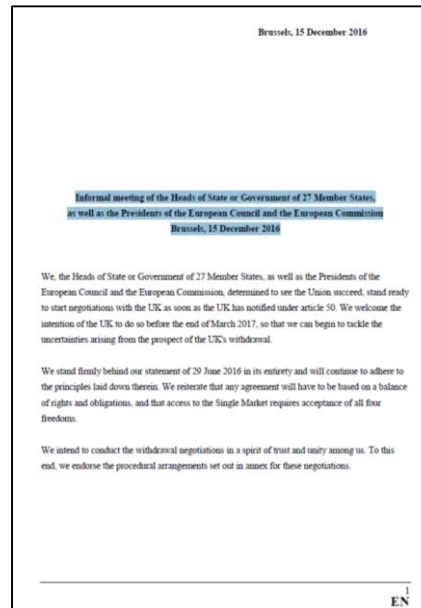
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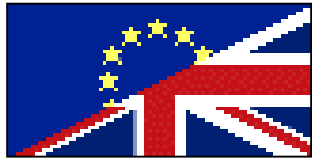
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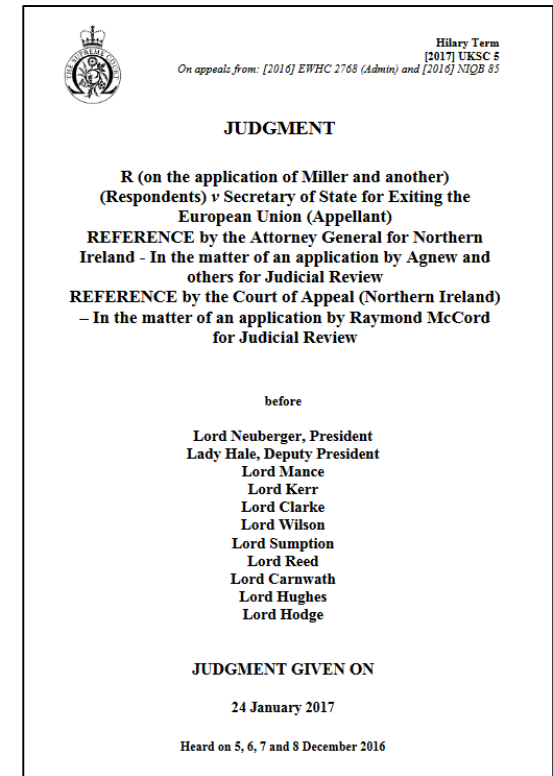
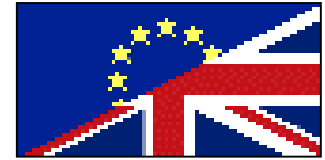


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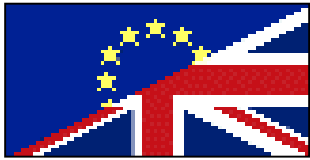


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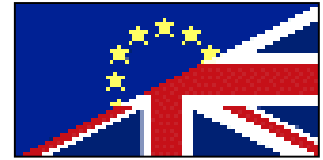


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European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill: Commons stages



16 March 2017

Both the House of Commons and the House of Lords have agreed on the text of the European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill. The Bill received Royal Assent on 16 March 2017 becoming an Act of Parliament (law).

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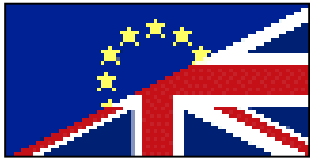
We will build a global Britain that is outward-looking and embraces the world.



Britain is a great, global, trading nation – one of the world's largest economies, with strong and fruitful relationships with countries around the world. As we leave the EU, we will embrace the world and seek to build a global, outward-looking Britain that is confident on the world stage.

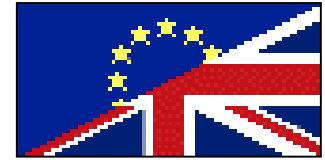
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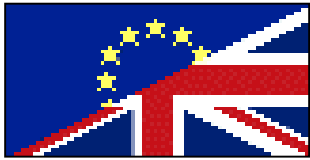
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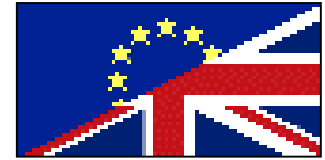
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Triggering of Article 50 on 29 March 2017



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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 March 2017

Dear President Tusk

On 23 June last year, the people of the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union. As I have said before, that decision was no rejection of the values we share as fellow Europeans. Nor was it an attempt to do harm to the European Union or any of the remaining member states. On the contrary, the United Kingdom wants the European Union to succeed and prosper. Instead, the referendum was a vote to restore, as we see it, our national self-determination. We are leaving the European Union, but we are not leaving Europe – and we want to remain committed partners and allies to our friends across the continent.

Earlier this month, the United Kingdom Parliament confirmed the result of the referendum by voting with clear and convincing majorities in both of its Houses for the European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill. The Bill was passed by Parliament on 13 March and it received Royal Assent from Her Majesty The Queen and became an Act of Parliament on 16 March.

Today, therefore, I am writing to give effect to the democratic decision of the people of the United Kingdom. I hereby notify the European Council in accordance with Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the European Union. In addition, in accordance with the same Article 50(2) as applied by Article 106a of the Treaty Establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, I hereby notify the European Council of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the European Atomic Energy Community. References in this letter to the European Union should therefore be taken to include a reference to the European Atomic Energy Community.



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29/03/2017

Statement by the European Council (Art. 50) on the UK notification

Statement by the European Council¹

Today, the European Council received a letter from the British Prime Minister, Theresa May, notifying the United Kingdom's intention to leave the European Union. This notification follows the referendum of 23 June 2016 and starts the withdrawal process under Article 50 of the Treaty. We regret that the United Kingdom will leave the European Union, but we are ready for the process that we now will have to follow.

For the European Union, the first step will now be the adoption of guidelines for the negotiations by the European Council. These guidelines will set out the overall positions and principles in light of which the Union, represented by the European Commission, will negotiate with the United Kingdom.

In these negotiations the Union will act as one and preserve its interests. Our first priority will be to minimise the uncertainty caused by the decision of the United Kingdom for our citizens, businesses and Member States. Therefore, we will start by focusing on all key arrangements for an orderly withdrawal.

We will approach these talks constructively and strive to find an agreement. In the future, we hope to have the United Kingdom as a close partner.

President Tusk has convened the European Council on 29 April 2017.

¹ Following the notification under Article 50 TEU, the member of the European Council representing the withdrawing Member State shall not participate in the discussions of the European Council or in decisions concerning it.

[Article 50 notification letter from the United Kingdom](#)



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Remarks by President Donald Tusk on the next steps following the UK notification

Good morning. First of all I would like to thank Prime Minister May for his hospitality and the extraordinary job already done by the Maltese presidency. A steady, solid and superb rotating Presidency of the Council is even more important in times like these. So thank you again for your work, Joseph.

The main point on our agenda was obviously Brexit.

Today my task is to propose the draft negotiating guidelines on Brexit to the 27 EU leaders. To the 27, because from Wednesday, after triggering Article 50, the United Kingdom is now on the other side of the negotiating table. We have worked very fast, because, as you know, the Treaty gives us only two years to reach an agreement.

Allow me to outline the main elements and principles of my proposal. We treat them as fundamental and will firmly stand by them.

Our duty is to minimise the uncertainty and disruption caused by the UK decision to withdraw from the EU for our citizens, businesses and Member States. As I have already said, in essence it is about damage control.

We need to think of people first. Citizens from all over the EU live, work and study in the UK. And as long as the UK remains a member, their rights are fully protected. But we need to settle their status and situations after the withdrawal with reciprocal, enforceable and non-discriminatory guarantees.

Second, we must prevent a legal vacuum for our companies that stems from the fact that after Brexit the EU laws will no longer apply to the UK.

Third, we will also need to make sure that the UK honours all financial commitments and liabilities it has taken as a Member State. It is only fair towards all those people, communities, scientists, farmers and so on to whom we, all the 28, promised and owe this money. I can guarantee that the EU, on our part, will honour all our commitments.

Fourth, we will seek flexible and creative solutions aiming at avoiding a hard border between Northern Ireland and Ireland. It is of crucial importance to support the peace process in Northern Ireland.

These four issues are all part of the first phase of our negotiations. Once, and only once we have achieved sufficient progress on the withdrawal, can we discuss the framework for our future relationship. Starting parallel talks on all issues at the same time, as suggested by some in the UK, will not happen.

And when talking about our future relationship, we obviously share the UK's desire to establish a close partnership between us. Strong ties, reaching beyond the economy and including security cooperation, remain in our common interest.

Let me conclude by saying that the talks which are about to start will be difficult, complex and sometimes even confrontational. There is no way around it. The EU27 does not and will not pursue a punitive approach. Brexit in itself is already punitive enough. After more than forty years of being united, we owe it to each other to do everything we can to make this divorce as smooth as possible.

This is also why Prime Minister May and I have agreed to stay in close and regular contact throughout this process. I intend to visit Theresa May in London before the April European Council. Thank you.

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"In view of what was announced in London yesterday, I would like to inform you that I will call a European Council, in an EU27 format (without the UK), on Saturday 29th April 2017 to adopt the guidelines for the Brexit talks," said President Tusk at the press briefing with Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe on 21 March 2017.

"As you all know, I personally with the UK hadn't chosen to leave the EU, but the majority of British voters decided otherwise. Therefore, we must do everything we can to make the process of divorce the least painful for the EU," said Tusk.

He highlighted that the main priority for the negotiations must be to create as much certainty and clarity as possible for all citizens, companies and member states that will be negatively affected by Brexit as well as for the EU's important partners and friends around the world.

> Press statement preceding the EU Japan Leaders' Meeting, 21/03/2017
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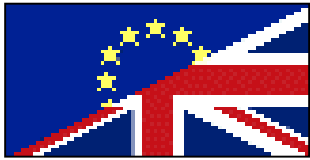
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Within 48 hours of the UK triggering Article 50, I will present the draft #Brexit guidelines to the EU27 Member States.

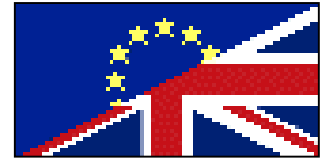
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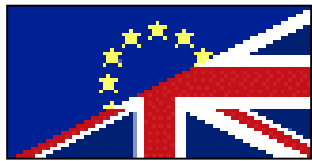
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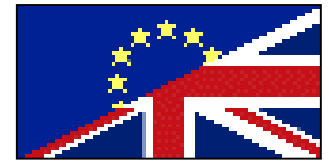
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In charge of preparing and conducting the negotiations with the UK, taking into account the framework of its future relationship with the European Union.


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European Commission's draft negotiating directives for Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom

Brussels, 3 May 2017

What have you adopted today?

The European Commission has today adopted a recommendation to the Council to open the Article 50 negotiations with the UK, in accordance with Article 218 (3) of the Treaty on European Union. The recommendation includes draft negotiating directives. This text complements the political guidelines adopted by the 27 Heads of State or Government on 29 April 2017 and provides the necessary details to conduct the first phase of the negotiations.

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Council (Art 50) authorises the start of Brexit talks and adopts negotiating directives

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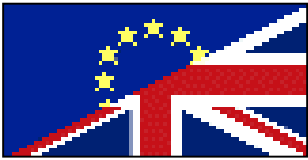
European Commission receives mandate to begin negotiations with the UK

Brussels, 22 May 2017

The European Commission welcomes the Council's decision today to authorise the opening of the Article 50 negotiations with the UK and to nominate the Commission as Union negotiator. The Commission also welcomes the adoption of the first set of negotiating directives.

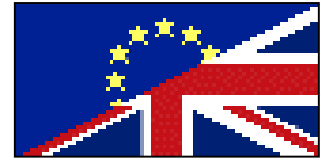
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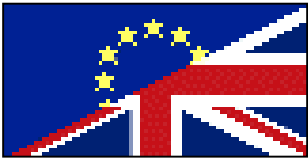
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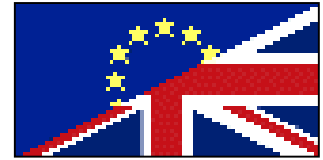
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Article 50 and negotiations with the EU

Information about the Article 50 process and our negotiations for a new partnership with the European Union.



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Joint statement by the Department for Exiting the European Union and the European Commission.

Brussels, 15 June 2017

The following joint statement has been issued by the Department for Exiting the European Union and the European Commission:

"Michel Barnier, the European Commission's Chief Negotiator, and David Davis, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, agreed today to launch Article 50 negotiations on Monday, 19 June."

News story

David Davis heads to Brussels tomorrow with a clear message: we are leaving the European Union

From: Department for Exiting the European Union and The Rt Hon David Davis MP
Part of: Brexit
Published: 18 June 2017

David Davis heads into tomorrow's talks to leave the European Union on a mission to deliver on the will of the British people.

Press release

Government to confirm two-year Parliament to deliver Brexit and beyond

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, Office of the Leader of the House of Commons, Department for Exiting the European Union, and The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Part of: Brexit and Immigration and borders
Published: 17 June 2017

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Queen's Speech 2017

From: Cabinet Office and Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street
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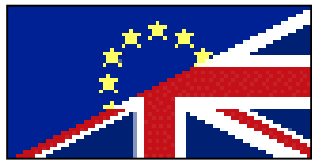
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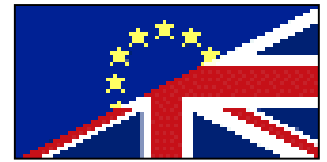
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Exiting the EU with certainty

From: Department for Exiting the European Union
Published: 13 July 2017

The Repeal Bill is designed to ensure that the UK exits the EU with maximum certainty, continuity and control.

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

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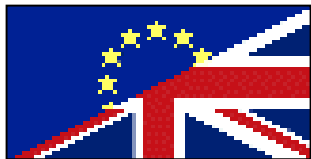
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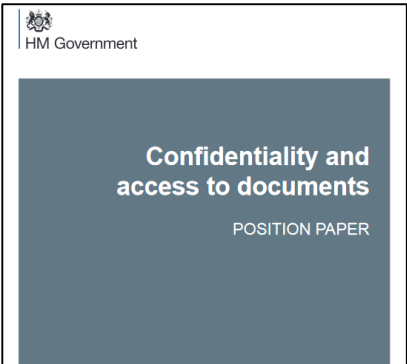
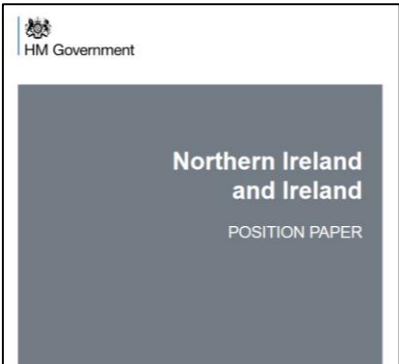
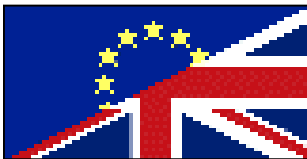




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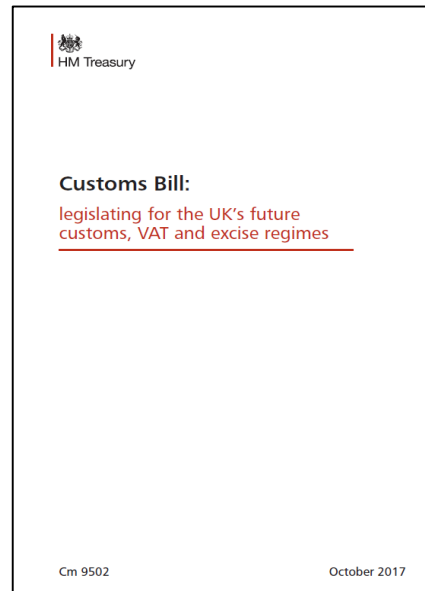
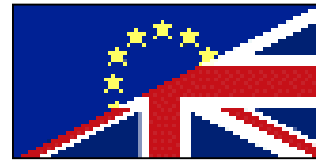
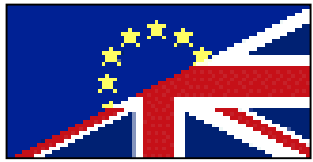


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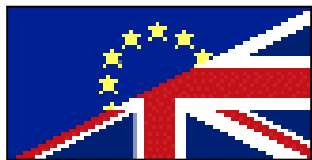
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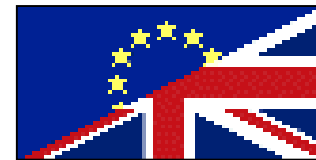




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From: Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, Department for Exiting the European Union, and The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Part of: Article 50 and negotiations with the EU and Brexit
Published: 22 September 2017
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Prime Minister Theresa May set out how the UK will be the strongest friend and partner to the EU after we leave the EU.



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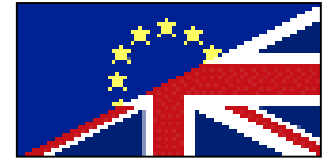
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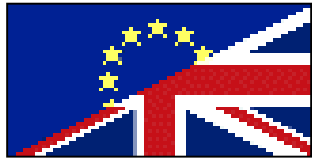
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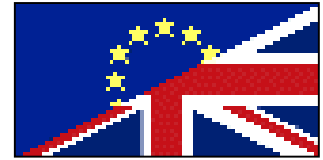
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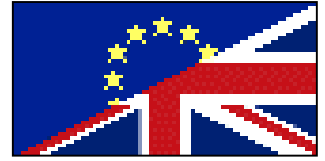
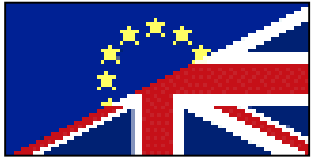
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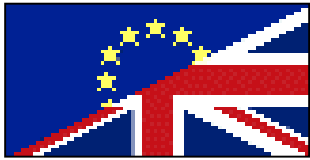
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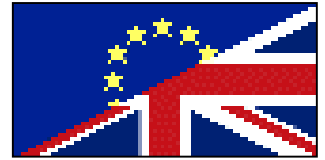
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First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones AM, will host an extraordinary Summit of the British-Irish Council in Cardiff next week.

The meeting will be attended by leaders and Ministers from the eight BIC Member Administrations: the UK and Irish Governments, the Devolved Administrations of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and the Governments of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

The Summit has been convened to consider the outcome of the UK's referendum on membership of the European Union and the implications for the Council and its members.



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PM to visit Northern Ireland: 25 July 2016

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Prime Minister Theresa May will travel to Belfast and emphasise her strong, personal commitment to serving all the people of the United Kingdom.

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Prime Minister to visit Scotland and underline commitment to "preserving this special union"

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Prime Minister Theresa May will meet First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon and will emphasise her strong support for the Union.

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PM to visit Wales to underline her strong personal support for the union

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Prime Minister Theresa May will meet First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones and confirm the government will fully engage with Wales in Brexit negotiations.

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PM: Devolved administrations vital to our success in the future

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, The Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, The Rt Hon Alan Cairns MP, The Rt Hon David Davis MP, & others
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Prime Minister Theresa May will offer the devolved administrations a new forum to allow them to help shape the UK's EU exit strategy.

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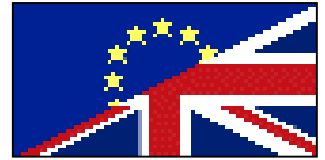
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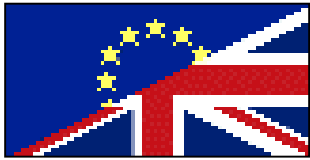
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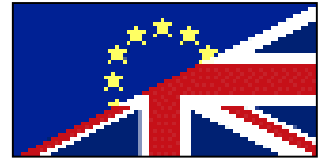


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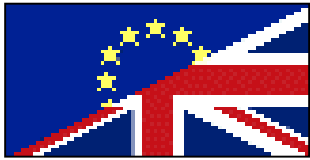
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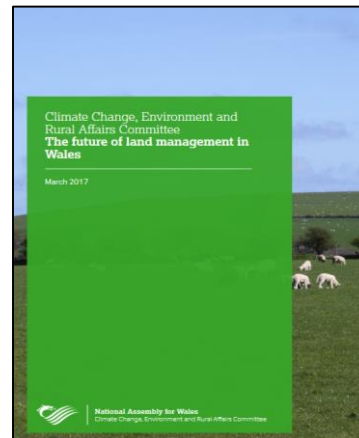
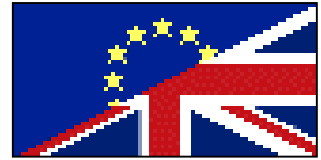
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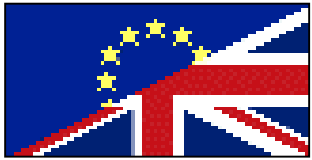


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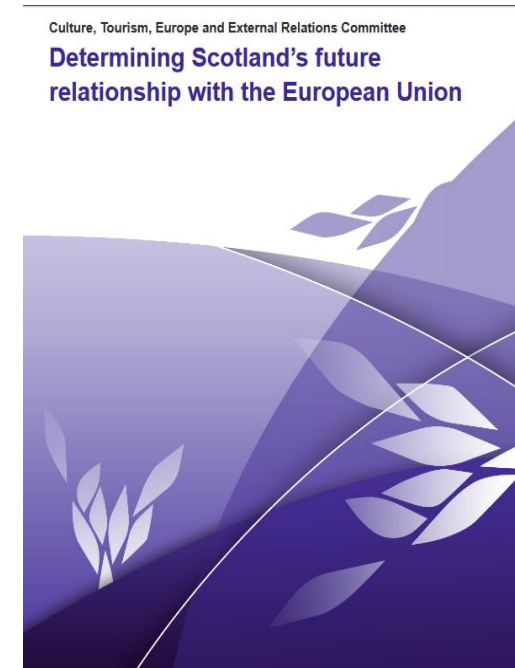
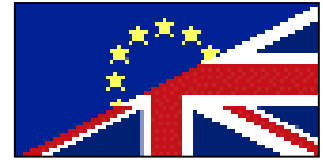


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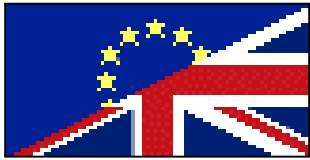


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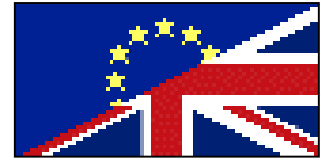


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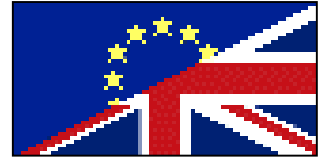
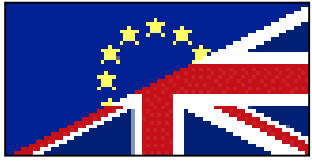


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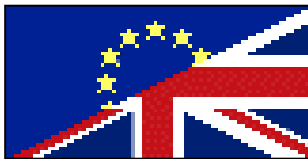


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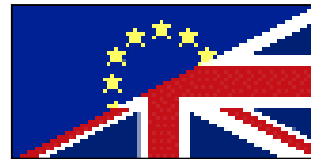
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Leaving the EU: Parliament's Role in the Process

Following a vote in the referendum on 23 June 2016 in favour of the UK leaving the European Union, the Prime Minister said that this decision "must be accepted", adding that "Parliament will clearly have a role in making sure that we find the best way forward". Drawing on parliamentary material and recent legal and constitutional context, this Library briefing examines what Parliament's role would be in the process of withdrawing from the European Union in several key areas:

Invoking Article 50—The Prime Minister has said it would be for his successor and his or her Cabinet to decide whether the House of Commons should have a vote on the decision to trigger Article 50, the formal process set out in the Treaty on European Union for member states to follow should they decide to leave the EU. Some legal commentators agree that prerogative powers would enable a Prime Minister to take this decision; some have suggested that Parliament could have a role, and others have gone further, arguing that prior parliamentary approval would be required before Article 50 could be invoked.

Overseeing the Negotiation Process—Formal negotiations between the UK and the European Union would not begin until the UK made a notification under Article 50 of its decision to withdraw from the EU. Parliament's involvement in overseeing or scrutinising such negotiations has not yet been set out in great detail. The chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee has called for Parliament to be "fully involved" in the process.

Ratifying Agreements—Parliament would have a statutory role in ratifying an eventual withdrawal agreement and any other international agreements arising from the negotiations if they were subject to the usual procedure for ratifying treaties. The House of Commons potentially has the power to block the ratification of a treaty indefinitely. The House of Lords does not. Under the terms of Article 50, the UK's membership would cease two years after it gave formal notification of its intention to leave, if no withdrawal agreement had come into force by that point, although the two-year period could be extended on the unanimous agreement of EU member states.

Repealing and Reviewing Domestic Legislation—As part of the process of leaving the EU, decisions would need to be made about how to deal with existing domestic legislation passed to enable EU law to have effect in the UK, a process which the House of Lords European Union Committee has described as "domestic disentanglement from EU law". Parliament would have an important role to play in reviewing, repealing, amending and replacing legislation, a process which is predicted by many to be complex and time-consuming. Once the UK had formally triggered Article 50, its timescales would apply independently of Parliament approving domestic legislative changes associated with leaving the EU.

Nicola Newton
30 June 2016
LLN 2016/034

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Leaving the European Union: Global Free Trade

On 27 October 2016, the House of Lords will debate the following motion, tabled by Lord Leigh of Hurley (Conservative):

That this House takes note of the opportunities presented by the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union for this country to be an outward looking champion of global free trade, and the potential benefits this will bring both domestically and internationally.

During her speech to the Conservative Party Conference on 5 October 2016, the Prime Minister, Theresa May, stated that part of the UK's role upon the world stage after leaving the EU would be to act as an advocate for global free trade rights. The Secretary of State for International Trade, Liam Fox, has also suggested that the UK's departure from the EU will provide an opportunity for the UK to become a world leader in free trade. The Government has said that it has begun preliminary explorative talks with some countries outside the EU on potential new trade deals once the UK has left the EU.

The UK's future trading relationship with the EU is to be the subject of negotiations for the UK's departure. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union, Lord Bridges of Headley, has stated that the Government is looking to achieve "the freest possible" trading relationship with EU member states. The UK Government has also said that it wants to have greater control over its immigration policy outside the EU. The President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, has stated the EU would not compromise on rules for the free movement of people and allow the UK to retain its current level of access to the European single market.

The Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish National Party have all argued that the Government's position going into the EU departure negotiation process is likely to lead to less free access to foreign markets for UK business. The campaign organisation Open Britain also contends that the Government risks jeopardising the UK's ability to trade freely with EU member states. Or the think tanks and campaign groups commenting on the future of UK international trade policy, a number have suggested that leaving the EU might present the UK with an opportunity to promote global free trade.

This briefing provides a summary of the statements made thus far by the Government regarding global free trade after the UK has departed from the EU. It also summarises comments from the opposition political parties, business representatives, trade unions and campaign groups on the future prospects for UK free trade.

Edward Scott
20 October 2016
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Leaving the European Union: Foreign and Security Policy Cooperation

On 20 October 2016, the House of Lords will debate the implications of the EU referendum for foreign and security policy cooperation with European countries. Theresa May and members of the Cabinet have stated that they intend for the UK to continue to cooperate closely with EU partners on areas such as security, defence, law enforcement and counter-terrorism after leaving the EU, although it is not yet clear exactly what form such cooperation may take.

The UK works inter-governmentally with its EU partners to adopt common positions and diplomatic approaches, undertake joint actions and deploy military and civilian missions under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). The Iran nuclear deal framework agreed in 2015 is an example of an issue where coordinating negotiations and sanctions through the EU helped the UK as one of its top foreign policy priority areas. However, EU foreign policy has been less successful in responding to recent challenges such as terrorism and migration, and divergences have been noted between member states about priorities and resources for pursuing EU foreign and security policy. Non-EU member states can align themselves with EU common positions and participate in sanctions on a voluntary basis, but since they have no formal influence over the formulation of the policy, it is not clear to what extent the UK would seek to do this in the future.

The UK has participated in a number of military and civilian CSDP missions since 2003, and is currently supporting naval operations in the Mediterranean and Somalia. Sir Michael Fallon, the Secretary of State for Defence, has said that the UK's withdrawal from the EU should not inhibit future cooperation with missions that are in the national interest, although he has not elaborated on what form such cooperation would take. Non-EU member states have contributed to almost all CSDP missions in varying formats. The UK could continue its defence cooperation with European partners through NATO, through continued participation in EU structures and operations as a third country nation, or through bilateral relations with EU partners.

The UK has opted in to a number of police and criminal justice measures which facilitate cooperation on intelligence sharing, security and counter-terrorism, such as the European Arrest Warrant, Europol and various EU-wide databases. There are precedents for arrangements which allow non-EU member states to participate in some of these measures, although not always with the same level of access or influence as member states. Commentators agree that it would be of mutual benefit for the UK and its European partners to cooperate on intelligence, security and counter-terrorism, but it has been argued that bilateral and informal cooperation play an important role in this area alongside formal EU mechanisms.

Nicola Newton
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Leaving the European Union: NHS and Social Care Workforce

This House of Lords Library briefing has been prepared ahead of the following debate, due to take place in the House of Lords on 24 November 2016:

Baroness Finlay of Llandaff to move that this House takes note of the implications for the health and social care workforce of the result of the referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union.

This briefing provides background information about this issue, including statistics on the numbers of citizens from other EU member states currently working in the NHS and social care. It examines a range of commentary and reaction to the result of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union and the potential implications for staffing in the NHS and briefly examines the debate and recent developments on the issue of 'safe' staffing levels. It also notes the recent Government announcement on expanding the number of training places in UK medical schools to make the NHS more 'self-sufficient' in medical staff.

EU nationals currently comprise around 5 percent of the total staff in NHS trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups and of the social care workforce. To date there has been no change to the status of these staff, or their right to remain in the UK. However, a number of health organisations have called for explicit assurances that existing healthcare staff from the European Union will be able to stay in the country in the future, and that the UK health and social care sectors will continue to be able to recruit staff from the EU. The Prime Minister, Theresa May, has stated her desire to "guarantee the position" of both EU medical staff in the UK and EU migrants in other EU countries, but said that no issue should be taken off the table prior to the commencement of negotiations on the future relationship between the UK and EU.

Samuel White
17 November 2016
LLN 2016/061

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Leaving the European Union: Environment and Climate Change

On 20 October 2016, the House of Lords will debate the future of environmental and climate change policy in the light of the EU referendum.

The EU's authority to legislate for environmental protection has been enshrined in EU treaties since the Single European Act 1987. The Treaty of Lisbon 2009 amended the objectives of the EU's policy on the environment to state that environmental requirements must be integrated into all EU policies and added an express reference to combating climate change. The powers of the EU to legislate in respect of the environment and climate change are set out in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The EU's 7th Environment Action Plan sets out EU environmental and climate change policy plans up to 2020. It identifies three key objectives: protect, conserve and enhance the EU's natural capital; turn the EU into a resource-efficient, green and competitive low-carbon economy; and safeguard EU citizens from environment-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing.

The EU has legislated on a range of environmental issues, including air and water quality, species and habitats protection, and waste management. A number of these directives have been transposed into UK law. In regards to climate change, the EU's 2020 energy and climate change package, adopted in 2007, created a "binding set of legislation" to ensure the EU met its climate and energy targets for 2020. It currently drafting legislative proposals to implement its 2030 climate and energy framework. In light of the EU referendum result, the UK Government has stated that while it remains a member of the EU "all rights and obligations of EU membership" would remain in force.

In December 2015, a conference of the parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change took place in Paris, and an agreement on a successor to the Kyoto Protocol was reached. The central objective of the Paris Agreement was to keep a global temperature rise this century well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. The EU ratified the Agreement in October 2016, and the UK Prime Minister, Theresa May, has stated that the Government intends to complete the domestic procedures needed to ratify the Agreement by the end of the year.

This House of Lords Library briefing provides an overview of a selection of European legislation which relates to the environment and climate change, and outlines how it has been implemented in the UK. The briefing also briefly discusses the EU's international commitments to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This briefing does not provide an analysis of the potential impacts of the UK leaving the EU. However, it does include a selection of recent statements made by the Government on these issues.

Sarah Tudor
13 October 2016
LLN 2016/050

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Leaving the European Union: UK Armed Forces and Diplomatic Service

On 8 December 2016, the House of Lords will debate the following motion, tabled by Lord Sterling of Plaistow (Conservative):

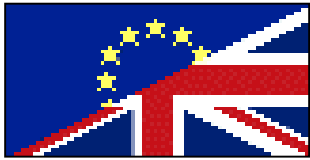
To move that this House takes note of the impact of the withdrawal from the European Union on the United Kingdom's armed forces and diplomatic service.

Following the referendum in June, the Prime Minister, Theresa May, outlined a "vision of Global Britain" in which the UK would play its "full part in promoting peace and prosperity around the world", and "with our brilliant armed forces and intelligence services—protect our national interests, our national security and the security of our allies". Mrs May explained that in negotiating the UK's exit from the European Union the UK would seek to reach a deal that would "reflect the kind of mature, cooperative relationship that close friends and allies enjoy". She added that the UK's new relationship with the EU would "make us think about our role in the wider world", and give the country the "self-confidence and freedom to look beyond the continent of Europe and to the economic and diplomatic opportunities of the wider world".

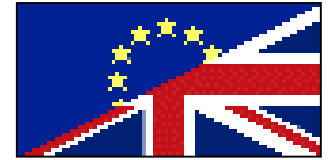
The UK has participated in a number of military and civilian missions as part of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) since 2003. Sir Michael Fallon, the Defence Secretary, has said that the UK's withdrawal from the EU should not inhibit future cooperation with missions that are in the national interest, although he has not elaborated on what form such cooperation would take. The UK could continue its defence cooperation with European partners through NATO, through continued participation in EU structures and operations as a third country nation, or through bilateral relations with EU partners. The importance of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, both during negotiations and after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, has also been emphasised, although questions have been raised in regard to its resourcing and how it will work with the new departments, the Department for Exiting the European Union and the Department for International Trade.

This briefing examines current defence capabilities and cooperation between the UK and the EU. It then explores the possible future prospects for UK defence, particularly the role of the armed forces. The latter part of this briefing examines the UK's diplomatic service, highlighting some of the issues that have arisen about the UK's diplomatic relationship with the EU and its global role following the UK's withdrawal. For reasons of brevity, this briefing does not examine the implications of the UK's withdrawal on wider external relations, such as the UK's future trade relationships with other countries in and outside the EU, or the impact on overseas development policy. Further reading on these subjects is identified in section 3.

Mary Santo
2 December 2016
LLN 2016/066



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Leaving the European Union: Future UK-EU Relationship

On 1 December 2016, the House of Lords is scheduled to debate the "best options for the United Kingdom's future relationship with the European Union following the referendum vote to leave".

The Prime Minister, Theresa May, has confirmed that the Government intend to pursue a bespoke agreement between the UK and EU during the forthcoming negotiation on the UK's withdrawal from the bloc. The Prime Minister has also stated that the Government will not be providing a "running commentary" on the negotiation, despite calls from other parties for more details on the Government's negotiating strategy. However, the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, David Davis, has set out the Government's four "overarching strategic objectives" for the UK's negotiations to leave the European Union and for the future relationship between the UK and the EU:

- Bringing back control of our laws to Parliament.
- Bringing back control of decisions over immigration to the UK.
- Maintaining the strong security cooperation we have with the EU.
- Establishing the freest possible market in goods and services with the EU and the rest of the world.

This briefing explores each of these four objectives. It identifies a number of possible options available to the Government in trying to meet them and sets out some of the issues that may arise in each area. Issues covered in the first section on law making include the role of Parliament in invoking Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and in repealing and reviewing domestic legislation before and after the UK's withdrawal, the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union following the UK's exit, and the possible effect of the withdrawal on the devolved administrations. The second section on immigration considers whether the UK may maintain free movement of people in any future agreement with the EU and examines the potential impact of the UK's withdrawal on both UK citizens in the EU and EU citizens in the UK. The third section on security cooperation discusses whether current security arrangements between the UK and the EU, including the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Common Security and Defence Policy and police and security cooperation, will remain following the UK's exit. The fourth section on trade considers the UK's future trade relationship with the EU and the rest of the world after withdrawal, including issues relating to the uncertainty raised by the forthcoming negotiation and the possible implications for different sectors of any change in the level of access to the single market following the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

In light of the high degree of uncertainty surrounding the UK's forthcoming negotiations to leave the EU and discussions around the future relationship between the UK and the EU, this briefing should not be interpreted as a comprehensive survey, but rather a starting point which identifies pertinent issues relevant to the subject.

Thomas Brown | Eren Wiltzman
25 November 2016
LLN 2016/063

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European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill (HL Bill 103 of 2016–17)

The *European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill* was introduced in the House of Lords on 8 February 2017 and is scheduled to have its second reading on 20 and 21 February 2017. It would give the Prime Minister power to notify the European Council of the UK's intention to withdraw from the European Union, under the procedure set out in Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. The Explanatory Notes state that the Bill would also provide for the UK to leave the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). The Government has stated its intention to trigger Article 50 before the end of March 2017 and it has set out a case for fast-tracking the Bill to meet this timetable.

The Government has introduced this Bill following a Supreme Court ruling that an Act of Parliament is required to give notice of the UK's decision to withdraw from the European Union. The Supreme Court also concluded that the Sewel Convention (according to which the Westminster Parliament does not normally legislate with regard to devolved matters except with the agreement of the devolved legislature) does not give rise to a legally enforceable obligation. The Government has stated that the Bill does not contain any provision which gives rise to the need for a legislative consent motion in the devolved legislatures. On 7 February 2017, the Scottish Parliament voted in favour of a motion that the Bill should not proceed, although this has no legal force to block the Bill.

This briefing summarises the debates that took place on the Bill in the House of Commons. The Bill was given its second reading by 498 votes to 114, a majority of 384. Divisions were held at committee stage on: arrangements for parliamentary scrutiny of the Brexit negotiations; the status of EU nationals in the UK; the role and status of the Joint Ministerial Committee on EU Negotiations; EU funding in Wales; Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement; parliamentary votes to approve deals negotiated with the EU; 'resetting' the UK's membership of the EU if a deal was not negotiated within two years; the case for a deal to be approved by the British people in a referendum; requiring the Government to report on the economic and financial impact of Brexit; setting statutory negotiating objectives; maintaining EU tax avoidance and evasion measures; the role of Gibraltar in the Brexit process; and the process for leaving Euratom. All of the new clauses and amendments were defeated and the Bill was not amended at committee stage. The Government gave an undertaking that both Houses of Parliament would be given a vote on the withdrawal arrangements and the UK's future relationship with the European Union before any agreement was concluded, and it expected to hold the vote before the European Parliament debated and voted on the final agreement. However, the Government said that there was "no need" to amend the Bill to reflect this. Keir Starmer described this as a "very important concession", but other MPs were less convinced that it represented an advance on what the Government had previously promised. The Bill was given its third reading by 494 votes to 122, a majority of 372.

Nicola Newson
15 February 2017
LLN 2017/009

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European Union (Approvals) Bill HL Bill 67 of 2017–19

Summary

The *European Union (Approvals) Bill* is a short government bill with only one substantive clause. Its purpose is to approve draft decisions of the Council of the European Union on the participation of the Republics of Serbia and Albania as observers in the work of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, and to sign and then conclude an agreement between the EU and Canada which would allow enhanced cooperation on competition matters. This briefing has been prepared ahead of the Bill's second reading in the House of Lords on 25 October 2017.

Key Provisions

Clause 1 of the Bill fulfils a requirement of section 8 of the European Union Act 2011 which stipulates that Parliament is required to approve draft decisions made under Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. It would allow the UK to vote in favour of four draft decisions in the Council of the European Union, the first two concerning Albania and Serbia's participation as observers in the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, and the third and fourth to sign and conclude an agreement between the EU and the Canadian Government on coordination during investigations by their respective competition authorities. (Decisions adopted under Article 352 are done so under the basis of unanimity, not Qualified Majority Voting.)

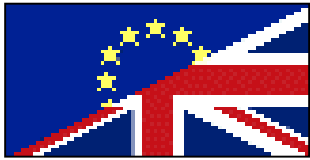
European Agency for Fundamental Rights

Established in 2007, the role of EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) is to provide relevant institutions and authorities of the Community and its member states with "assistance and expertise on fundamental rights when implementing community law, and to support them in taking measures and formulating appropriate courses of action". In support of that aim, the Agency has a number of objectives including to collect and analyse information related to the situation of fundamental rights in the EU, and to promote dialogue to raise public awareness of fundamental rights. However, it is not empowered to examine individual complaints or exercise regulatory decision-making powers.¹

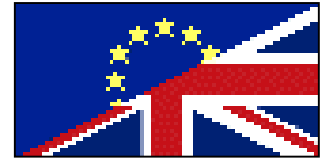
The Republic of Albania has had EU candidate status since June 2014, and the Republic of Serbia since March 2012, and under the provisions which established the FRA such candidate nations are permitted observer status. The draft decisions will not confer such observer status, but rather will establish an EU position at the EU-Republic of Albania Stabilisation and Association Council and the EU-Republic of Serbia Stabilisation and Association Council. Participation as observers, and the conditions for doing so, will be determined by these bodies. The draft decisions include the European Commission's estimate of the contributions Albania and Serbia will make to the EU budget to participate in the FRA. For Albania, these figures are EUR 160,000 for Year One, EUR 163,000 for Year 2 and EUR 166,000 for Year 3. For Serbia, it is EUR 180,000 for Year One, EUR 183,000 for Year 2 and EUR 186,000 for Year 3.²


The UK Government has published two explanatory memoranda on Albania and Serbia's participation in

James Tobin | 18 October 2017



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Leaving the European Union: The Impact on Professional Sport

Summary

Following the result of the referendum on leaving the European Union in June 2016, there has been much debate as to how the outcome will impact on a variety of sectors. One area of discussion has been the potential impact it could have on professional sport. This briefing summarises some of the commentary on how professional sport could be affected by the outcome of the upcoming negotiations on the UK's future relationship with the EU. It is split into two sections, the potential effect on immigration and free movement and the possible economic impact on the sports sector.

Following the announcement in the 2017 Government white paper that post-Brexit, the Free Movement Directive would no longer apply and the migration of EU nationals would become subject to UK law, observers have discussed the potential impact this could have on professional sport. The briefing focuses on three of the UK's most popular team sports—football, rugby and cricket—and explores the possible consequences should European Union and European Economic Area citizens become subject to the same rules which currently apply to individuals from outside of the EU and EEA. In this scenario commentators predict that top flight British football could lose a significant number of players—research by the BBC has shown that in the English Premier League, the Championship, and in the Scottish Premier League, 332 players would not meet the current requirements which non-EU and EEA players must meet. In addition, the loss of exemptions connected to the UK's membership of the EU would make football more reliant on home-grown talent. It has also been suggested this issue could also extend to both rugby and cricket, with the loss of the Kolpak rule meaning that players from countries which have an associate trade agreement with the EU would no longer have the same rights as UK players. However, it is claimed that these issues could lead to a greater focus on the development of grassroots sport, which could be positive for the performance of national teams.

There have also been suggestions that the UK's exit from the EU may have an economic impact on professional sport. Sport and sport-related activity contributes significantly to the economy, with research from 2010 showing it generated £20.3 billion of Gross Value Added (GVA) and 400,000 full-time equivalent jobs. With commentators discussing the impact of the fall in the value of sterling, there have been suggestions that wages and transfer fees will increase. In addition, the potential impact on broadcasting, sponsorship and merchandise sales has been discussed, with some claiming that the issues around immigration could decrease the Premier League's global appeal and therefore some of its value. However, others have suggested that top flight sport is big enough to weather any issues which could result from the UK leaving the EU.

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Nicole Winchester
19 July 2017

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Position Papers and Future Partnership Papers on the UK's Future Relationship with the EU Debate on 12 September 2017

Summary

On 12 September 2017, the House of Lords is due to debate a motion moved by Baroness Anelay of St John, Minister of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union, that "this House takes note of the position papers and future partnership papers published by Her Majesty's Government on the United Kingdom's future relationship with the European Union".

This short briefing provides an overview of the position papers and future partnership papers that the Government has published to date, as well as the EU's response. The House of Commons Library briefing [Brexit: The August Negotiations](#), 6 September 2017, provides further detail about the latest negotiating round. In particular section 5 summarises the proposals made in the papers the Government published over the summer and section 6 includes a table showing on which issues either the UK, the EU or both have published a paper.

UK Government Papers

On 6 September 2017, David Davis, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, made a written ministerial statement detailing the Brexit negotiation papers the Government had published during Parliament's summer recess:

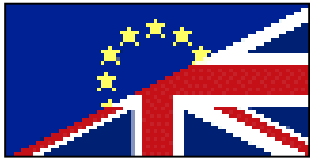
Over the summer, the Government has published a series of papers setting out key issues that form part of the Government's vision for the future deep and special partnership between the UK and the EU.

Each paper reflects the engagement the Government has sought from external parties with expertise in these policy areas, drawing on the very extensive work undertaken across government since last year's referendum. Taken together, these papers are an essential step towards building a new partnership to promote our shared interests and values.

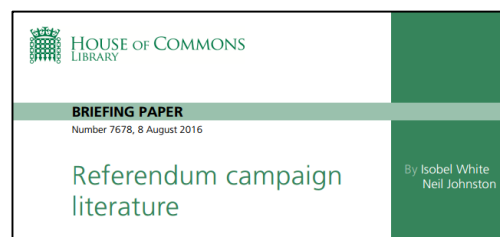
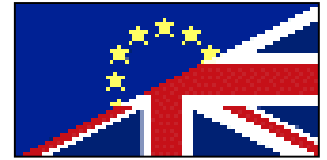
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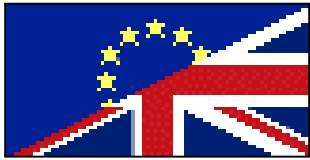
- [Future customs arrangements](#) (15 August);
- [Providing a cross-border civil judicial cooperation framework](#) (22 August);
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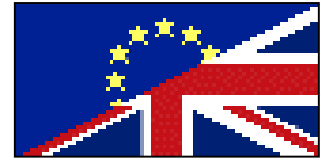



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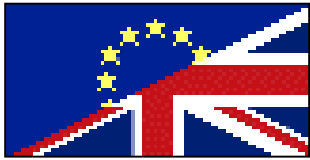
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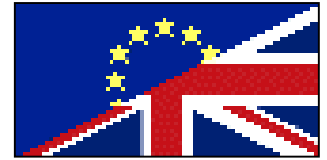
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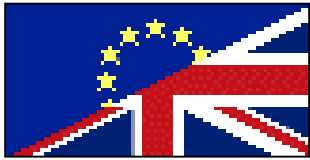
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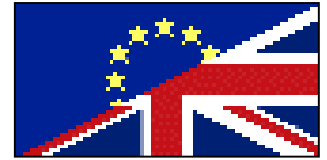
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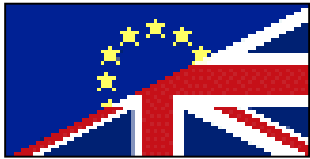
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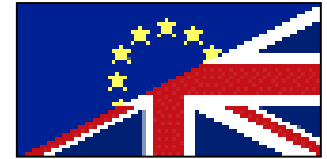
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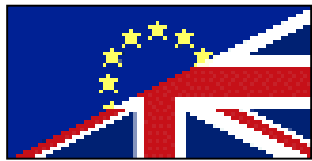
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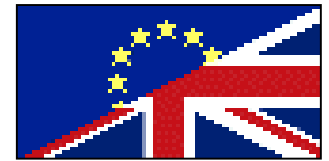
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Post Referendum Consultation

Inquiry status: **open - accepting written submissions**

Accepting written submissions; the deadline is Friday 30 September 2016.

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Scope of the Consultation

The Committee is looking at how their work should adapt to Brexit.

Terms of reference: Post-Referendum Consultation

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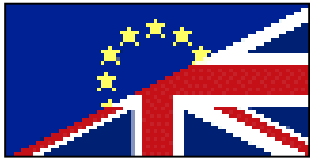
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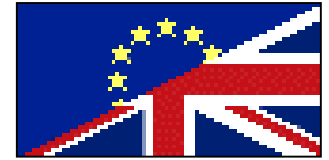
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Inquiry status: **open - accepting written submissions**

Accepting written submissions; the deadline is Friday 11 November 2016.

Scope of the inquiry

This is an inquiry into the new regime for the regulation of insurance, which was implemented in January 2016.

There were fears that the much delayed EU directive would impose substantial costs on the insurance industry, and the Committee has already heard evidence suggesting that Brexit provides the opportunity to leave the Solvency II arrangement and that doing so would help insurance companies. This inquiry will explore the impacts of the directive, and the options now available to the UK, in more detail.

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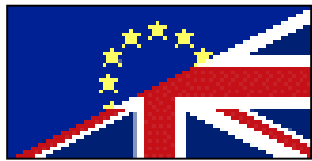
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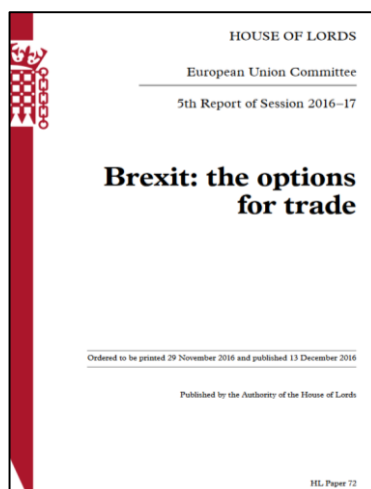
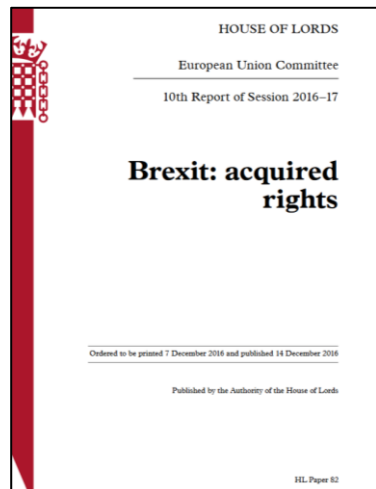
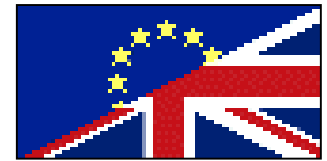
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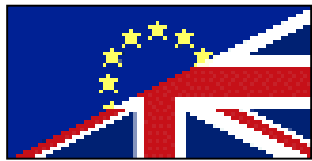
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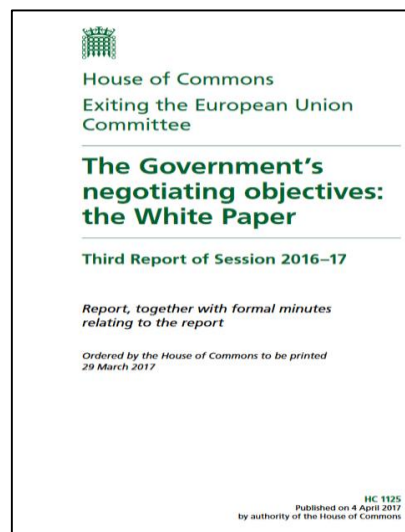
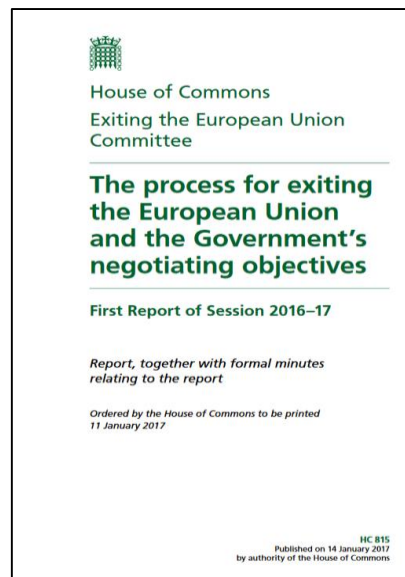
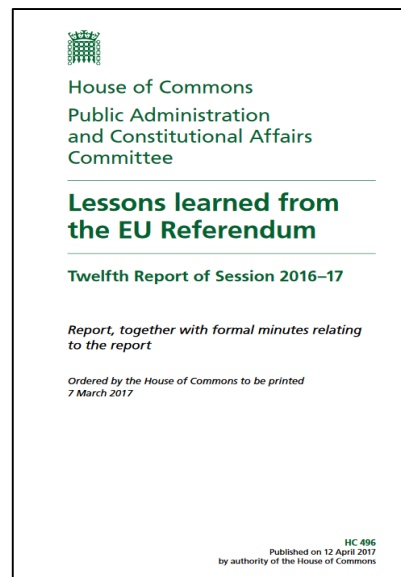
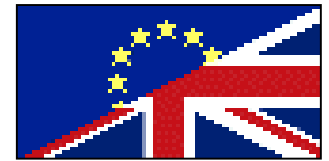
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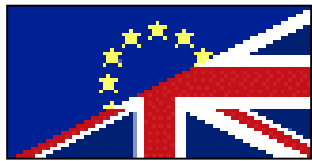
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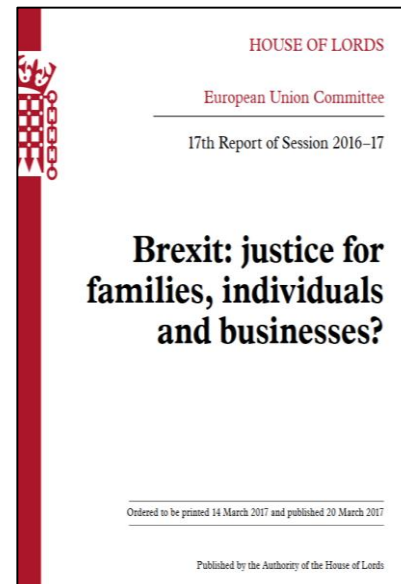
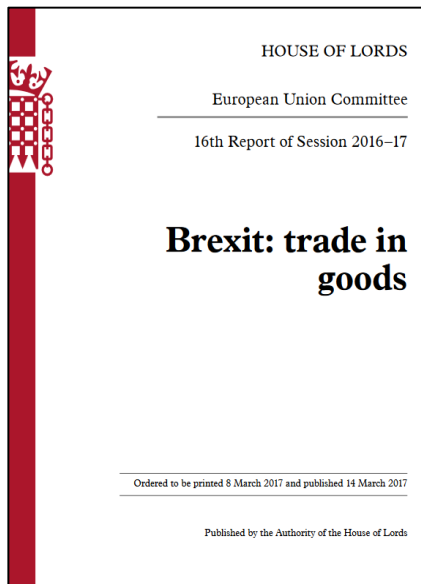
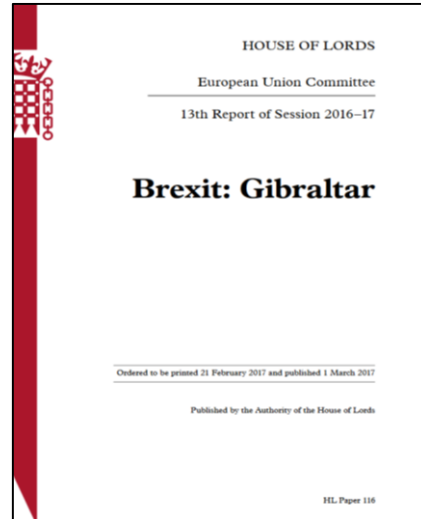
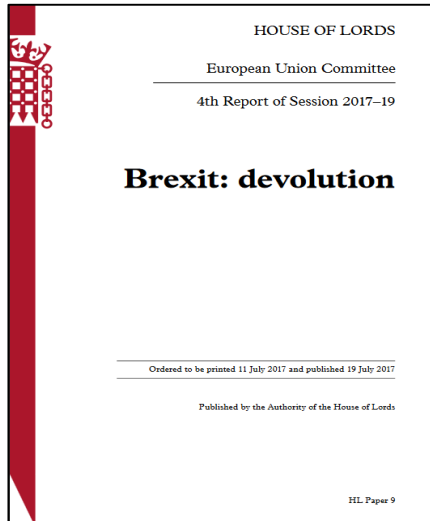
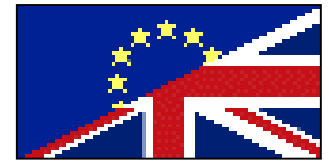
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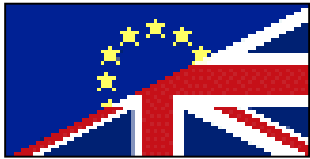




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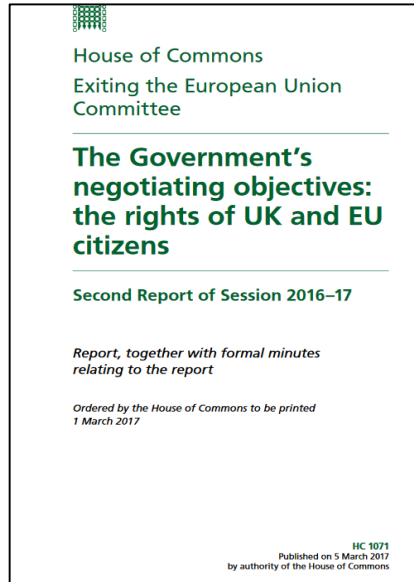
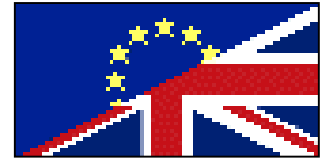
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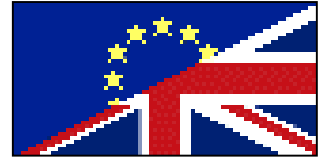
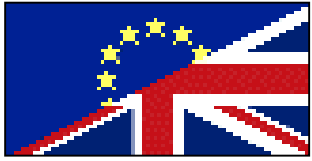




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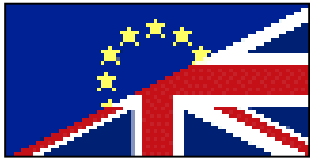




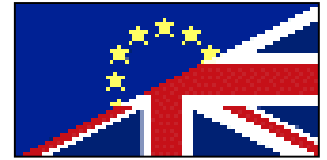
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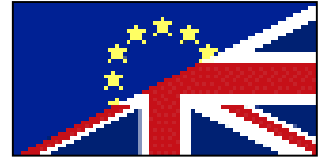
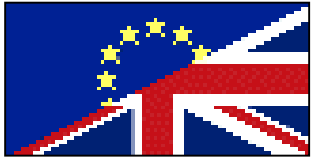
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It is time to look forward and tackle the challenges ahead and seize the opportunities that are within reach.



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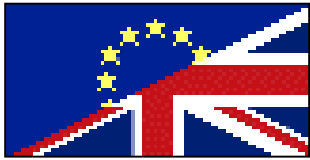
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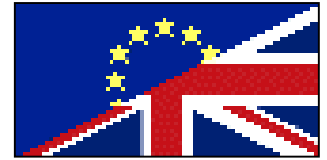
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A national action plan to protect the economy, jobs and workers' rights. In this short paper, the TUC proposes specific actions which can be taken immediately or in the coming weeks.

After the vote to leave the European Union, the UK is in uncharted waters both politically and economically. The TUC did not seek this outcome, but accepts the decision of the British people. Yet with so many still so scarred by the effects of the 2008 financial crisis, working people and their communities must not pay the price – again – of economic slowdown and uncertainty.

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Business groups call for clear leadership and action

5 of the UK's biggest business groups write open letter to the Government

Five of the biggest business groups in the UK – the Confederation of British Industry, the British Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses, the Institute of Directors, and EEF, the manufacturers' organisation, have written an open letter calling for the Government to provide clear leadership and immediate action on two fronts, following the vote last month to leave the European Union.

The letter calls for the government to end the uncertainty facing EU nationals living and working in the UK, and action to progress long-planned infrastructure projects.

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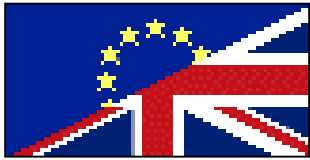
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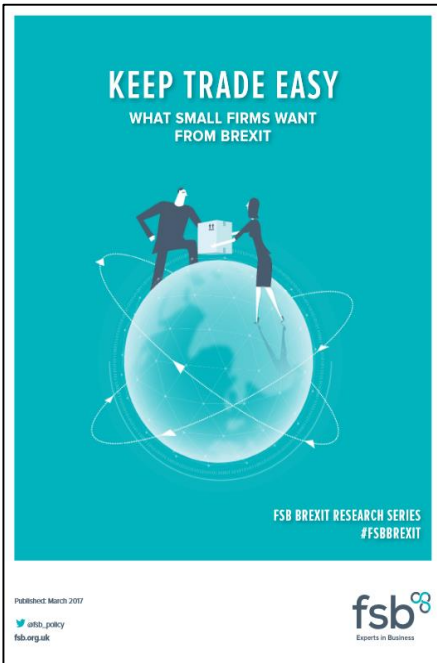
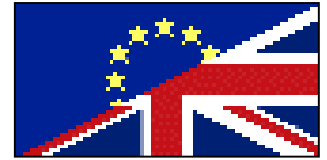
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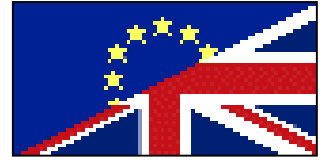
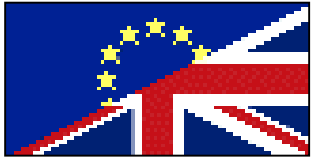
Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said, "The British public has chosen a new future out of Europe. Government must now maintain economic stability and secure a deal with the EU which safeguards UK automotive interests. This includes securing tariff-free access to European and other global markets, ensuring we can recruit talent from the EU and the rest of the world and making the UK the most competitive place in Europe for automotive investment."





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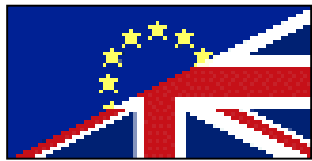




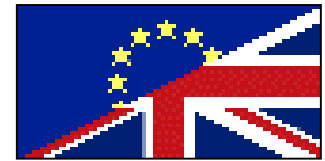
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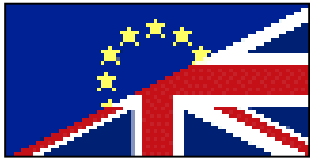
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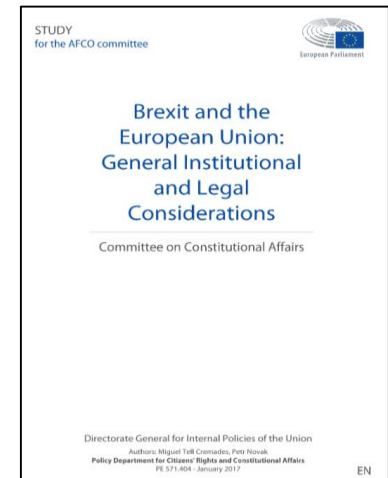
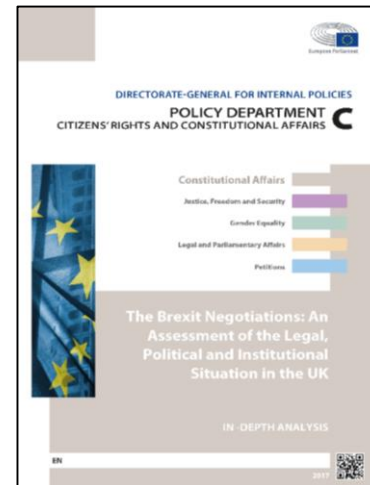
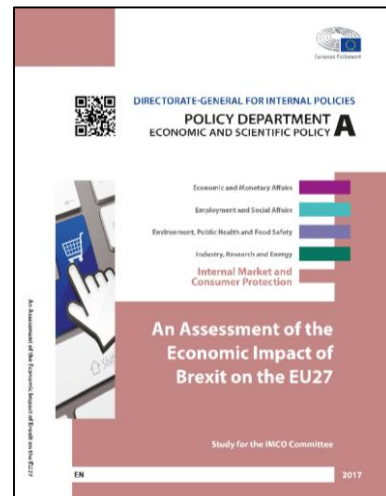
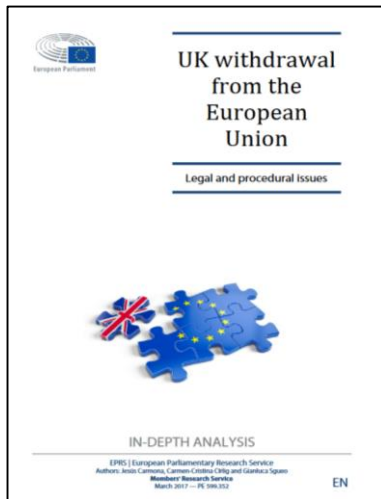
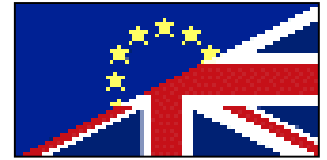
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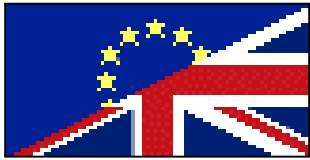
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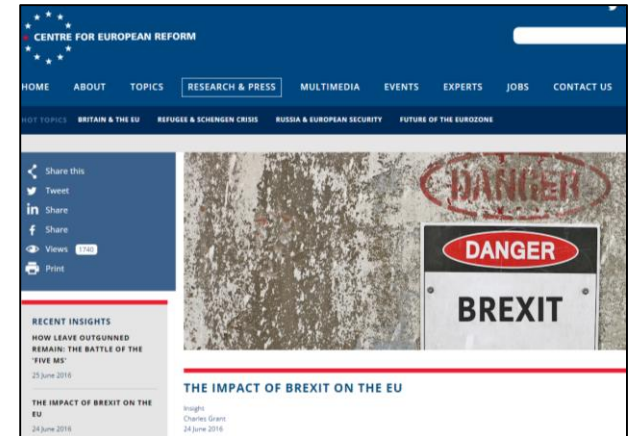
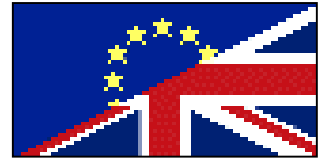
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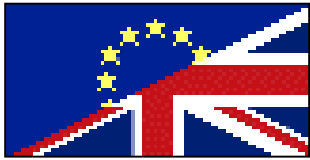
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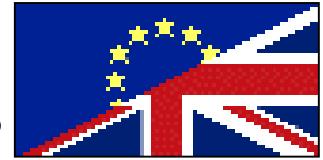
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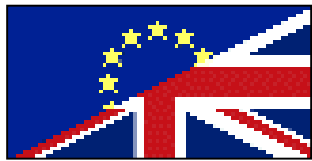
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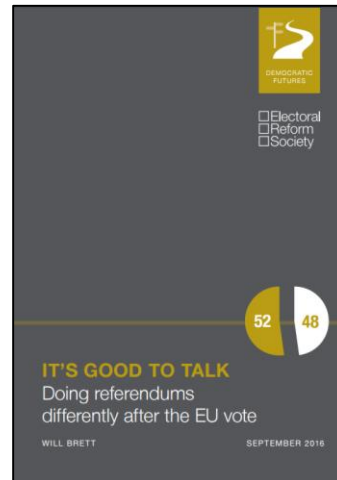
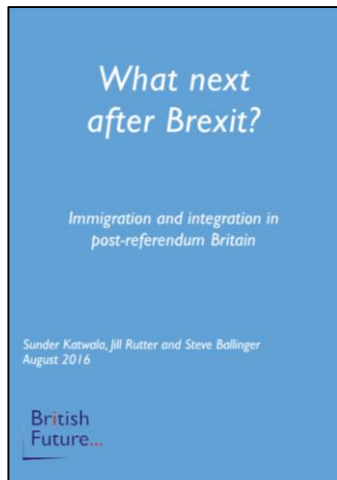
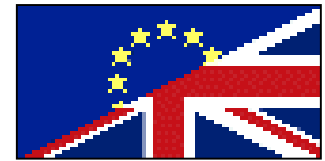
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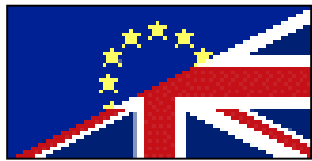
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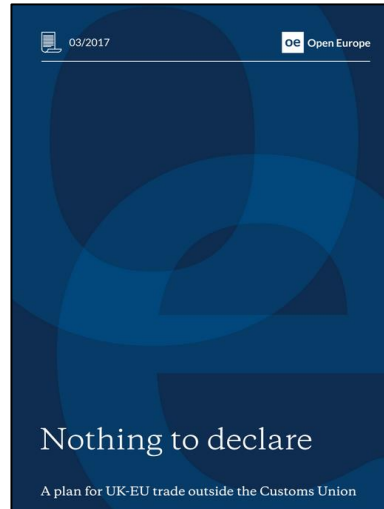
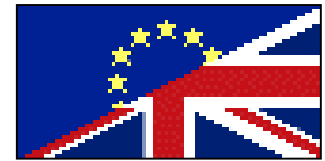
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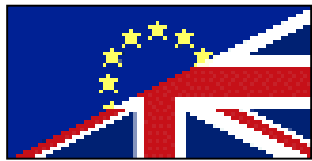
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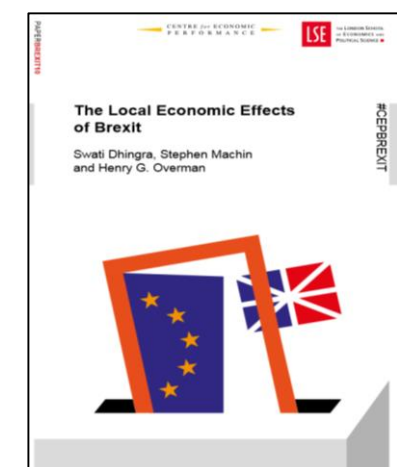
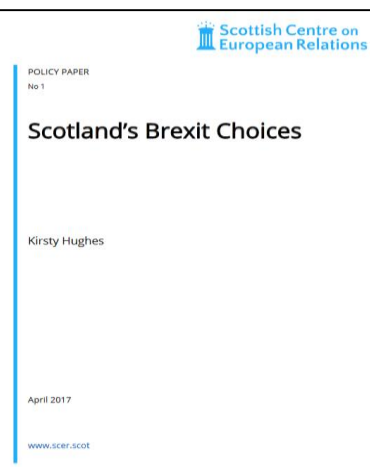
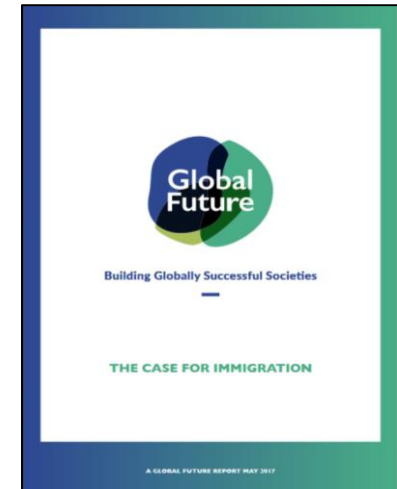
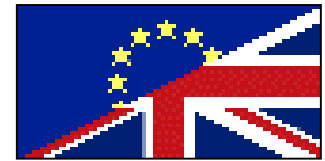
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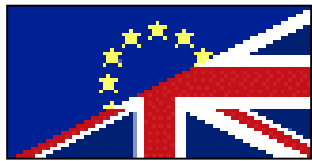
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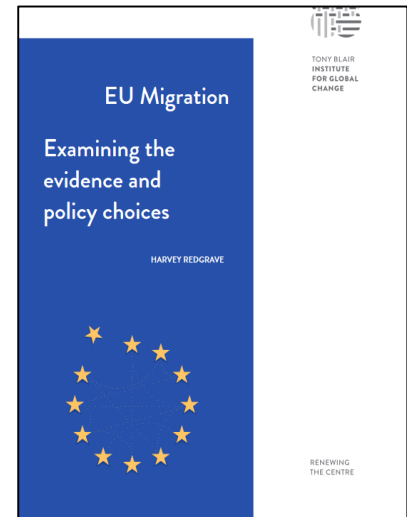
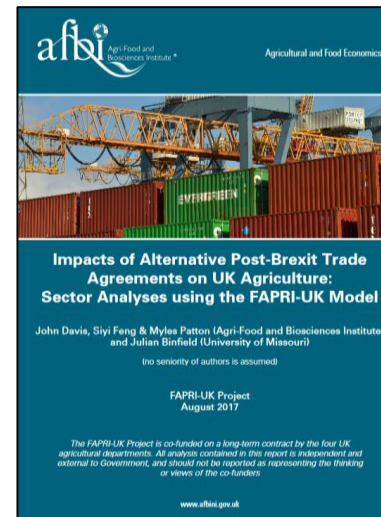
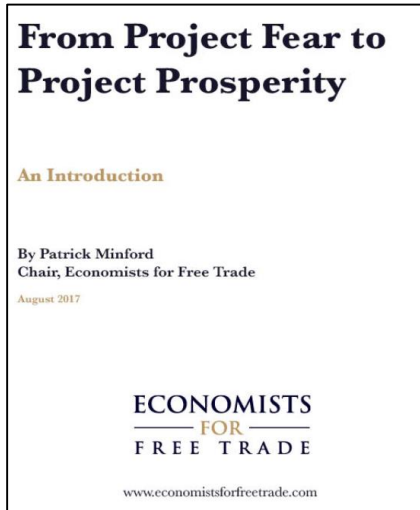
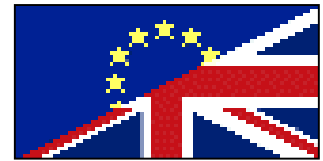
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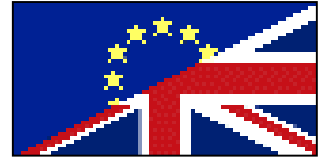
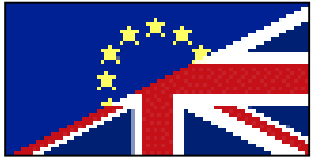
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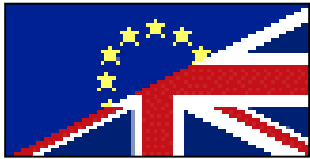


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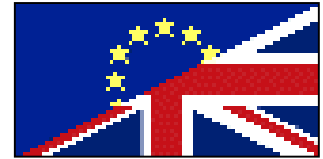
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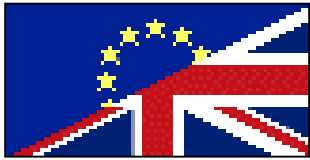
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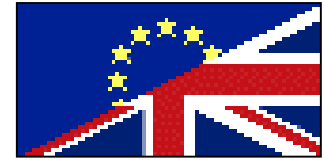
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COMPARISON OF EU/UK POSITIONS ON CITIZENS' RIGHTS – 31/08/2017

The working group completed a mapping of the alignment between the two parties' positions, to prioritise future discussions.

This table summarises the UK and EU positions and compares them. Green indicates convergence, red indicates divergence and yellow indicates where further discussion is required to deepen understanding.

TOPIC	DETAIL	EU POSITION	UK POSITION	ISSUES
Personal scope	EU nationals lawfully resident before the cut off date	Date of UK's withdrawal	Between the date of A50 trigger and date of exit	UK to clarify
		EU citizens resident in accordance with Art 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 16 and/or 17 of Directive 2004/38	EU citizens resident in accordance with Art 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 16 and/or 17 of Directive 2004/38	
		EU rules with usual margins of discretion	UK prepared to specify in the WA details of implementation such as lack of Comprehensive Sickness Insurance (CSI) or not testing 'genuine and effective' work	
EU national posted workers		Not covered by the citizens' rights chapter of the WA (linked to cross-border services).	EU national posted workers at the cut off date within scope of WA	
Frontier workers		Those who are working as a frontier worker at the specified date fall within the scope of the WA for as long	UK will offer reciprocal arrangements.	

24 May 2017

TF50 (2017) 1 – Commission to EU 27

Subject: Working paper "Essential Principles on Citizens' Rights"

Origin: European Commission, Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU

Objective: For discussion at the Council Working party (Art. 50) of 30 May 2017

Remarks: The attached working paper on "Essential Principles on Citizens' Rights" contains the main principles of the EU position in this regard, to be presented to the UK in the context of negotiations under Art. 50

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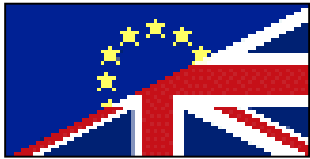
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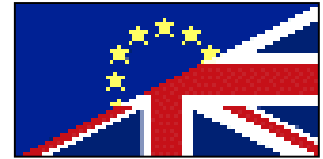
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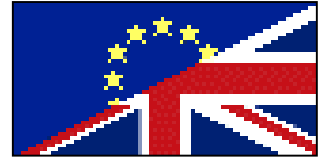
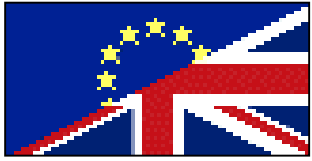
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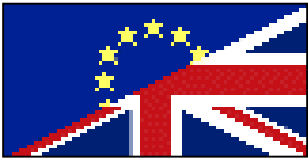
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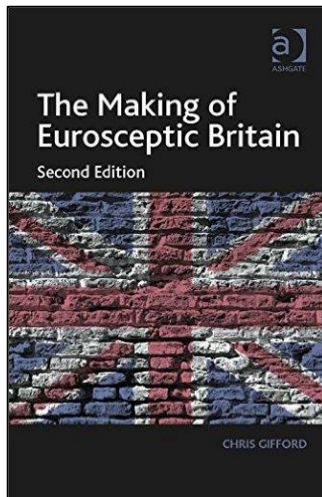
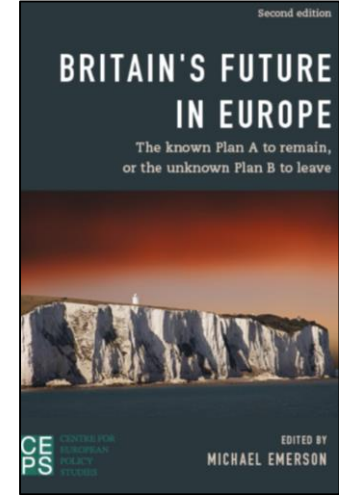
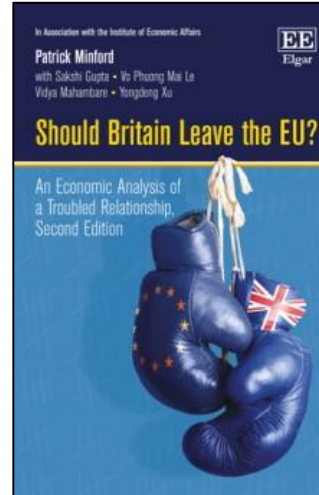
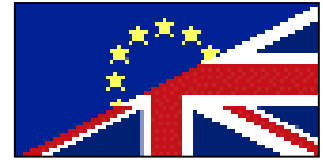
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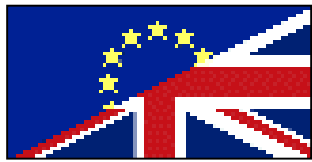
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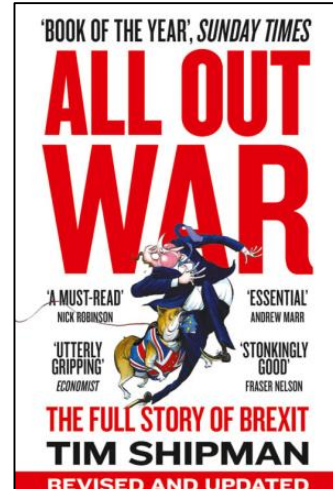
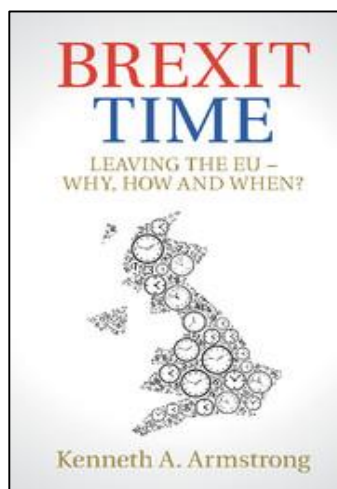
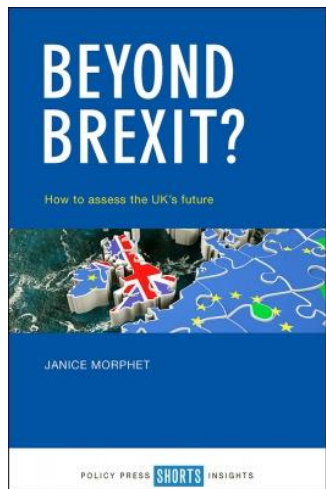
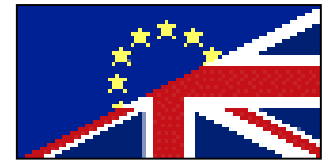


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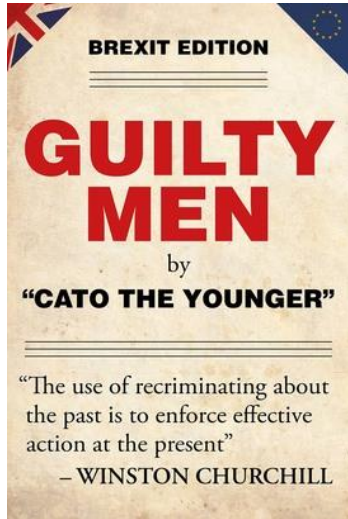
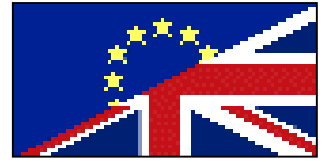
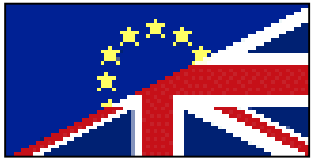
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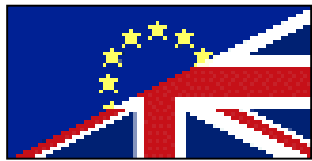
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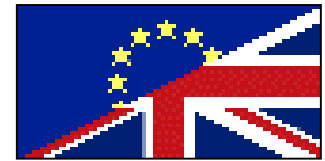
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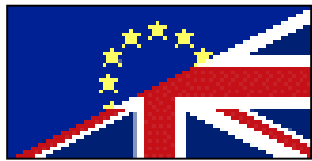




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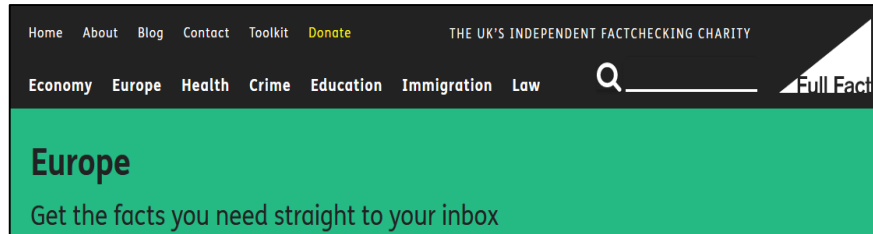
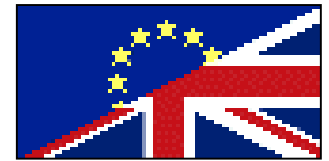


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