

Brexit update

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Research Briefing:

1. 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 31 May – 14 June, although reference is made to later events where information is available at time of final drafting.

2. 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 most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee inquiry were:

- 5 June: The Committee met in private to consider its draft reports on regional policy in Wales and the Great Repeal Bill.
- 12 June: The Committee began work on its inquiry into the implications on Brexit for Welsh Ports. It took evidence from academic experts, port authorities and groups and freight and haulage groups. A rapporteur group from the Committee will be visiting Dublin to meet with Irish Government Ministers and Irish stakeholders on 19 June.

16 June: The Committee published its report on its Inquiry into the Great Repeal Bill and its implications for Wales.

Regular updates on the work of the EAAL Committee are posted on the Assembly Blog: <https://assemblyblog.wales/tag/european-union/>.

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [In Brief](#). The latest Brexit blogs are [Estimating the timeline for Brexit Legislation](#), [“The Great Repeal Bill”: What will it mean?](#), and [Brexit: What would trading under “WTO terms” mean for the Welsh economy?](#).

Other

The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee is drafting its report on an inquiry into [Marine Protected Areas in Wales](#), and has published its report into the [Future of Agricultural and Rural Development Policies in Wales](#).

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is carrying out an inquiry: [What will human rights in Wales look like after Brexit?](#)

'The implications of Brexit for the medical workforce' is explicitly included in the terms of reference for the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's current inquiry on [medical recruitment](#).

7 June: Plenary debate: [The Agriculture Industry and Brexit](#).

7 June: Plenary debate: [The Economy and Brexit](#).

14 June: Plenary short debate: [Wales in the World – developing Wales' international links](#).

21 June: Plenary debate on the future UK immigration system.

News

4 June: ['If agriculture fails, so will our rural communities', FUW warns](#).

6 June: [Traditional Welsh Perry & Cider toast protected status success](#) (Welsh Government)

7 June: [Time for Unity in the Wake of the General Election](#) (Tenant Farmers Association)

7 June: [NFU Cymru lays out vision for trade post-Brexit](#).

8 June: [Access to migrant workers vital to more than half of rural businesses](#) (CLA)

9 June: [CLA reaction to the 2017 General Election result](#).

9 June: [NFU Cymru response to General Election result](#).

9 June: [Key role of trade must not be lost in election result fallout](#) (FUW)

11 June: [Airbus may look beyond UK unless Brexit demands met](#) (Reuters report from Sunday Times)

12 June: [Politics Must Give Way to Statesmanship to Secure Successful Brexit](#) (Tenant Farmers Association)

12 June: [Preparing for Brexit top issue for 4,000 farmers at roadshow events](#) (Welsh Government)

13 June: First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones, wrote to the Prime Minister calling on her to put the UK economy above political self-interest and [reconsider plans for a 'hard Brexit'](#) (Welsh Government)

15 June: The Welsh Government published the first in a series of papers, [Brexit and Devolution](#), leading on from [Securing Wales' Future](#).

3. EU developments

European Council

22–23 June: [European Council](#). The Council will discuss migration, security and defence, jobs, growth and competitiveness, and (without the UK) Brexit.

European Commission

31 May: [Commission sets out possible ways forward for the deepening of Europe's Economic and Monetary Union](#).

31 May: [Vice-President Dombrovskis on the deepening of the economic and monetary union](#).

4 June: [London Attacks](#): Statement by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

7 June: [The new European Consensus on Development](#) – EU and Member States sign joint strategy to eradicate poverty.

7 June: [A Europe that defends](#): Commission opens debate on moving towards a security and defence union.

12 June: Position paper transmitted to the UK: [Essential principles on the financial settlement](#).

12 June: Position paper transmitted to the UK: [Essential principles on citizens' rights](#).

13 June: [Commission proposes more robust supervision of central counterparties](#). “the foreseen withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU will have a significant impact on the regulation and supervision of clearing in Europe”. [Brussels makes euro clearing a Brexit battleground](#) (Politico report on the proposal)

14 June: [Speech by President Juncker at the European Parliament](#) on the preparation of the European Council of 22 and 23 June 2017.

European Parliament

31 May: [Minute's silence for terror victims in Manchester, Egypt, Baghdad and Kabul](#).

31 May: [MEPs react to the road transport “mobility package” proposals](#).

1 June: [EP President Tajani: “the Paris agreement is alive and we will take it forward”](#).

12 June: [Minute's silence for terror victims in London and Teheran](#).

13 June: [The future of cohesion policy post-2020](#).

14 June: [MEPs lay out their input for the upcoming European Council](#).

European News

9 June: Commission President Juncker answered questions about the UK election and Brexit in an interview "[Europeans 'Must Learn World Affairs'](#)" – Spiegel Online (in English)

9 June: [European Council president Tusk warns of 'no deal' if Brexit negotiations are delayed](#) (Financial Times)

13 June: [Michel Barnier warns UK it faces cliff-edge 'no deal' Brexit "I can't negotiate with myself"](#) (Sky)

14 June: [EU tells UK its door still 'open'](#) (EU Observer)

4. UK developments

UK Government

1 June: [PM call with US President.](#)

4 June: [PM statement following London terror attack.](#)

9 June: [Prime Minister's statement: General election 2017.](#)

9 June: Prime Minister Theresa May spoke with [French President Macron and US President Trump.](#)

10 June: Prime Minister's calls with [Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand.](#)

10 June: Prime Minister Theresa May spoke with [German Chancellor Merkel](#) following the general election results.

11 June: Prime Minister Theresa May spoke with [Taoiseach Enda Kenny.](#)

11 June: [The full list of Cabinet appointments following the general election 2017.](#)

13 June: [Prime Minister's press conference with President of France Emmanuel Macron.](#)

14 June: Prime Minister Theresa May made some [further ministerial appointments](#) following the general election 2017. Former Assembly Member the Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth joins the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Northern Ireland Office. Former Assembly Member the Rt Hon David Jones MP has left the government.

14 June: [Westminster committees might not be set up until October](#) (BBC report)

House of Commons

13 June: [John Bercow MP was re-elected as Speaker.](#)

14 June: The House of Commons went to the House of Lords to receive [Royal approbation for its choice of Speaker.](#)

14-15 June: Swearing in of Members of the Commons.

21 June: State Opening of Parliament.

House of Lords

13–14 June: Swearing in of Members of the Lords.

News

7 June: [Uncosted: the Brexit black hole in Corbyn and May's manifestos](#) (politics.co.uk)

8 June: [Brexit, the environment and devolution](#) (Welsh Brexit blogs)

9 June: [The youth vote in GE17: information v interaction](#) (Welsh Brexit blogs)

12 June: [EU nurses' applications to work in UK down 96% since Brexit vote](#) (Sky)

12 June: [Hung parliament causes plunge in business confidence](#), but little appetite for another election (Institute of Directors survey)

12 June: New survey shows [businesses are totally unprepared for a new era of lower migration](#) (Resolution Foundation)

12 June: [Brexit negotiations require a new mindset](#) (CBI)

13 June: [Industry calls for Brexit Strategy re-think](#) with access to single market and customs union on the table (EEF)

5. Scotland

4 June: [Statement on London terror attack](#).

12 June: [Brexit threat to disability rights](#).

6. Northern Ireland

The Assembly has published [EU Matters: BREXIT Negotiation Focus](#), which includes a summary of the UK government, European Council and European Parliament negotiating positions.

7. UK–Ireland relations

4 June: [Taoiseach on London terror attacks](#).

11 June: [Taoiseach Discusses Outcome of UK General Election with PM May](#).

13 June: [Resignation of the Taoiseach](#).

8. Reports published

[Cambridge Brexit Report](#) (Wilberforce Society)

[Brexit: Preserving the Rights of EU Citizens in the UK](#) (Migration watch UK)

[Making Brexit Work for British Business](#) (Harvard Kennedy School)

[The \(not so\) Great Repeal Bill, part 1: only uncertainty is certain \(LSE\)](#)

[The \(not so\) Great Repeal Bill, part 2: How Henry VIII clauses undermine Parliament \(LSE\)](#)

[British voters prefer EU to non-EU migrants \(LSE\)](#)