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The EU Referendum, 23 June 2016
The United Kingdom and the European Union:
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Part 2 – After the Referendum
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UK withdrawal from the EU – Next steps

The referendum held in the United Kingdom on 23 June on the question of whether to remain, 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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The EU Referendum: Post-Brexit Developments in September 2016

Oral statement to Parliament

From: Department for Exiting the European Union and The Rt Hon David Davis MP
Delivered: 5 September 2016
Location: House of Commons
First published: 5 September 2016

Secretary of State David Davis made a statement in the House of Commons on the work of the Department for Exiting the European Union.

Press release
PM: UK should become the global leader in free trade

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.

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, it's an invitation, both for the UK and for the European Union.

My intention is to tell you about the agenda of the Bratislava meeting of 22 September next week. We decided to organise this informal meeting to discuss and to address the political consequences of Brexit for the Community. This decision that we are going to discuss our future relations with the UK. It is a very difficult, for this, for the European Union, we need your clear indications, now it's a proposition by the Prime Minister, David Cameron.

To quickly, right now in your country, I am aware that it is not easy and that we have to start the process as soon as possible. But I can conclude that at the end of the day our common strategy goal is to establish the best possible relations between the UK and the European Union.

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News story
Government announces end of European Communities Act

From: Department for Exiting the European Union and The Rt Hon David Davis MP
First published: 2 October 2016

The UK will take back control of its laws and provide the maximum possible certainty for workers and businesses on leaving the EU.

News story
Further certainty on EU funding for hundreds of British projects

From: HM Treasury, Department for Exiting the European Union and The Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP
First published: 3 October 2016

Further funding certainty for hundreds of British projects which are reliant on EU funding, announced by the Chancellor.

Statement: Next steps in leaving the EU: 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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Other Issues

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PM calls with President Tusk and President Hollande: 4 November 2016

Policy paper
Joint Ministerial Committee (EU negotiations) communique: 9 November 2016

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Parliament notified of Europol opt-in intention

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Foreign Secretary visit to Germany

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UK signals green light to Unified Patent Court Agreement

News story
David Davis makes first trip to Spain

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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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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 made in response to 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 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 of the Treaty of the European Union of the United Kingdom’s intention to withdraw from the Union. In addition, in accordance with the same Article 50 as applied by Article 106 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 Union.

References in this letter to the European Union should therefore be taken to include a reference to the European Atomic Energy Community.

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

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 marks the initiation of the withdrawal process under Article 50 of the Treaty. No discussion about the United Kingdom will take place in the EU, but we are ready for the process that we now will have to begin.

For the European Union, the first task will be the adoption of guidelines for the negotiations by the European Council. These guidelines will not set the overall position 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. Current priority will be to minimise the uncertainty caused by the decision of the United Kingdom for as short a period as possible, businesses and Member States. Therefore, we will listen to all our ex-partner and ask for an orderly withdrawal.

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

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

Following the notification under Article 50, the member of the European Council representing the withdrawing Member State will not participate in the discussions of the European Council on matters concerning it.

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Developments in March 2017
Great Repeal Bill White Paper

Legislating for the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union

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European Parliament resolution of 5 April 2017 on negotiations with the United Kingdom following its notification that it intends to withdraw from the European Union (2017/2593(RSP))

Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom
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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DEBATE PACK
Number CDP-2016-0149, 20 July 2016

Devolved governments and negotiations on the UK leaving the EU

Sarah Priddy
Paul Bowers
Vaughne Miller

Extraordinary Council Summit
15 July 2016
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.

Communiqué
Extraordinary Summit – Cathays Park, Cardiff, 22 July 2016

Press release
PM to visit Northern Ireland: 25 July 2016

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

Press release
Prime Minister to visit Scotland and underline commitment to “preserving this special union”

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

Press release
PM: Devolved administrations vital to our success in the future

Prime Minister Theresa May will offer the devolved administrations a new forum to allow them to help shape the UK’s EU exit strategy.

Brexit: Devolved Legislature Business
BRIEFING PAPER
Number 1075, 23 January 2017

By Matthew Barrow
Find information after the EU Referendum relating to: [Northern Ireland / Scotland / Wales] in ESO.
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Information from the UK Parliament

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• House of Commons Library
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The EU Referendum: Post-Brexit Briefing Papers from the House of Lords Library
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- Brexit: what happens next?
  - By: Vaughton Miller, Arabella Lang

- Brexit Unknowns
  - Edited by: Vaughton Miller

- European Union Referendum 2016
  - By: Elie Liberof

- Reading list on UK-EU relations 2013-16: reform, renegotiation, withdrawal
  - Compiled: Jude Gill and Tom Robertson

- Brexit and UK immigration and asylum policy: a reading list
  - By: Melanie Sower

- Brexit reading list: legal and constitutional issues
  - Compiled by: Tim Robinson

- Referendum campaign literature
  - By: Joelle White, Neil Johnston

- Impact of Brexit on policing and criminal justice: a reading list
  - By: Joanna Dawson
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Briefing Papers from the
House of Commons Library

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BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7633, 18 July 2016
Brexit: how will it affect transport?
By Louise Butcher

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BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7626, 24 June 2016
Financial services after the referendum
By Timothy Edmonds

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BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7626, 24 June 2016
Leaving the EU: How might people currently exercising free movement rights be affected?
Published Monday, June 27, 2016
Many constituents are asking how leaving the EU would affect the immigration status and entitlements of British citizens currently living in other EU Member States, and EU citizens living in the UK.

House of Commons Library
BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7628, 28 July 2016
Brexit: What next for UK fisheries?
By Oliver Bennett

House of Commons Library
BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7628, 27 July 2016
Brexit and data protection
By Philip Ward

House of Commons Library
BRIEFING PAPER
Number 07764, 10 July 2016
Brexit and local government
By Mark Sandford

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BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7628, 27 July 2016
Brexit: some legal and constitutional issues and alternatives to EU membership
By Paul Bowes, Arabella Lang, Vaughne Miller, Ben Smith, Dominic Webb

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BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7628, 19 July 2016
Brexit - implication for pensions
By Druma Thurley

House of Commons Library
BRIEFING PAPER
Number CBP7628, 6 February 2017
Tax after the EU referendum
By Antony Seely
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Briefing Papers from the
House of Commons Library

- Legislating for Brexit: the Great Repeal Bill
  By Jack Simson Caird

- Legislating for Brexit: directly applicable EU law
  By Vaughne Miller

- Legislating for Brexit: Statutory Instruments implementing EU law
  By Vaughne Miller

- European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill
  By Arabella Lang, Vaughne Miller, Jack Simson Caird

- Legislating for Brexit: EU external agreements
  By Vaughne Miller

- Brexit: what impact on those currently exercising free movement rights?
  By Terry McGuinness

- Statistics on UK-EU trade
  By Dominic Webb

- Exiting the EU and science and research
  By David Hough, Graeme Darby
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Monitoring the new Government Departments
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House of Commons
Foreign Affairs Committee

Equipping the Government for Brexit
Second Report of Session 2016–17

HC 431

Select Committee on the Constitution

4th Report of Session 2016–17

The invoking of Article 50

Published by the Stationery Office of the House of Commons
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EU Internal Market Sub-Committee
Brexit: future trade between the UK and the EU inquiry

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee
Brexit: future EU-UK security and police co-operation inquiry

EU Select Committee
Brexit: UK-Irish relations inquiry

EU Select Committee
Brexit: UK-EU movement of people

EU Select Committee
Brexit: Crown Dependencies inquiry

The European Union Committee and its six sub-committees continue their work on the key issues that will arise in the forthcoming negotiations on Brexit.
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House of Commons
House of Lords
Joint Committee on Human Rights
The human rights implications of Brexit
Fifth Report of Session 2016–17

House of Commons
Exiting the European Union Committee
The process for exiting the European Union and the Government’s negotiating objectives
First Report of Session 2016–17
Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report
Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed 17 January 2017

House of Commons
Environmental Audit Committee
The Future of the Natural Environment after the EU Referendum
Sixth Report of Session 2016–17

House of Commons
Science and Technology Committee
Leaving the EU: implications and opportunities for science and research
Seventh Report of Session 2016–17
Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report
Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed 14 November 2016

House of Commons
Exiting the European Union Committee
The Government’s negotiating objectives: the White Paper
Third Report of Session 2016–17
Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report
Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed 29 March 2017

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Foreign Affairs Committee
Article 50 negotiations: Implications of ‘no deal’
Ninth Report of Session 2016–17
Report, together with formal minutes and appendices relating to the report
Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed 17 March 2017
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House of Lords: EU Committee – Reports published December 2016

Brexit: UK-Irish relations

EU Committees publish six Brexit reports

19 December 2016

The European Union Committee and its sub-committees published six reports in the week beginning 12 December 2016. These reports mark a stage in the EU Committee’s comprehensive programme of work looking at the key issues that will arise in the forthcoming negotiations on Brexit.

Brexit: acquired rights

Brexit: the options for trade

Brexit: fisheries

Brexit: financial services
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Campaigning organisations
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Open Britain is campaigning for Britain to be open and inclusive, open for business, open to trade and investment, open to talent and hard work, open to Europe and to the world.

The referendum exposed divisions across our country that must be addressed, but we refuse to accept Britain has to be a divided country. After June 23rd, we want the best deal for Britain and the best relationship with Europe for Britain’s future.

Change Britain is the campaign to make a success of Britain’s departure from the EU.

We aim to build a broad coalition that brings together people from inside and outside politics, regardless of how they voted in the referendum, to get the job done.

It is time to look forward and tackle the challenges ahead and seize the opportunities that are within reach.
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Stakeholders
The EU Referendum: Post-Brexit

Plans for the future from stakeholders

Business groups call for clear leadership and action

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

The UK is expected to be in an uncertain and economically challenging position after Brexit. It is crucial for the government to take immediate action to ensure the country's economic stability. The letter calls for the government to end the uncertainty facing UK nationals living and working in the UK, and to take urgent steps to plan infrastructure projects.

Universities UK statement on the outcome of the EU referendum

Universities are concerned about the impact of Brexit on their operations. They have called for a clear plan to address the challenges posed by the decision to leave the EU.
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Briefing
What Think Tanks are thinking
21 October 2016

Brexit: Implications and outlook

Uncertainty about the future relations between the European Union and the United Kingdom has contributed to turbulence on financial markets and in European politics, following the country’s vote by referendum on 23 June to leave the EU. The new British Prime Minister, Teresa May, detailed some of her plans in a speech at the Conservative Party conference in October 2016, indicating that the UK would invoke the Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union by March 2017, a move needed for a member state to leave the Union.

There is still lack of clarity on crucial aspects of the UK’s departure, such as whether it wishes to remain part of the EU’s single market or customs union, what the impact may be on EU’s and the UK’s economies and how the country’s Parliament may be involved in process of leaving the EU.

This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports published by major international think tanks and other research centres in response to the UK referendum. More studies on issues raised by the vote can be found in a previous edition of ‘What Think Tanks are thinking’ in July 2015.

Beyond hard, soft and no Brexit: Bruegel, October 2016
Which model for Brexit? Centre for European Policy Studies, October 2016
Why the 27 are taking a hard line on Brexit: Centre for European Reform, October 2016
How to ensure UK and European financial services continue to thrive after Brexit: Open Europe, October 2015
Theresa May’s reckless gamble on a “hard” Brexit: Peterson Institute for International Economics, October 2016
Brexit, the pound and the UK current account: Bruegel, October 2016
What future for the EU after Brexit? Centre for European Policy Studies, October 2015
Is Europe drifting towards a hard Brexit? Bruegel, October 2016
The UK trade landscape after Brexit: Chatham House, October 2016
What consequences would a post-Brexit China-UK trade deal have for the EU? Bruegel, October 2016
After Brexit: A new association agreement between Britain and Europe: Policy Network, October 2016
Brexit could lift all boats, if the EU will let it: Heritage Foundation, October 2016
The lessons of Brexit: How British and European leaders can deal with the disruption: Friends of Europe, October 2016
The fall in pound shows sovereignty’s smile: Chatham House, October 2016
BritishBrexiterscall the shots: German Marshall Fund, October 2016

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