

## Brussels Weekly Update: BREXIT – 29/01/2018

### EU INSTITUTIONS

#### European Parliament:

- [The settlement disputes arising from the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. Source European Union.](#)

This study, commissioned by the EP policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the AFCO Committee, analyses the various jurisdiction options, under EU law and under public international law, in settling disputes arising from the Withdrawal Agreement of the UK from the EU and in the context of the Future Relationship Agreement with the UK. It examines in particular the continued involvement of the CJEU in the context of the EU-UK relations and, based on CJEU case-law and previous international agreements, presents the various governance possibilities for these agreements.

- [EU elections 2019: MEPs pave way for pan-European constituency post Brexit.](#)

The European Parliament should shrink from 751 to 705 MEPs when the UK leaves the EU, to make room for EU-wide electoral lists, say Constitutional Affairs MEPs. Besides reducing Parliament's size from 751 to 705 elected representatives, a proposed re-distribution of seats, approved by the Constitutional Affairs Committee on Tuesday, would also place 46 of the 73 UK seats to be freed up by Brexit in a reserve. Some or all of the 46 seats in the reserve could then be reallocated to new countries joining the EU and/or pan-European electoral lists. The other 27 former UK seats would be distributed among the 14 EU countries that are currently slightly under-represented.

#### European Commission:

- [Brexit – guidance to stakeholders on import/export licences for certain goods](#)

This document analyses the impact of the UK's withdrawal on shipments of goods which are subject to import/export licences. An indicative list of EU product legislation to which this notice applies can be found in the annex included in the Notice.

#### European Council:

- [General Affairs Council \(Art. 50\), 29/01/2018](#)

EU27 ministers are expected to adopt a new set of negotiating directives for the Brexit negotiations, which will in particular give details on the EU27 position on the transition period.

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### MORE INFORMATION

- [The future UK-EU relationship.](#) Source CBI.

The CBI suggests a new relationship with the EU single market is needed, one that goes a lot further than Canada on services and rules, as well as on customs. A hybrid or "managed alignment" model could be an acceptable alternative to single market membership, and a comprehensive customs union is needed as part of the practical answer to some of the many challenges Brexit presents.

- [Brexit and the environment](#). Source UK Parliament.

A House of Commons Library Briefing paper discussing current environmental law and policy in the UK and in the devolved nations; preparations for Brexit and potential impacts of Brexit; and the possibility of a tailored UK approach to the environment in the future. The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is also discussed in the context of environmental matters, and REACH information is provided as an illustrative case study.

- [Nothing to declare: A plan for UK-EU trade outside the Customs Union](#). Source Open Europe Berlin.

In a new report, Open Europe argues that leaving the EU's Customs Union is the only logical step for the UK to pursue an independent trade policy and achieve a truly 'Global Britain' outside the EU. The study concludes that the UK and the EU should aim for full cooperation on the practicalities and administration of customs as part of a comprehensive UK-EU free trade deal.

- [What do people mean by a Brexit transition?](#). Source Institute for Government.
- [The potential impact of Brexit on the creative industries, tourism and the digital single market](#). Source UK Parliament.
- [The UK is considering asking the EU for a longer Brexit transition period](#). Source Business Insider.
- ['Canada', 'Norway' or something in between](#). Source CER.
- [FDF wants 'explicit agreement' on market access during Brexit transition](#). Source FoodNavigator.

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## EVENTS

- [Brexit and the Future of Europe: Irish and Italian Perspectives](#). 1st February. Rome.
- [Brexit Ambition Roundtable February 2018](#). 6 February. Brussels.
- [The Implications of Brexit for Migrant Workers: What to watch out for](#). 13 February. Belfast.