

Brussels Weekly Update: BREXIT – 26/02/2018

EU INSTITUTIONS

European Parliament:

- [Brexit - Resolution on the framework of the future EU-UK relationship](#)

During the Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) Committee meeting on 27th February, there will be an exchange of views on the progress of Brexit negotiations and the challenges ahead, with Guy Verhofstadt, Parliament's coordinator for the negotiations on the UK withdrawal from the EU, and Danuta Hübner, AFCO Chair and member of Parliament's Brexit Steering Group. In particular the Committee will discuss the preparation of an EP resolution on the framework of the future EU-UK relationship.

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European Commission:

- [Transitional Arrangements in the Withdrawal Agreement.](#)

The European Commission published a draft text of the transitional arrangements to be included in the Article 50 Withdrawal Agreement, following the United Kingdom's request to remain in the Single Market and the Customs Union for a short time-limited period after its withdrawal from the European Union on 30 March 2019.

European Council:

- [Indicative Programme - General Affairs and General Affairs \(Art. 50\) Council meeting, Brussels 27 February 2018.](#)

MORE INFORMATION

- [Draft Text for Discussion: Implementation Period](#) . Source Gov.UK.

This document sets out the United Kingdom's approach to the legal text of the implementation period to be provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement.

- [Changes to EU Withdrawal Bill to be discussed at Joint Ministerial Committee meeting.](#) Source Gov.UK.

Proposed changes to Clause 11 of the EU Withdrawal Bill have been shared with devolved administrations ahead of a Joint Ministerial Committee meeting. The UK Government believes that as a result of such changes the majority of powers will automatically flow from the EU to the devolved administrations.

- [Future UK fisheries policy.](#) Source UK Parliament.

This pack has been prepared ahead of the debate to be held in Westminster Hall on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 2.30pm on future UK fisheries policy. The debate will be opened by Scott Mann MP.

- [Brexit: who has said what about transition](#) Source UK Parliament.

This paper outlines what the actors on the EU and UK sides have been saying about the scope of and

conditions for a transition period, in which the UK will no longer be an EU Member State but will apply and adhere to the EU acquis as if it were a Member State.

- [Brexit: Council Directives for Negotiations on Transition](#). UK House of Commons Library

This briefing paper looks at the January 2018 negotiating directives drawn up by the Council of Ministers, in light of the guidelines established by the European Council in December 2017. Their content sheds light on any 'red lines' the EU might have in place for Phase 2 of the negotiations with the UK regarding withdrawal from the European Union.

- [UK could opt to apply same trade tariffs as EU after Brexit: EU lawmaker](#). Source Reuters.
- [Seafood industry's workforce exposure to hard Brexit 'worse than earlier thought'](#). Source Humberbusiness.com.

On the occasion of an event organised and co-ordinated by the Grimsby Institute and Seafish in association with key stakeholders in the Humber area and around the UK, the potential impact of a hard Brexit was analysed with a special focus on the restrictions on working and movement freedoms. How recruiting domestically will become vital to retain the processing sector built on the town's fishing legacy.

Events:

- [Brexit hearing - Impact on Maritime transport](#). EP Committee on Transport and Tourism 26 February.
- [The Parliamentary Scrutiny of Brexit: Perspectives from Europe and the UK](#). 8-9 March. Maastricht.
- [Brexit at the halfway point: What can third country investors expect?](#). 20 March. Brussels.
- [Brexit: It's Consequences for Whitehall & Westminster - Briefing Paper & Video](#). 21 March. London.