

Brussels Weekly Update: BREXIT – 23/10/2017

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- [Thesaurus on Brexit](#)

This thesaurus is a collection of ECON (economic and scientific) related articles, papers and studies on the possible withdrawal of the UK from the EU. Recent literature from various sources is categorised, chronologically listed – while keeping the content of previous editions - and briefly summarised.

European Commission:

- [Press statement by Michel Barnier following the fifth round of Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom](#) - Source European Commission.

European Council:

- [Joint statement by Prime Minister Theresa May and EC President Jean-Claude Juncker](#). Source European Council.
- [European Council \(Art. 50\) conclusions](#). 20/10/2017.

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- [Economic Survey of the United Kingdom 2017](#). Source OECD.

The U.K. economy has weakened in the aftermath of the decision to leave the European Union. Maintaining close ties with the EU and implementing policies to boost productivity will be crucial for maintaining future living standards, according to a new report from the OECD.

- [Brexit: a reading list of post-EU Referendum publications by Parliament and the Devolved Assemblies](#). Source www.parliament.uk.
- [Designing a new UK preferences regime post-Brexit How Africa can benefit](#). Overseas Development Institute.

On the basis an scenario where the UK would leave the EU Customs Union, the author of this paper considers that UK will need to modify its tariff policy as well as to design its own preferential scheme, the main objective of which should be to avoid damaging beneficiary countries that have to date relied on this enhanced market access to trade.

- [Special Feature: Possible impacts of post-Brexit UK trade policy on the canned tuna trade](#). Source FFA.
- [Academics discuss devolution after Brexit](#). Source parliament.uk.

On 17 October The Committee on Exiting the European Union explored what implications the [EU \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#) has for the devolution settlements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In particular, the Committee considers the significance of the repatriation of EU competencies for common frameworks and trade.

- [Eleven NI Local Authorities Launch Report on 'Brexit'](#). Source Newry, Mourne and Down District.

The eleven local authorities that comprise the Ireland/Northern Ireland Border Corridor launched a report named "Brexit and the Border Corridor on the Island of Ireland: Risks, Opportunities, and Issues to consider" in the Northern Ireland Executive Office in Brussels Wednesday 11 October 2017.

- [Industry groups call for a clear and predictable transitional arrangement in the Brexit process.](#) Source American Chamber of Commerce to the EU.

AmCham EU together with BritishAmerican Business (BAB), the British Chamber of Commerce | Belgium & EU, the Trans-Atlantic Business Council (TABC) and UKTiE (The Voice of UK Transport in Europe) issued a joint statement calling for a clear and predictable transitional arrangement to be agreed on as soon as possible.

Events:

[Brexit and the WTO: implications for EU and UK trade policy and international trade.](#) 25 October. Brussels.