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## Introduction

This paper provides an update on the most recent developments on Brexit of relevance to Wales. It includes sections on the work of the Assembly and Welsh Government; EU; UK; and Scotland and Ireland. The period covered is 4 July – 12 September 2018, although reference is made to later events where information is available at time of final drafting.

# Developments in Wales

## National Assembly for Wales

### External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

*The External Affairs and Additional Legislation (EAAL) Committee is the lead Committee in the Assembly for co-ordinating the Brexit-related activities of Committees.*

The EAAL Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into **Wales' Future Relationship with the EU and the World- Part two** and an inquiry into **EU law in Wales: What happens during the Brexit Transition?**

The most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 9 July: The Committee heard evidence on Wales' future relationship with Europe – part two: from Councillor Sir Albert Bore, leader of the UK Delegation to the Committee of the Regions; and Tom Jones, member of the European Economic and Social Committee. **Transcript**.
- 16 July: The Committee heard evidence on Wales' future relationship with Europe – part two: from Dr Rachel Minto and Dr Christopher Huggins. The Committee then heard evidence on European law and the Brexit transition from Professor Piet Eeckhout. **Transcript**.

On 9 July EAAL considered correspondence from:

- **Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, regarding the Welsh Government's policy paper on regional investment after Brexit.**
- **Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee regarding Section 16 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act.**

On 16 July EAAL considered correspondence from:

- **George Hollingbery MP, Minister of State for Trade Policy regarding amendments to the Trade Bill.**

### Other

3 July: Plenary Statement by the Counsel General: **Supreme Court Reference: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.**

3 July: Plenary Debate: **Brexit and the Fishing Industry**.

4 July: Short Plenary Debate: **Tackling child poverty in Wales: The meaning of statistics in practice; the role of the Welsh Government; and the impact of Brexit on the child poverty agenda**.

17 July: Plenary Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance: **Update on European Transition**.

18 July: **Wales Governance Centre briefing in the Senedd: Wales and Brexit: Two Years from the Referendum**.

The Research Service's own blogs are published on **In Brief**. The latest Brexit blogs are **A summary of the UK Government's White Paper proposals for the UK's future relationship with the EU; Legislating for the Withdrawal Agreement Between the UK and the EU; UK Government publishes its guidance on how to prepare for a 'no deal' Brexit; A summary of the UK Government's White Paper proposals for the UK's future relationship with the EU;** and **The role of devolved Governments' in the UK's negotiations with the EU**.

The Finance Committee has launched an inquiry into **preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales**. Consultation responses can be viewed on the **Committee's webpages**.

The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee is carrying out an inquiry into common UK frameworks required in the absence of EU law when we leave the EU - **UK common frameworks on agriculture and environment**. The Committee has also responded to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs consultation on '**Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit**'. The Committee has launched an inquiry into the **Impacts of Brexit on Fisheries in Wales**, and it has **published the written evidence that it has received**. The Committee published its report **Environmental governance arrangements and environmental principles post-Brexit** on 27 June.

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is carrying **out an inquiry** into the **Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education**. The Committee took evidence on 12 July (**transcript**) and 18 July (**transcript**)

The Constitution and Legislative Affairs Committee publish reports on Subordinate Legislation relating to the UK's exit from the EU. They can be found on the

**Committee's webpages.** The Committee is also undertaking an inquiry into **The Powers in the EU (Withdrawal) Bill to make subordinate legislation - operational matters** and is expected to report shortly. The Committee has started an inquiry **Powers in the Trade Bill to make subordinate legislation.**

## Welsh Government

3 July: Oral Statement - **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.**

5 July: **Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Scottish Brexit Minister raise concerns with UK government over their Brexit White Paper.**

6 July: **£2.3m EU funding to boost financial services and data science talent pool.**

12 July: **New members of Brexit advisory group announced.**

12 July: **Kirsty Williams announces £3.5m for promoting Welsh universities in a post-Brexit world.**

16 July: **First Minister calls for flexibility from EU27 to avoid 'catastrophic no deal'.**

16 July: **"The rights of EU citizens in Wales must be protected" - Finance Secretary tells Senator Cadic** - Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford welcomed Olivier Cadic, the Senator for French citizens living abroad, to Wales.

17 July: **Brexit means it is time to come up with a new way of funding the nations of the UK – Mark Drakeford.**

19 July: **£7.3m EU-backed package to boost Wales' food sector.**

23 July: **Future support for farmers post-Brexit to be talk of the Show.**

30 July: **Preparing the social care sector in Wales for Brexit.**

1 August: **Welsh companies need full Single Market access.**

6 August: **Green light for £3.5 million EU-backed low carbon energy storage initiative.**

8 August: **Cabinet Secretary for Finance visits Eisteddfod to talk about the impact of Brexit and funding challenges for public services.**

13 August: **Bangor University secures further EU funding for new research hub.**

21 August: **EU funds boost for new Bridgend business development.**

23 August: **First Minister responds to UK Government's 'no deal' plans** saying 'No deal' is not an option and the UK Government's bluff is fooling no-one.

28 August: **Finance Secretary announces extra £17m EU funds to help young people in South East Wales unlock their career potential.**

6 September: **Lesley Griffiths writes open letter to all Welsh farmers on why reform of the Basic Payment Scheme is vital.**

11 September: **£10.3 million EU funding boost for Welsh Marine technology sector.**

## News

3 July: Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) **issues UK policy framework discussion document.**

7 July: **CLA reaction to Cabinet discussions on UK/EU Trade.**

9 July: **NFU Cymru welcomes Welsh Affairs Committee report.**

9 July: **House of Commons Welsh Affairs Select Committee report on Welsh agriculture post-Brexit, cautiously welcomed** (FUW).

10 July: **NFU Cymru urges Welsh farmers to make their voice heard in Welsh Government consultation.**

12 July: **UK farming unions respond to Government Brexit white paper** (NFU Cymru).

12 July: **CLA responds to food and farming trade proposals in the Brexit White Paper.**

13 July: **FUW seminar to discuss Brexit and what it holds for the future of agriculture.**

23 July: **Members enjoy constructive discussion with Cabinet Secretary at Royal Welsh Show.**

23 July: **First Minister speaks at packed NFU Cymru Brexit seminar.**

25 July: **FUW seeks next steps on funding assurances from Secretaries of State.**

25 July: **Need for contingency planning stressed by FUW in meeting with Cabinet Secretary.**

25 July: **NFU Cymru welcomes comments from SoS Gove but more clarity is needed.**

26 July: **FUW tells Prime Minister Article 50 period extension must be sought if hard Brexit looks likely.**

26 July: **NFU Cymru President meets with Prime Minister at Royal Welsh Show.**

1 August: Wales Audit Office: **Managing the impact of Brexit on EU Structural Funds.**

3 August: **NFU Cymru Milk board discuss Brexit consultation.**

8 August: **Government Must Come Clean on “No Deal” Brexit.**

17 August: **Livestock sector vulnerable to Brexit ‘No Deal’, says UK farming unions** (NFU Cymru).

17 August: **New poll shows majority believe Brexit will have a negative impact on Wales** (Plaid Cymru press release).

20 August: **Make your voice heard on proposals to phase out farm payments** (FUW).

23 August: **CLA statement on ‘no deal’ Brexit advice for farm businesses.**

23 August: **‘No-deal’ Brexit technical notes offer little comfort for agri sector in Wales** (FUW).

24 August: **Cliff edge Brexit could be catastrophic for Welsh agriculture** (NFU Cymru).

4 September: **NFU analysis: Technical notices - planning for a no-deal Brexit.**

4 September: **CLA President calls on European farmers to lobby for agri-food trade deal.**

6 September: **NFU Cymru and CBI Wales unite over Brexit stance.**

7 September: **'No-deal' and the WTO** (NFU Cymru).

12 September: **CLA reaction to Agriculture Bill.**

## EU Developments

### European Council

3 July: **Report by President Donald Tusk to the European Parliament on June European Council meetings.**

10 July: **Joint declaration on EU-NATO cooperation. Remarks by President Donald Tusk on EU-NATO cooperation.**

11 July: **EU budget for 2019: Council agrees its position.**

17 July: **Joint statement of the 25th EU-Japan summit.**

25 July: **Striving for unity:** The European Council, May 2016 to June 2018, **report by President Donald Tusk.**

4 September: **2019 EU budget: Council adopts its position.**

6 September: **Multilateral cooperation and managing Brexit among Tusk's priorities for this autumn.**

### European Commission

The Commission has published 66 '**Brexit preparedness notes**' on the legal and practical implications of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union - subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement.

3 July: **Speech by President Juncker at the European Parliament on the conclusions of the European Council meeting of 28 and 29 June 2018.**

10 July: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the European American Chamber of Commerce.**

12 July: **Summer 2018 Interim Economic Forecast: Resilient Growth amid increased uncertainty** – Document: **Summer 2018 Interim Economic Forecast.**

12 July: **Member States' compliance with EU law: the situation improves but still work to be done** – Report: **2017 Commission report on monitoring the application of EU law.**

16 July: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 16-19 July 2018.**

17 July: **The European Union and Japan agreed to create the world's largest area of safe data flows.** The EU and Japan successfully concluded today their talks on reciprocal adequacy. They agreed to recognise each other's data protection systems as 'equivalent', which will allow data to flow safely between the EU and Japan.

17 July: **EU-Japan Summit: a landmark moment for trade and cooperation** - leaders signed two landmark agreements, the Strategic Partnership Agreement and the Economic Partnership Agreement.

18 July: **Juncker Plan exceeds original €315 billion investment target.**

18 July: **Trade: Commission imposes provisional safeguard measures on imports of steel products.**

18 July: **European Citizens' Initiative: Commission registers initiative on 'Permanent European Union Citizenship'**

19 July: **July infringements package: key decisions** – some for the UK.

19 July: **Press point by Michel Barnier in advance of his meeting with Dominic Raab, UK Secretary of State for Exiting the EU.**

19 July: **Brexit: European Commission publishes Communication on preparing for the UK's withdrawal from the EU - Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019.**

20 July: **Press statement by Michel Barnier following the July 2018 General Affairs Council (Article 50).**

24 July: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 24-26 July 2018.**

25 July: **Joint U.S.-EU Statement following President Juncker's visit to the White House.** Keynote speech **'Transatlantic relations at a crossroads' by President Juncker at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).** Statement by President Jean-Claude Juncker at the **joint press conference in the White House Rose Garden** with Donald Trump, President of the United States.

26 July: **Statement by Michel Barnier at the press conference following his meeting with Dominic Raab,** UK Secretary of State for Exiting the EU.

2 August: **An ambitious partnership with the UK after Brexit.**

13 August: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 16-17 August 2018.**

20 August: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 21-22 August 2018.**

21 August: **Statement by Michel Barnier following his meeting with Dominic Raab**, UK Secretary of State for Exiting the EU.

29 August: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 29-31 August 2018.**

31 August: **Statement by Michel Barnier following his meeting with Dominic Raab.**

5 September: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 5-6 September 2018.**

11 September: Speech by Vice-President Dombrovskis at the **plenary session of the European Parliament on the debate on the Future of Europe** with Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of Greece.

## European Parliament

3 July: **Statement by the Brexit Steering Group on UK paper on EU citizens in the UK.**

3 July: **MEPs assess the results of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU. Austria's EU Presidency: Chancellor Sebastian Kurz aims to "build bridges".**

4 July: **Polish PM chooses to focus on economy, amid questions on rule of law in Poland.**

12 July: **Statement by the Brexit Steering Group on UK government White paper.**

16 July: **UK: Crawley group wins European Citizens' Prize for Refugees Welcome – Crawley.**

27 July: **Brexit: No withdrawal agreement without a "backstop" for the Northern Ireland/Ireland border.**

16 August: **Brexit: MEPs concerned over reported UK registration plans for EU27 citizens.**

10-13 September: **Plenary in Strasbourg.** Agenda includes:

- Debate and vote on The impact of EU cohesion policy on Northern Ireland – Report by Derek Vaughan MEP.
- Debate with the Prime Minister of Greece, Alexis Tsipras, on the Future of Europe.
- State of the Union Statement by the President of the Commission.

11 September: **Northern Ireland: Parliament wants to secure post-Brexit regional funding.**

## News

6 July: **Wheatley secures £185M in landmark - EU deal to build and improve homes** (European Investment Bank).

10 July: First population estimates - **EU population up to nearly 513 million on 1 January 2018** - Increase driven by migration (Eurostat).

12 July: **The General Court confirms the decision by which the Commission approved the aid provided by the UK in favour of the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station** - The General Court accordingly dismisses the action brought by Austria, supported by Luxembourg (European Court of Justice).

17 July: **Smarter, greener, more inclusive? - How is the European Union progressing towards its Europe 2020 targets?** - EU mostly on track. Research & development and poverty alleviation lagging behind - **Report on Eurostat.**

19 July: **Interested but not Engaged: How Europe's Media Cover Brexit** (Reuters Institute).

20 July: **UK-Ireland flights will be grounded without post-Brexit deal** - Irish Aviation Authority confirms that UK and EU carriers will lose connectivity in hard Brexit (Irish Times). The UK's Civil Aviation Authority has a **web page for EU Exit.**

24 July: **Gibraltar: Spain warns UK over 'cliff-edge' Brexit** - Madrid complains that talks with UK over Rock's future are 'not going anywhere' (Guardian).

29 July: **'Prepare for the worst' in case of a no-deal Brexit** - former WTO chief

Pascal Lamy says a no-deal Brexit must mean a border on the island of Ireland (RTÉ).

7 August: Advocate General Szpunar: **the UK's decision to leave the EU should not affect the execution of a European arrest warrant issued by it** - EU law applies as long as the UK is a Member State (Court of Justice of the European Union).

## UK Developments

### UK Government

2 July: **PM Commons statement on June European Council.**

3 July: **PM meeting with Prime Minister Mark Rutte.**

3 July: **Robin Walker: Securing the future of mutual recognition of professional qualifications.**

5 July: **PM meets Chancellor Merkel.**

6 July: **PM words following Chequers.**

9 July: **Prime Minister's meeting with Chancellor Kurz of Austria.**

12 July: **Scotland Secretary updates Scottish business leaders on Brexit.**

13 July: **PM words at Chequers press conference.**

16 July: **PM's speech at Farnborough International Airshow.**

16 July: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, 16-19 July 2018.**

17 July: **The future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union.**

20 July: **Department for International Trade: 2 years on.**

24 July: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, 24 to 26 July 2018.**

24 July: **Government confirms detail on new Bill that will put Withdrawal Agreement into law.**

24 July: **Legislating for the Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union.**

24 July: **Dominic Raab statement on the White Paper on Legislating for the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU.**

24 July: **EU Exit white paper is courageous, bold, and will continue prosperity across Europe.**

26 July: **PM: We will deliver a farming policy which supports agriculture and improves the environment.**

26 July: **Statement following negotiation round Thursday 26 July.**

27-28 July: PM meeting with: **Prime Minister Andrej Babis of the Czech Republic; Chancellor Sebastian Kurz of Austria; Prime Minister Juri Ratas of Estonia.**

30 July: Policy paper - **The future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union. Statement by Secretary of State Dominic Raab.**

30 July update: **UK nationals in the EU: essential information.**

1 August: **Communiqué of the Ministerial Forum held in Cardiff.**

13 August: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, 16 to 17 August 2018.**

16 August: **Positive response from EU needed to secure our continent's shared prosperity** - UK Business Secretary met ministerial counterparts and businesses in Austria and Finland to discuss Chequers white paper and future economic relationships post Brexit.

20 August: Framework for the UK-EU partnership: **Financial Services; Open and Fair Competition.**

20 August: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, 21 to 22 August 2018.**

23 August: **Secretary of State Dominic Raab's speech on no deal planning. UK government's preparations for a no deal scenario. How to prepare if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.**

26 August: **Theresa May to visit South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya for the first time with senior ministers and a wide-ranging trade delegation.**

29 August: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, w/c 27 August 2018.**

4 September: **Dominic Raab gave a statement to Parliament, updating on our progress negotiating a Brexit deal for the UK.**

5 September: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, w/c 3 September 2018.**

12 September: **Landmark Agriculture Bill to deliver a Green Brexit.**

## House of Commons

4 July: **Prime Minister's questions.**

4 July: Statement by Michael Gove and debate on the **White Paper, "Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generations"**.

5 July: Transport questions: **Leaving the EU: Ports.**

9 July: Defence questions: **Leaving the EU: Defence and Military Aerospace Industry.**

9 July: **The Prime Minister led a debate on Leaving the EU.**

10 July: Justice questions: **Leaving the EU: UK Legal System.**

10 July: Debate on **Leaving the EU: Negotiations.**

10 July: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Customs Arrangements.**

11 July: Scotland questions: **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Legislative Consent; Leaving the EU: Fishing; Devolution.**

11 July: **Prime Ministers questions.**

11 July: Debate on **Fishing Industry: Visas for Non-EEA Citizens.**

12 July: Environment, Food and Rural Affairs questions: **Protected Geographical Indications: Export Value; Leaving the EU: UK Fish Exports; Leaving the EU: Agriculture and Fisheries Management; Leaving the EU: Food Quality Standards.**

12 July: Electoral Commission Committee questions: **Referendum rules.**

12 July: Statement and debate on **EU: Future Relationship White Paper.**

16 July: Debate on **Trade policy**.

16 July: Statement and debate on the **NATO summit**.

17 July: Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy questions: **Leaving the EU: Services Sector; Facilitated Customs Arrangement**.

17 July: Urgent question: **Electoral Commission Investigation: Vote Leave**.

17 July: **Trade Bill (Programme) (No. 3)**.

17 July: **Trade Bill** – debate, and passed 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

17 July: Westminster Hall debate: **Non-EEA Visas: Inshore Fishing**.

18 July: Wales questions: **Leaving the EU; Leaving the EU: White Paper**.

18 July: **Prime Ministers questions**.

18 July: **Personal statement by Boris Johnson**.

18 July: Debate on the **Future Relationship Between the UK and the EU**.

19 July: Series of questions on **Exiting the European Union**.

24 July: Health and Social Care questions: **Leaving the EU**.

24 July: Statement and debate on **EU Withdrawal Agreement: Legislation**.

4 September: Debate on **Brexit Negotiations and No Deal Contingency Planning**.

4 September: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Women's Rights**.

5 September: Northern Ireland questions: **Leaving the EU; Leaving the EU: Backstop Proposal**.

5 September: **Prime Ministers questions**.

6 September: Question on **Leaving the EU: Creative Industries**.

6 September: Statement on **Northern Ireland Government**.

6 September: Debate on the Science and Technology Committee's Second Report on **Brexit, science and innovation**.

6 September: Debate on **Global Britain and the International Rules-based Order**.

10 September: Debate on **Legislating for the Withdrawal Agreement**.

10 September: Westminster Hall debate: **Vote Leave Campaign: Electoral Law**.

## Committees

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

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17 July: The impact of Brexit on the processed food and drink sector: **Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report**.

Economic Affairs:

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11 September: **Chancellor of Exchequer questioned**.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

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4 July: **Written evidence from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**.

17 July: **George Eustace questioned on fisheries and seafood trading arrangements. Transcript**.

24 July: Report: **The Government's 25 Year Plan for the Environment**.

5 September: **Evidence session on fisheries with George Eustace. Transcript**.

Environmental Audit:

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24 July: **Committee calls for new Environmental Enforcement and Audit Office** - Report: **The Government's 25 Year Plan for the Environment**.

European Scrutiny:

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3 July: **Minister of State for Trade Policy questioned. Transcript**.

3 July: **Government to decide on participation in new cross-border crime-fighting tool**.

4 July: **Written evidence for the Dispute Resolution and Enforcement in the draft Withdrawal Agreement inquiry. Law Society of England and Wales**;

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**Michael Bowsher, Professor Carl Baudenbacher (former President of the EFTA Court) and Professor Peter Oliver.**

11 July: **Possible post-Brexit barrier to road injury compensation – Documents considered by the Committee on 4 July.**

18 July: **Michael Gove questioned on EU Withdrawal. Transcript.**

18 July: **Cross-border security cooperation highlighted in Committee's weekly report – Documents considered by the Committee on 11 July 2018.**

5 September: **Dominic Raab and Oliver Robbins questioned on EU Withdrawal. Transcript.**

5 September: 37<sup>th</sup> Report: **Documents considered by the Committee.**

Exiting the EU:

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31 May: **Letter from Robin Walker on representation on the Court of Auditors during the transition period, and 'no-deal' spending.**

3 July: **Data Adequacy Decision should be secured from EU as soon as possible** - Report: **The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal: Data.**

11 July: **Future UK-EU relationship examined after European Council summit.**

11 July: Written evidence to the progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal inquiry from **Irish in Britain**; three submissions from **the3million**; **the3million** and **the3million**.

23 July: **Citizens' rights far from a done deal** – Report: **The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal: the rights of UK and EU citizens.**

24 July: **Dominic Raab and Oliver Robbins discuss Government's White Paper. Transcript.**

24 July: The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal – **transcript.**

23 August: **Letter from the Secretary of State, Dominic Raab.**

23 August: **No Deal planning left 'very late in the day'** – Chair.

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3-4 September: **Visit to Brussels and evidence taken from Permanent Secretary in Westminster. Michel Barnier transcript. Philip Rycroft transcript.**

Foreign Affairs:

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4 July: **Global Britain and the 2018 Commonwealth Summit: Government response to the Committee's Seventh Report.**

6 July: **UK support for Western Balkans path to EU membership welcomed – Report: Global Britain and the Western Balkans.**

**FCO Paper: Analysis of UK-Ireland Relationship.**

**Letters from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Embassies, regarding Nord Stream 2.**

17 July: **Former officials consider skills required by the Foreign Office. Transcript.**

20 July: **Committee announces new inquiry on Global Britain and India.**

5 September: **Evidence Session on Global Britain: FCO Skills.**

Health and Social Care:

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6 July: Brexit: medicines, medical devices and substances of human origin: **Government response to the Health and Social Care Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2017-19.**

Home Affairs:

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3 July: **Former Director of Europol questioned on post-Brexit security. Transcript. Written evidence from David Davis.**

3 July: Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry – **written evidence from the Campaign for Science and Engineering.**

10 July: **Home Secretary questioned on post-Brexit policies. Transcript.**

10 July: Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry – written evidence: **British Beer & Pub Association; Association of Dental Groups; Migration Watch UK; Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE; Downs Solicitors; Thomas Shelton.**

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24 July: **Brexit negotiators putting public safety at unnecessary risk** – Report: **UK-EU security cooperation after Brexit: Follow-up report.**

31 July: **Government should build migration consensus and engage in open debate** – Report: **Policy options for future migration from the European Economic Area: Interim report.**

International Trade:

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4 July: **Implications of Irish border arrangements on future trade policy examined** **Transcript.**

4 July: Written evidence for the UK investment policy inquiry – **techUK; Dr Ashley Thomas Lenihan; Institute of Directors.**

4 July: Written evidence for the Trade and the Commonwealth: developing countries inquiry - **ACP/LDC Sugar Industries Group.**

5 July: **UK Trade Remedies Authority: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report.**

11 July: Written evidence for the UK Trade Policy Transparency and Scrutiny inquiry - **Professor Elaine Fahey; UK International Chamber of Commerce.**

11 July: **Committee questions Liam Fox. Transcript.**

16 July: **Joint letter from Chairs of Treasury and International Trade Committees.**

19 July: **Letter from the Secretary of State for International Trade regarding the UK's schedule of goods to the GATT.**

20 July: **Letter from the Secretary of State for International Trade regarding the UK's Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) proposed market access offer.**

4 September: **Minister questioned on trade with developing countries. Transcript.**

7 September: **Impact of UK-EU arrangements on wider UK trade policy inquiry launched.**

10 September: **UK-US trade relations: Government Response published.**

12 September: **UK-EU arrangements on wider trade policy examined.**

Liaison:

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2 July: **Letter to the Prime Minister re clarifications on points made during the last Committee session.**

17 July: **Letter from the Prime Minister to Chair with supplementary evidence re March Session.**

18 July: **The Prime Minister gave evidence. Transcript.**

Northern Ireland:

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4 July: **Secretary of State questioned on the work of Northern Ireland Office. Transcript.**

4 July: **Correspondence from George Eustice relating to the Committee's inquiry into Brexit and Northern Ireland: Fisheries.**

11 July: Written evidence for the Agriculture enquiry by the **Horticulture Forum for Northern Ireland.**

16 July: Evidence Session at Stormont on Brexit and Northern Ireland: Agriculture. **Transcript.**

18 July: Evidence Session with George Eustace on Brexit and Northern Ireland: Agriculture. **Transcript.**

18 July: **Watch interviews with Northern Ireland's fishermen on Brexit.**

18 July: Written evidence for the Agriculture enquiry by **Professor Joseph McMahon.**

24 July: **Correspondence relating to the Committee's inquiry into The land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland.**

Procedure:

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9 July: **MPs set out how Commons committee should scrutinise Brexit legislation** – Report: **Scrutiny of delegated legislation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**.

Public Accounts:

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19 July: **Government ‘must be open’ about Brexit transport challenges** – Report: **National Audit Office: Implementing the UK’s Exit from the European Union: Department for Transport**.

12 September: **Brexit: Time running out for Defra and other departments** – Report: **National Audit Office: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Progress in Implementing EU Exit**.

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31 July: **Clear devolution policy for the Union needed after Brexit to build strong UK relationships** – Report: **Devolution and Exiting the EU: reconciling differences and building strong relationships**.

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30 August: **Letter from Michael Russell MSP: Scotland's Role in the Development of Future UK Trade Arrangements – A Discussion Paper.**

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23 August: **Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Brexit analysis.**

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9 July: **Government must support Welsh agriculture after Brexit** – Report: **Brexit: priorities for Welsh agriculture.**

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16 July: New inquiry: **Submissions wanted on implications of trade arrangements after Brexit for Wales.**

4 September: Written evidence for the Brexit, trade and customs: implications for Wales inquiry: **Pembrokeshire County Council; Port of Milford Haven; Farmers' Union of Wales; Welsh Local Government Association; Freight Transport Association; NFU Cymru.**

4 September: **Secretary of State for Wales questioned. Transcript.**

## **House of Lords**

4 July: Questions on **European Union Referendum.**

4 July: Statement and debate on **Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generations.**

4 July: **Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [HL]** – consideration of Commons amendments.

5 July: Questions on **NHS: Brexit-related Risks.**

9 July: Questions on **Brexit: European Commission Discussions.**

9 July: Questions on **Brexit: Media Hubs.**

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9 July: Statement and debate on **Exiting the EU**.

12 July: Statement and debate on **EU Exit: Future Relationship White Paper**.

16 July Statement and debate on **NATO Brussels Summit 2018**.

17 July: **First Reading of the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Bill**.

17 July: Statement and questions on **Electoral Commission**.

18 July: First Reading of the **Trade Bill**.

19 July: Debate on **Referendums: Parliamentary Democracy**.

19 July: The **Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act** was given Royal Assent.

20 July: Second Reading of the **European Union (Information, etc.) Bill**.

23 July: **Debate on Brexit: Preparations and Negotiations**.

24 July: Questions on **Brexit: Parliamentary Processes**.

24 July: Motion to approve the **Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018** – agreed.

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6 September: Questions on **Brexit: Negotiations**.

10 September: Questions on **UK-EU Future Relationship: Young Voters**.

11 September: Questions on **Brexit: Financial Settlement**.

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24 July: 32<sup>nd</sup> Report - **Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Bill: Government Response.**

12 September: 33<sup>rd</sup> Report – **Trade Bill.**

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17 July: **Michel Barnier discusses Brexit negotiations with EU Committee in Brussels. Transcript.**

24 July: **EU committees ask government about document scrutiny during post-exit transition – Letter from Lord Boswell and Bill Cash.**

25 July: **Multiannual Financial Framework – Committee writes to HM Treasury – Letter.**

9 August: **Government response on UK-EU relations after Brexit.**

29 August: **Dominic Raab questioned on the progress of Brexit negotiations. Transcript.** 5 September: **Letter to Dominic Raab ref Evidence Session follow-up.**

5 September: **Letter to Dominic Raab ref preparations for a no deal scenario.**

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

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20 June: **Letter from George Eustace re post-exit fisheries arrangements.**

4 July: **Committee considers how decisions on food safety risks will be made post-Brexit. Transcript.**

4 July: Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity inquiry, written evidence: **Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquatic Science**; on 11 July: **Environmental Law Implementation Group at the Irish Environmental Network.**

8 July: **Government response to Brexit: food prices and availability.**

11 July: **Nuclear regulator's Brexit preparedness examined. Transcript. Follow up submission.**

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11 July: Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity inquiry - **Environmental Law Implementation Group (ELIG) – Written Evidence**.

18 July: **Therese Coffey fails to reassure Committee on post-Brexit chemical regulation. Transcript**.

18 July: **Outstanding concerns about nuclear regulator’s Brexit preparations raised by committee - Letter to Richard Harrington on post-Brexit nuclear safeguards**.

24 July: **Clarity sought by Committee on post-Brexit food safety decisions – Letter to Steve Brine**.

16 August: **Letter from Richard Harrington MP on post-Brexit Nuclear Safeguards**.

5 September: **Letter to Richard Harrington MP on post-Brexit Nuclear Safeguards**.

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

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16 May **Letter from David Davis on international agreements in the implementation period**.

3 July: **Letter from George Eustice on Geographical Indications**.

5 July: **Committee collects evidence from experts on post-Brexit customs arrangements. Transcript**.

19 July: **DExEU and HM Treasury Ministers and HMRC officials questioned by Committee. Officials’ transcript. Ministers’ transcript**.

24 July: **Government response to Brexit: CSDP missions and operations report**.

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

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19 July: **Post-Brexit relationship with the European Investment Bank examined**.

12 September: **National Infrastructure Commission gives evidence for European Investment Bank inquiry**.

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EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

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4 July: Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty written evidence: **National Crime Agency; Police Service of Northern Ireland.**

11 July: **Lords urge Government and EU to change mindset on Brexit security negotiations** – Report: **Brexit: the proposed UK-EU security treaty.**

18 July: **Experts discuss the UK's Justice and Home Affairs opt-in.**

26 July: **Clarity needed on movement of people in the cultural sector after Brexit** – Report: **Brexit: movement of people in the cultural sector.**

27 July: **Letter to the Minister on freedom of movement in sport.**

10 August: **Sports Minister responds to letter on movement of people post-Brexit.**

5 September: **Claude Moraes MEP gives evidence on the UK's opt-in during transition.**

12 September: **Minister questioned on the Brexit White Paper and UK-EU security post-Brexit.**

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

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28 June: Brexit: start-ups and scale-ups. **Transcript.**

3 July: **Letter to Lord Callanan Minister of State for Exiting the European Union** - Brexit: trade in non-financial services.

5 July: **Minister for Small Business questioned on SMEs and start-ups. Transcript.**

12 July: Evidence session on **What does Brexit mean for UK space sector? Transcript.**

17 July: **Letter from Lord Callanan Minister of State for Exiting the European Union** - Brexit: trade in non-financial services.

20 July: **Future UK-EU transport arrangements examined in new inquiry.**

20 July: **Welsh Government Response** to the Response from the UK Government

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to the House of Lords EU Internal Market Sub-Committee Report on Brexit: Competition and State Aid.

25 July: **Letter to Kelly Tolhurst, Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Corporate Responsibility, on Brexit: SMEs, including start-ups and scale-ups.**

1 August: **Letter from Sam Gyimah, MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation.**

13 September: **How will Brexit affect future UK-EU transport arrangements?**

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

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5 July: **Government Response to: Dispute resolution and enforcement after Brexit.**

17 July: **Committee questions Minister on negotiations for post-Brexit civil justice cooperation. Transcript.**

International Relations:

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4 July: **What does the FCO mean by Global Britain? Transcript.**

11 July: **Are the UK government and military taking emerging technologies seriously? Transcript.**

5 September: **Is Whitehall keeping up with a fast changing world? Transcript.**

12 September: **Former GCHQ Director and former National Security Adviser questioned by Committee.**

Liaison:

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4 July: **Thirteenth Informal Brexit Liaison Group meeting held.**

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- 2 July: **Three quarters of big UK firms downbeat on Brexit in new survey** (CNBC)
- 3 July: **Brexit: time running out for answers to firms' real-world questions - Brexit: the answers businesses need** (British Chambers of Commerce)
- 3 July: **Global derivatives body adds Irish courts as Brexit 'future-proof'** (Reuters)
- 3 July: **Brexit. "Words are not enough" says RHA** (Road Haulage Association)
- 4 July: **Poll: UK business rejects Brexiteer customs plan** (Politico)
- 5 July: **There will be food supply issues in the event of a cliff edge Brexit** (British Retail Consortium)
- 5 July: **Bank of England governor Mark Carney upbeat on UK growth** (BBC)
- 8 July: **Hard Brexit could force Dutch electronics firm Philips to quit UK** (Guardian)
- 10 July: **British aviation regulator steps up planning for disorderly Brexit** (Reuters)
- 10 July: **Report of the Independent Commission on Referendums** (University College London)
- 12 July: **Brexit services plan will speed up relocation, says Lloyd's boss** (BBC)
- 12 July: **Brexit: The curse of the Caribbean** - The British overseas territory Anguilla is against Brexit. Residents, who could not vote in the referendum, fear they will be hit hard by trade barriers to neighboring EU territories. Now, the Caribbean island is considering leaving the UK (Deutsche Welle)
- 16 July: **Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: July 2018** (ONS)
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17 July: **Fiscal sustainability report** (Office for Budget Responsibility)

17 July: **AstraZeneca to stockpile drugs for Brexit** (BBC)

17 July: **Britain's biggest dairy company warns of "dairy dilemma" of impossible choices post-Brexit** (Arla Foods)

17 July: **Brexit White Paper doesn't go far enough says RHA** (Road Haulage Association)

21 July: **Top Japanese official issues ominous warning to Theresa May's Government, saying 'no-deal' Brexit would be 'impossible for us to accept'** (This is Money)

24 July: **Brexit: What happens if UK leaves the EU with no deal?** (Independent)

24 July: **No-deal Brexit will make it 'illegal' to pay pensions to retired British expats living in EU, MPs told** (Independent)

24 July: **The UK's First International Trade Negotiation – Agriculture at the WTO** - Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQs) and Brexit (European Centre for International Political Economy)

24 July: **Brexit: Michael Gove believes tariff-free [with the EU] food trade 'likely'** (BBC)

24 July: **United Kingdom submits draft schedule to the WTO outlining post-Brexit goods commitments** (World Trade Organisation)

27 July: **Haulage Permits legislation is no contingency if we get a no-deal Brexit** (Road Haulage Association)

28 July: **Shipping chief predicts three years of no-deal Brexit chaos** (The Scotsman)

29 July: **Now America's top firms warn investors over Brexit: Panic crosses the Atlantic as firms including Ford, Nike and FedEx speak out** (This is Money)

29 July: **Brexit and the UK haulage industry – no deal, no jobs, no food** (Road Haulage Association)

30 July: **Brexit: Deutsche Bank moves half of euro clearing business from London to Frankfurt** (Independent)

31 July: **No deal Brexit is not an option, Britain's car industry warns** (Reuters)

31 July: **Government's 'no deal' Brexit plans lost on M20 motorway** (Sky News)

31 July: **Revealed: Britain's food manufacturing chief calls for crisis meeting with government over Brexit** (Independent)

31 July: **Take a prescription drug? Here's how Brexit could put you at risk** - Ash Soni, president of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, in the Guardian.

1 August: **Drug makers Sanofi and Novartis stockpiling for Brexit** (BBC)

1 August: Exclusive: **Councils prep for Brexit social unrest** (Sky News) – check for later edition.

3 August: **Carney: No-deal Brexit risk 'uncomfortably high'** (BBC)

2 September: **Britain loses medicines contracts as EU body anticipates Brexit** - European Medicines Agency ends pharma evaluations work and moves contracts to bloc (Guardian)

5 September: **I survived the Warsaw ghetto. Here are the lessons I'd like to pass on** – (Stanisław Aronson in the Guardian)

6 September: **Brexit negotiators risk 'sleepwalking into crisis' – Ivan Rogers** - Former UK ambassador to the EU uses speech in Dublin to urge leaders to move past technocratic approach to Brexit talks (Guardian)

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### Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **5 July; 26 July.**

11 July – 4 September: Scottish Parliament Information Centre: **The future for fish – issues in the UK White Paper Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generations; Preparing for a no-deal Brexit; Preparing for a no-deal Brexit: Banking, insurance and other financial services; Preparing for a no-deal Brexit: Agricultural Policy and Funding; Brexit: Citizens’ Rights.**

5 September: The Finance and Constitution Committee **took evidence from the United Kingdom Government on the Trade Bill.** A similar session was held by the **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.**

### Scottish Government

5 July: **EU negotiations - Scottish and Welsh Ministers outline concerns over White Paper.**

5 July: **Scottish position on EU relationship** - Contribution to Brexit White Paper.

7 July: **Protected food names under threat** - Concerns raised on future trade deals.

9 July: **Valuing EU care staff** - Almost 10,000 workers in Scotland face unclear future.

12 July: **Brexit White Paper** - External Affairs Secretary: “UK plans fall short and harm economy.”

15 July: **EU settlement scheme** – Letter to Home Secretary.

25 July: **Call to devolve migration** - Stark figures show impact of Brexit on education workforce.

1 August: **Tory Ministers don’t understand devolution, far less respect it** (Michael Russell in SNP press release)

2 August: **Scottish protected food names under threat.**

6 August: **Protecting rural Scotland from Brexit.**

23 August: **Brexit 'no deal risks'** - Technical Notices published by UK Government.

30 August: **Strengthening Scotland's voice in trade deals.**

## Northern Ireland

The Assembly publishes a [\*\*'Brexit Brief' newsletter and Brexit information\*\*](#).

The Assembly's Research and Information Services has a [\*\*Brexit Hub\*\*](#) with information and links to resources on the subject of Brexit and Northern Ireland.

1 August: [\*\*DAERA seeks views on a future agricultural policy framework for NI\*\*](#).

## UK-Ireland relations

4 July: **European Council: Statements.**

11 July: Question: **likely impact on the economy of Ireland of a no-deal hard Brexit in March 2019.**

11 July: Questions: **European Council meetings.**

11 July: Debate: **Implications of Brexit for Irish Ports.**

12 July: **Northern Ireland and Brexit: Statements.**

4 July: **Statement by the Taoiseach following the European Council.**

18 July: **Cabinet Agrees Brexit Preparedness Measures.**

23 July: **An Taoiseach visiting EU capitals for Brexit talks.**

4 July: **European Council: Statements.**

6 September: **Six EU ambassadors give their thoughts on the state of Ireland and Brexit** (Irish Times)

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**9 July: The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: scrutiny of secondary legislation (Schedule 7).**

**23 July: Brexit Preparations and Negotiations.**

**17 July: The Future Relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union.**

**24 July: UK adoption of EU external agreements after Brexit.**

**31 July: The status of “retained EU Law”.**

**10 September: What if there’s no Brexit deal?**

**7 September: Legislating for the withdrawal agreement.**

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**Where the UK’s Brexit plan (and Customs Bill) leave Northern Ireland.**

**Post-Brexit trade with the US – Donald Trump was right when he said a deal would be tricky.**

**Why Brexit is really about competing visions of capitalism.**

**Brexit: austerity tipped balance towards Leave, new study suggests.**

**Brexit: champagne, parmesan, prosecco and feta could soon be at the centre of negotiations.**

**Brexit: yes, constituencies have moved to Remain, and here’s why that could matter.**

**No deal? Seven reasons why a WTO-only Brexit would be bad for Britain.**

**Was Brexit really caused by austerity? Here’s why we’re not convinced.**

**No-deal Brexit: experts on what the UK government’s advice means.**

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**What kind of Brexit do voters want?**

**Government's fisheries white paper: what it does and doesn't say.**

**NATO, the UK and post-Brexit security cooperation.**

**Austerity may be at the heart of Brexit.**

**Remember this: Brexit is not Germany's priority.**

**Chemical safety: the one thing most people can agree on when it comes to Brexit.**

**The Brexit negotiations aren't about winning, but about solving a problem.**

**Flags on food? why the fuss?**

**Brexit: David Cameron did even more damage than you think.**

**How Leavers and Remainers view the economy through a Brexit lens.**

**The government's technical notices finally spell out the calamity of a no-deal Brexit.**

**We must do all we can to ensure a no deal Brexit doesn't materialise - No deal Brexit will be overwhelmingly negative for the UK, new academic report finds.**

**Poverty after Brexit: no dividend for those on low incomes.**

**Dublin's diplomatic dilemma in a no deal Brexit.**

**What a no deal Brexit would mean for EU citizens here, and Brits in Europe.**

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**Long read: how to deploy the emergency brake to manage migration.**

**The Prime Minister's Brexit deal will face its biggest test in Parliament – here are some tools for her (and her opponents)**

**LSE Continental Breakfast 10: Brexit and multilateralism.**

**Playing with fire: Brexit and the decay of the Good Friday Agreement.**

**British influence in Brussels had been far greater than recognised.**

**Brexit's institutional irony: how the EU has successfully outflanked the UK.**

**British, European or an Anglophone citizen of the world? How Britons identify themselves.**

**Austria's EU presidency: Brexit will be on the sidelines.**

**How Europe's deteriorating peace is facilitating the rise of populism.**

**A global trade war is one more reason for the UK to prioritise its future relationship with the EU.**

**Can Brexit defy gravity? It is still much cheaper to trade with neighbouring countries.**

**Continental Breakfast 11: fragile politics and trading relationships.**

**Cultural backlash: the generational gap over Brexit is driven by authoritarian and populist values.**

**No deal, no trucks? What a no-deal Brexit will mean for road transport.**

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**The future relationship between the UK and the EU** (Cardiff Brexit Blogs)

**Post-Brexit farming model** (Cardiff Brexit Blogs)

**Brexit and the territorial constitution: déjà vu all over again?** (Cardiff Brexit Blogs)

**A more 'informed' public? The impact of the Brexit debate** (John Curtice in National Centre for Social Research)

**Will Brexit change the UK constitution?** (Hansard Society)

**Position paper on the Horizon Europe proposals** (Russell Group)

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**A Brexit deal is still not achieved** (Breugel)

**Europe should avoid a no-deal Brexit** (Breugel)

**How is the government planning to mitigate 'no deal' disruption** (Open Europe)

**The view from Brussels: How are the EU27 preparing for a 'No Deal' Brexit?** (Open Europe)

**13 July: The EU-UK withdrawal agreement: Progress to date and remaining difficulties.** (European Parliament)