Brexit - UK’s withdrawal from the EU

The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union on 31 January 2020. On June 23 2016 the United Kingdom held a referendum on whether the UK should remain in the European Union (a.k.a. Brexit). On 29 March 2017 the UK notified the European Council of its intention to leave the EU, thus formally triggering Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.

Below, you'll find a non-exhaustive list of documents related to UK’s planned withdrawal from the EU, documents related to the UK and its position in the EU as well as a list of useful links on the subject.

If you’d like to propose a document (contained in EUR-Lex) or a link to be added to this list for easy access, let us know.

Documents on EUR-Lex

Official Journal of the European Union, L 029, 31 January 2020:

- Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community
- Declaration by the European Union made in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 185 of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community
- Notice concerning the entry into force of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community

Official Journal of the European Union, C 034, 31 January 2020:

- Political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom
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European Council Decision (EU) 2019/584 taken in agreement with the United Kingdom of 11 April 2019 extending the period under Article 50(3) TEU

European Council Decision (EU) 2019/476 taken in agreement with the United Kingdom of 22 March 2019 extending the period under Article 50(3)TEU

Political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom

Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community


Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2031 of 19 December 2018 determining, for a limited period of time, that the regulatory framework applicable to central counterparties in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is equivalent, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2030 of 19 December 2018 determining, for a limited period of time, that the regulatory framework applicable to central securities depositories of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is equivalent in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community - COM/2018/833 final


- COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (ARTICLE 50) on the state of progress of the negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union - COM/2017/0784 final

- Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION supplementing the Council Decision of 22 May 2017 authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for an agreement setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union - COM/2017/0830 final

- COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/900 of 22 May 2017 concerning the establishment of the ad hoc Working Party on Article 50 TEU chaired by the General Secretariat of the Council

- Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union - COM/2017/0218 final

- Resolution of the European Committee of the Regions on the implications for local and regional government of the United Kingdom’s intention to withdraw from the European Union

Summaries of EU legislation

- Article 50 negotiations with the UK

Related sites

- The Article 50 notification letter, 29/03/2017 (Brexit letter in full)
- Council - Brexit page (timeline)
- European Parliament - News - Brexit
- Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom (European Commission)
- Brexit - Publications - Publications Office of the European Union

Glossary terms of the Summaries of EU Legislation

- Withdrawal clause
- Treaties

EU documents related to the UK and its position in the EU
- Treaty of Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (1972)
- Treaties currently in force
- Consolidated version (2012) of the Treaty on European Union - Article 50 (withdrawal from the Union)
- Treaty establishing the European Community (consolidated version) - D. Protocols annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community - Protocol (No 25) on certain provisions relating to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1992) (Economic and Monetary Union)
- Protocol integrating the Schengen acquis into the framework of the European Union (Schengen agreement on border controls)
- Protocol (No 21) On the Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland In Respect Of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
- Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union PROTOCOL (No 36) ON TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS (police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters)
- Protocol 30 ON THE APPLICATION OF THE CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO POLAND AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM
- TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION Art 48 (4) and 48 (6) (amending the treaties)
- Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded - Protocol No 3 on the sovereign base areas of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Cyprus

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