

# Brussels Weekly Update: BREXIT – 05/02/2018

## EU INSTITUTIONS

### European Parliament:

Parliamentary Questions: Members of the EP (MEP) can submit questions for written answer to the European Commission (among other EU Institutions). The content of questions is the sole responsibility of their author(s), and an MEP can submit a maximum of five questions per month. Below, the Commission have responded to one EP question related to Brexit.

- [Consequences of Brexit for all British and Belgian EU officials.](#)
- [Brexit: EP to keep fighting to fully protect rights of EU-UK citizens.](#)

In a hearing on Thursday, MEPs of the Civil Liberties, Employment and Petitions committees underlined that they will continue fighting to ensure that both EU nationals living in the UK and British citizens in other member states will enjoy their full set of rights throughout their lifetime. Among the elements still pending, they pointed to the status of future partners, the situation during the transitional period, additional clarity on the administrative procedure to follow to gain residence, the implementation of the right to free movement after Brexit is completed and fully exercising political rights (such as to voting and to be elected for office).

### European Commission:

- [Brexit – Notice to stakeholders withdrawal of the UK and EU Food Law.](#)

In view of the considerable uncertainties, in particular concerning the content of a possible withdrawal agreement, food business operators are reminded of legal repercussions, which need to be considered when the United Kingdom becomes a third country. Subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement, as of the withdrawal date, EU food law<sup>4</sup> no longer applies to the United Kingdom. The legal consequences are presented in this document from EU food law with regard to food placed on the EU-27 market<sup>5</sup> as from the withdrawal date and coming from a third country (i.e. imported).

- [Brexit: Barnier and Davis meet in London.](#) Source The Parliament Magazine.

This meeting will be focused on the post-Brexit transitional arrangements. Potential sticking points include citizens' rights, with the UK insisting EU nationals arriving during this time should not have the same rights as those who arrived before Brexit day. PM Theresa May is also expected to take part in the talks in London.

### European Council:

- [Brexit: Council \(Article 50\) adopts negotiating directives on the transition period.](#) Source EU Council.

EU27 ministers adopted a new set of negotiating directives for the Brexit negotiations, which will in particular give details on the EU27 position on the transition period. The proposed end date for the transition period in the negotiating directives is **31 December 2020**.

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## MORE INFORMATION

- [Brexit: devolved legislature business.](#) Source UK Parliament.

This document records business directly and explicitly concerned with the process of the UK exiting the EU and its consequences. Debates, etc. that include the implications/consequences of Brexit in their discussions of a policy area, but are not primarily about Brexit, are not included.

- [Brexit & Ireland: The Dangers, the Opportunities, and the Inside Story of the Irish Response' by Tony Connelly](#). Source European Council.

The author of this new publication draws particular attention to the economic impact that Ireland could face following the UK's departure from the EU.

- [CBI calls for greater clarity and urgency on Brexit trade and on transition](#). Source CBI.
- [Britain is drowning trying to land trade deals](#). Source CER.
- [Trade Policy: the issues for Wales](#). Source Welsh Government.
- [Brexit borders' negotiations, Gibraltar and Spanish and British politics on sovereignty](#). Source Center for Brexit Studies.
- [Key dates in Brexit process](#). Source Reuters.

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## EVENTS:

- [Brexit Ambition Roundtable February 2018](#). 6 February. Brussels.
- [The Implications of Brexit for Migrant Workers: What to watch out for](#). 13 February. Belfast.
- [Brexit hearing - Impact on Maritime transport. EP](#) Committee on Transport and Tourism 26 February.