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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 14 March – 11 April 2018, 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 EAAL Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into Wales' Future Relationship with the EU. The Committee launched its Part 1 report on [Wales' Future Relationship with the EU](#) on 27 March in Brussels. Based on the views of a wide range of stakeholders in Wales, the Report sets out the Committee's views on what the UK and Welsh Government should prioritise in the future relationship with the EU. The Committee met with a variety of key stakeholders and organisations during its visit to Brussels including Bruegel, Open Europe, UKREP, the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU, representatives from the Office of the Bremen Government, representatives from Quebec General Delegation to Brussels and Business Europe.

The most recent session of the EAAL Committee was:

– 19 March: The Committee noted a letter from Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales, regarding the EU Withdrawal Bill and common frameworks. The Committee considered its draft report *Wales' future relationship with the European Union*. The Committee considered a draft letter on Equalities and Brexit, and received a briefing on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill. [Transcript](#).

27 March: [Committee says continued market access to the EU is essential for Wales after Brexit](#) – Report: [Wales' future relationship with Europe Part one: a view from Wales](#).

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [In Brief](#). The latest Brexit blogs are [EU \(Withdrawal\) Bill Latest Developments; One year to go: Brexit negotiations reach halfway point; The Trade Bill and Legislative Consent; Will restrictions on neonicotinoids continue after Brexit?](#) and [Assembly debates UK governance after Brexit](#).

Other

12 March: Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee held an evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance on the [Law Derived from the European Union \(Wales\) Bill \(Transcript\)](#) and published its [report on the Bill](#) on 13 March.

The Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee and the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee sent a joint letter to the First Minister making a series of recommendations [on Equalities and Human Rights implications of Brexit](#).

13 March: Debate: **The General Principles of the Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill. Motion to approve the financial resolution in respect of the Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill.**

20 March: Committee of the Whole Assembly: **Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill—Stage 2: Consideration of Amendments.**

21 March: **Debate: Stage 3 of the Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill. Debate: Stage 4 of the Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill** – motion passed.

Welsh Government

14 March: **First Minister Carwyn Jones to meet Prime Minister for talks on EU Withdrawal Bill.**

14 March: Written Statement - **UK Government’s analysis of where they consider EU law to intersect with devolved competence.**

15 March: **Wales secures €90m of EU research funding to drive innovation - Horizon 2020.**

15 March: **Over £1.7m EU funding boost for Holyhead tourism sites.**

19 March: **“Our children are our future – they must have a say on Brexit” – Huw Irranca-Davies.**

19 March: **Written Statement - Meeting of JMC(Plenary), 14 March 2018. Communique. Carwyn Jones and Nicola Sturgeon joint letter to the Lord Speaker. Report of the Joint Ministerial Committee: 2015 – 2018.**

21 March: **New law to protect Welsh devolution passed by Assembly.**

21 March: Written Statement - **Future of agriculture and land management.**

28 March: **We are no clearer on what kind of Brexit the UK government wants – First Minister.**

6 April: **Wales a key partner in pioneering EU funded community energy scheme.**

10 April: **Brexit trade deal must not damage Welsh ports - Ken Skates.**

News

14 March: **CLA urges caution on government approach to cap farm payments.**

15 March: **Spring Statement 2018- Key announcements & Analysis (NFU Cymru)**

21 March: **NFU Cymru welcomes Welsh Government statement on future of agriculture and land management.**

28 March: **UK farming unions set out priorities for next phase of Brexit (NFU Cymru)**

28 March: **We can work with Cabinet Secretary’s vision for Welsh agriculture (TFA Cymru)**

29 March: **Glamorgan beef and sheep farming couple call for clarity on trade and funding post-Brexit (FUW).**

10 April: **Live Exports Ban would be ‘shortsighted’ says FUW.**

3. EU developments

European Council

20 March: Invitation letter by President Donald Tusk to the members of the European Council ahead of their meetings on 22 and 23 March 2018.

21 March: Tripartite social summit. Remarks by President Donald Tusk following the Tripartite Social Summit.

22 March: Remarks by President Donald Tusk on the European Council meeting.

23 March: European Council conclusions.

23 March: European Council (Art. 50) guidelines on the framework for the future EU-UK relationship.

23 March: Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the European Council meetings on 22 and 23 March 2018.

10 April: Speech by President Donald Tusk on receiving lifetime membership of the UCD Law Society in Dublin.

European Commission

The Commission has published 60 '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. The fishery and aquaculture notice says that the Commission has to agree before there is any reciprocal UK-EU27 fishing, and that (without agreement) UK-certification of fish products will no longer be accepted.

13 March: Statement by Michel Barnier at the plenary session of the European Parliament on the Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom.

13 March: Speech by President Juncker at the Plenary Session of the European Parliament on the guidelines on the framework of future EU-UK relations.

13 March: Speech by President Juncker at the Plenary Session of the European Parliament ahead of the European Council meeting of 22 and 23 March 2018.

14 March: Statements by Vice-President Katainen and Commissioner Malmström at the European Parliament plenary debate: US decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminium.

15 March: Schedule of meetings on issues related to Ireland/Northern Ireland. Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 16-19 March.

15 March: Draft Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

19 March: Draft Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community. This text highlights the progress made (coloured version) in the negotiation round with the UK of 16-19 March.

19 March: **Press statement by Michel Barnier following the latest round of Article 50 negotiations.**

20 March: **One market – one Europe.** Joint statement on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the European Single Market.

21 March: **Joint Statement following the Tripartite Social Summit.**

9 April: **Speech by Commissioner Phil Hogan at seminar on “EU-27 perspective on the future EU-UK relationship” at the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU.**

10 April: **Remarks by Michel Barnier at Green 10 in the European Parliament: "Is Brexit a threat to the future of the EU's environment?"**

11 April: **A New Deal for Consumers: Commission strengthens EU consumer rights and enforcement.**

European Parliament

14 March: **US tariffs: “Avoid trade wars and tackle global overcapacity in steel instead” urge MEPs.**

14 March: **We cannot expect more from Europe without giving more to it, says Portuguese PM.**

14 March: **Brexit: EP recommends association agreement for future EU-UK relations.**

14 March: **Funding Europe's future: EU’s post-2020 budget must match policy goals.**

19 March: **Brexit Steering Group reaction to Joint Draft Withdrawal Agreement.**

9 April: **Outcome of the EU leaders’ meetings on 22 and 23 March 2018** (European Parliamentary Research Service blog)

Committee of the Regions

14 March: **Assessing the exposure of EU27 regions and cities to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union**

News

13 March: **London and Brussels warm to Brexit ‘Israel option’** (Politico)

19 March: **Position Paper: Brexit, Brexit: EU auto makers call for urgent action to solve sector-specific issues** (European Automobile Manufacturers Association - ACEA)

22 March: **The European Parliament must in principle grant access, on specific request, to documents relating to ongoing trilogues** (Court of Justice of the European Union)

23 March: **Brexit: A managed surrender; EU leaders show UK the Brexit runway** (Politico)

28 March: Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism Survey: **European media 'unconcerned' about Brexit – survey** (RTE), **British ‘exceptionalism’ drove Brexit, but EU media aren’t buying it** (Politico)

10 April: **Valéry Giscard d’Estaing: Toward a smaller Europe** (Politico)

11 April: **Brexit: ‘most difficult part is still to come’, warns Barnier** (Euractiv)

11 April: [Reconciling different perspectives \(Open Europe\)](#)

4. UK developments

UK Government

14 March: [PM to meet ministers from devolved nations at Joint Ministerial Committee. Joint Ministerial Committee communiqué. PM meeting with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. PM meeting with First Minister Carwyn Jones.](#)

14 March – 10 April. PM meeting or phone call with: [Prime Minister Xavier Bettel of Luxembourg; Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; President Macron; Prime Minister Gentiloni of Italy; Prime Minister Morawiecki of Poland; PM trilateral with President Macron and Chancellor Merkel; President Trump; Chancellor Merkel; President Trump and President Macron; Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa.](#)

15 March: [PM hosts Business Advisory Council meeting.](#)

14 March - 18 April: [Schedule of meetings on issues related to Ireland/Northern Ireland.](#)

16 to 19 March: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels. [Programme. Draft Withdrawal Agreement. David Davis' statement: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels.](#)

19 March: [Prime Minister's letter to Donald Tusk.](#)

23 March: [A letter from Prime Minister Theresa May to UK businesses following the EU Council meeting on 22-23 March 2018.](#)

23 March: Update of [UK nationals in the EU: Essential Information.](#)

26 March: [PM Commons statement on European Council.](#)

29 March: [Prime Minister vows to deliver a Brexit that unites the UK. Scottish cashmere workers; families in North East; farmers in Northern Ireland; business leaders in Barry.](#)

29 March: Update of [Status of EU citizens in the UK: what you need to know.](#)

4 April: Update of [Example case studies: EU citizens' rights in the UK.](#)

9 April: PM statement in [Denmark, and Sweden. May Hints at Softer Stance on EU Migration in Brexit Trade Talks](#) (Bloomberg)

House of Commons

[European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill as amended in committee.](#)

[The European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill 2017-19: Summary of Commons Committee Stage – House of Commons Library.](#)

[The European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill: clause 7 “the correcting power” – House of Commons Library.](#)

[Brexit: 'sufficient progress' to move to phase 2 – House of Commons Library.](#)

[Brexit: the exit bill - House of Commons Library.](#)

13 March: Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy questions: [Euratom](#).

13 March: The Chancellor of the Exchequer gave his [Spring Statement](#), followed by debate.

14 March: Wales questions: [Welsh EU Continuity Bill](#); [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#).

14 March: [General debate on European Affairs - International Trade](#). [General debate on European Affairs](#) (Commons Library debate pack)

15 March: [Exiting the European Union Questions](#).

15 March: [General debate on European Affairs](#).

19 March: Questions on [Leaving the EU: UK Ports \(Customs\)](#).

19 March: [Welsh Affairs](#) questions.

20 March: Question on [Leaving the EU: health and Social Care](#).

20 March: Urgent questions on [Leaving the EU: Fisheries Management](#).

21 March: Northern Ireland questions: [Leaving the EU: Discussions with Political Parties](#); [Leaving the EU: Cross-border Trade](#); [Leaving the EU: The Economy](#); [Leaving the EU: Healthcare](#); [Live Animal Exports](#).

21 March: [Prime Minister's questions](#).

21 March: Westminster Hall debate: [UK-EU: International Development](#).

22 March: Digital, Culture, Media and Sport questions: [Leaving the EU: Data Protection Agreements](#); [Leaving the EU: UK Musicians](#).

22 March: Attorney General questions: [Leaving the EU: Legal Systems](#); [Leaving the EU: Human Rights](#).

22 March: Westminster Hall debate: [Leaving the EU: NHS](#).

26 March: Questions on the [UK Passport Contract](#).

26 March: Prime Minister's statement and debate: [European Council](#).

27 March: Emergency debate: [EU Referendum: Electoral Law](#).

28 March: Cabinet Office question: [Leaving the EU: The Union](#).

28 March: [Prime Minister's questions](#).

28 March: Westminster Hall debate: [Leaving the EU: Legal Services](#).

Committees

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

14 March: Publication of Report: [The impact of Brexit on the aerospace sector](#).

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee:

27 March: [Cambridge Analytica: Whistle-blower Christopher Wylie, and Paul-Olivier Dehaye give evidence. Transcript.](#)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

14 March: Introductory evidence session on [Work of DEFRA: Health and Harmony inquiry. Transcript.](#)

20 March: Committee launches an inquiry into the Government's consultation: '[Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit.](#)'

28 March: [Ministers questioned on shortages in the labour market. Transcript.](#)

18 April: Evidence Session: Work of DEFRA: Health and Harmony.

Environmental Audit:

20 March: 25-Year Environment Plan evidence session – [Transcript – written evidence.](#)

21 March: [Minister questioned on reducing nitrate pollution.](#)

26 March: [DEFRA Brexit workstreams to rise to 70 – Letter from Michael Gove.](#)

18 April: Evidence Session on the 25 Year Environment Plan with Michael Gove.

European Scrutiny:

5 & 6 March: EU Withdrawal inquiry: Evidence sessions with [Philip Hammond](#) and [David Davis.](#)

14 March: Publication of report: [EU Withdrawal: Transitional provisions and dispute resolution.](#)

27 March: [Brexit impact on domestic chemicals, law enforcement and parcel delivery.](#)

28 March: [House of Commons issues Reasoned Opinion on EU Drinking Water Directive.](#)

Exiting the EU:

[Letter from David Davis relating to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2016-17.](#)

18 March: [Progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal report published. Report.](#)

20 March: [Implications of Brexit for Irish border examined.](#)

21 March: [EU-UK trade agreement examined.](#)

22 March, in Leeds: [Legal and financial representatives discuss impact of Brexit.](#)

29 March: [Future UK-EU relationship report published.](#) Report: [The future UK-EU relationship.](#)

Foreign Affairs:

14 March: [The future of UK diplomacy in Europe: Government response](#) to the Committee's Second Report.

21 March: [Oral evidence from the Foreign Secretary.](#)

27 March: [Experts questioned on China and the international rules-based system. Transcript.](#)

28 March: [Russian corruption and the UK. Transcript.](#)

5 April: [UK Government needs a long-term Commonwealth strategy - Report: Global Britain and the 2018 Commonwealth Summit.](#)

Health and Social Care:

21 March: [Brexit negotiators urged to prioritise patient safety. Report: Brexit: medicines, medical devices and substances of human origin.](#)

26 March: [Letter to Jeremy Hunt regarding Brexit Withdrawal Agreement and transitional arrangements.](#)

Home Affairs:

21 March: [Brexit negotiations must focus on security cooperation immediately – Report - UK-EU security cooperation after Brexit.](#)

28 March: [Amber Rudd MP questioned on Work of Home Office. Transcript.](#)

17 April: Evidence Session: Post-Brexit migration policy.

International Trade:

14 March: [Legal practitioners, and industry and union representatives questioned on the UK Trade Remedies Authority. Transcript.](#)

21 March: [Oral evidence: Trade and the Commonwealth: Developing Countries. Transcript.](#)

28 March: Samsung and techUK questioned on trade with developing countries.

Trade and the Commonwealth: Australia and New Zealand written evidence: [Tate & Lyle; Fonterra Europe Co-operative.](#)

Trade and the Commonwealth: developing countries written evidence: [Transparency International UK; Traidcraft.](#)

Trade Remedies Authority written evidence: [Manufacturing Trade Remedies Alliance; Which? Greg Hands.](#)

Liaison:

27 March: [Prime Minister questioned on NHS, Brexit and UK Foreign Policy. Transcript.](#)

Northern Ireland:

16 March: [Publication of Report: The land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland.](#)

29 March: The Northern Ireland Affairs Committee launches a [new inquiry to examine the impact of the UK leaving the EU on Northern Ireland's agriculture sector.](#)

18 April: Evidence Session: Fisheries.

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

20 March: [The Committee explores the future of English devolution and local government once the UK leaves the EU. Transcript.](#)

Science and Technology:

21 March: [Committee calls for early deal for science and research](#) – Report: [Brexit, science and innovation](#).

Scottish Affairs:

13 March: [Scottish Minister for International Development discusses immigration](#). Transcript.

20 March: [Immigration and Scotland - oral evidence from the Migration Advisory Committee](#). Transcript.

27 March: [Secretary of State discusses Immigration Bill](#). Transcript. Written evidence published: [Scottish Fishermen's Federation](#), [The Princes Trust Scotland](#), [Scotland Office](#).

Welsh Affairs:

12 March: [Letter from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster regarding the EU \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#).

13 March: [Impact of post-Brexit trade on Welsh economy explored](#). Transcript. Written evidence from [NFU Cymru](#).

21 March: [Letter to the Chair from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster regarding the EU \(Withdrawal\) Bill, 12 March 2018](#).

Work and Pensions:

4 April: [Post-Brexit failure to replace European Social Fund would be disastrous](#) – Report: [European Social Fund](#).

House of Lords

13 March: Statement and debate: [United States Tariffs: Steel and Aluminium](#).

13 March: First Grand Committee day: [Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill \[HL\]](#).

14 March: Seventh Committee day: [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#), and [continued](#), and [continued](#).

15 March: Questions on [Brexit: Fashion Industry](#).

19 March: Eighth Committee day: [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#), and [continued](#).

19 March: Questions on [Customs Clearance Arrangements at UK Ports](#).

20 March: Questions on [Brexit: Fisheries Management](#).

20 March: Report stage of the [Nuclear Safeguards Bill](#).

21 March: Ninth Committee day: [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#), and [continued](#), and [continued](#).

22 March: Grand Committee: Second Committee day: [Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill \[HL\]](#).

Committees

Constitution:

14 March: [Minister for the Constitution gives annual evidence to Committee. Transcript.](#)

21 March: [President and Deputy President of the Supreme Court. Transcript.](#)

18 April: Evidence session on Parliament's role in relation to the terms of Brexit.

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

15 March: 17th report: [Nuclear Safeguards Bill.](#)

EU Select:

15-16 March: [Committee visits Gibraltar to examine impact of Brexit.](#)

21 March: [Letter to David Davis on Draft Withdrawal Agreement.](#)

26 March: [Post-Brexit UK-EU relations inquiry launch.](#)

26 March: [Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit held third meeting.](#) Mick Antoniw AM and David Rees AM attended. [Statement.](#)

28 March: [Brexit: Gibraltar - Committee presses Government for four key commitments. Letter to David Davis.](#)

17 April: Evidence Session on Post-Brexit UK-EU relations.

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

14 March: EU Emissions Trading Scheme. [Transcript.](#)

16 March: [Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity inquiry launched.](#)

21 March: [Minister discusses Brexit and climate change with Committee. Transcript.](#)

21 March: [Lords welcome Minister's clarity on EU Emissions Trading Scheme.](#)

25 April 2018: Evidence Session on Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity.

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

19 April: Evidence Session on Brexit: customs arrangements.

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

29 March: [Government responds to the future of financial regulation and supervision report – Letter from John Glen, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, to its report, Brexit: the future of financial regulation and supervision.](#)

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

21 March: [Academics questioned on the proposed UK-EU security treaty.](#)

28 March: [Think tanks give evidence on the proposed UK-EU security treaty.](#)

28 March: **Report urges Government for clarity on EU reciprocal healthcare – Report: Brexit: reciprocal healthcare.**

18 April: Evidence session on Brexit: the proposed UK-EU security treaty.

25 April: Evidence session on Brexit: the proposed UK-EU security treaty.

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

15 March: **Committee examines impact of Brexit on UK space sector. Transcript.**

29 March: **Lords visit Harwell Space Cluster.**

26 April: Evidence Session: Brexit: SMEs.

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

13 March: **Letter from the Minister for Immigration on citizens' rights post-Brexit.**

15 March: **Letter from the Minister for the Constitution on Proposal for a Regulation on the Statute and Funding of European Political Parties and Political Foundations.**

20 March: **Senior lawyer and former judge questioned on enforcement and dispute resolution post-Brexit. Transcript.**

27 March: **Enforcement and dispute resolution post-Brexit explored with Ministers.**

29 March: **Letter to Minister for the Constitution on Proposal for a Regulation on the Statute and Funding of European Political Parties and European Political Foundations.**

International Relations:

14 March: Evidence session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions. **Transcript.**

21 March: Evidence session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions. **Transcript.**

28 March: Evidence session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions. **Transcript.**

25 April: Evidence Session: Foreign policy in changed world conditions.

News

20 March: **Consumers already paying the price of Brexit twelve months ahead of official separation** (Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply).

20 March: **Scottish politicians win bid for judicial review of Article 50** (BBC)

21 March: **Brexit transition too short for UK to complete new customs systems** (Politico interview with the Freight Transport Association)

25 March: **Plenty more fish in the Brexit sea?** (BBC)

27 March: **EEA workers in the UK labour market: interim update** (Migration Advisory Committee)

28 March: **Competitiveness must be a priority as critical investment decisions loom for UK Automotive** (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders)

2 April: **The master plan to stop Brexit** (Politico)

4 April: [India in no rush to do a trade deal with post-Brexit Britain](#) (Politico)

6 April: [Brexit Britain looks to Commonwealth 2.0](#) (Euractiv)

9 April: [Business Plan 2018/19](#) - Preparing for and implementing the changes resulting from European Union (EU) withdrawal is inevitably the priority for our discretionary activity (Financial Conduct Authority)

11 April: [Smooth Operations - an A-Z of the EU rules that matter for the economy](#) (CBI report)

22 May: [The Good Friday Agreement at 20](#) – Institute for Government event.

5. Scotland

Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: [23 March](#).

13 March: pre-stage 2 debate: [UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#).

13 March: Finance and Constitution Committee: [UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill: Stage 2](#).

14 March: Finance and Constitution Committee: [UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill: Stage 2](#).

14 March: [Scotland must find a way for Erasmus+ to continue post-Brexit, says Holyrood's Europe and External Relations Committee](#).

15 March: Equalities and Human Rights Committee: [UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#).

15 March: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee: [Withdrawal from the European Union \(Negotiations\); UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#).

20 March: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: [Environmental Implications for Scotland of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union](#).

21 March: [UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill: Stage 3](#). [UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Legal Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#).

26 March: Interparliamentary Forum on Brexit agenda.

Scottish Government

14 March: [Joint Ministerial Committee](#) - Commitment needed to protect devolution.

16 March: [Letter to Lords over Brexit Bill](#) - First Ministers of Scotland and Wales outline risks to devolution.

17 March: [Promoting Scotland's interests](#) - Fiona Hyslop leads diplomatic discussion in France.

18 March: [Brexit threat to health services](#) - Health experts highlight risks to staff, procurement and access to medicines.

21 March: [Continuity Bill passed](#) - Parliament vote to protect devolution.

23 March: [European negotiations](#) - Michael Russell: 'Scottish interests must not be swept aside.'

25 March: [Certainty urged on EU research relationships](#) - Minister visits Brussels to promote Scottish science and innovation.

25 March: [Fisheries and Brexit](#) - Concerns raised over fisheries negotiations.

6. 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.

7. UK-Ireland relations

21 March: [European Council: Statements](#).

28 March: [European Council Meeting: Statements](#).

28 March: [Government opens €300 million Brexit Loan Scheme for Irish Businesses for applications](#).

8. Reports published

House of Commons Library

[Brexit: Devolution and legislative consent](#) - How the legislative consent convention works in the context of Brexit and devolution.

[Legislative Consent and the European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill \(2017-19\)](#): the Joint Ministerial Committee, proposed amendments, and the "Continuity Bills"

[Brexit: the exit bill](#).

[Brexit: the draft withdrawal agreement](#).

Other

[Brexit and the territorial constitution](#) (Institute of Welsh Affairs)

[A Union for the 21st Century?](#) (Institute of Welsh Affairs)

[Brexit, Devolution and the Changing Union: 2018](#) (Institute of Welsh Affairs)

[Towards Federalism and Beyond...](#) (Institute of Welsh Affairs)

[Notes on 'EU exit analysis: cross Whitehall briefing'](#) (Institute of Welsh Affairs)

[Negotiating Brexit: the views of the EU27](#) (Institute for Government)

Devolution after Brexit - Managing the environment, agriculture and fisheries (Institute for Government)

Big Principles for a Strong Brexit Partnership (British Irish Chamber of Commerce)

EEA-workers in the UK labour market: Interim Update , Annexes including sectoral analyses, Written evidence (Migration Advisory Committee)

A Brexit Dividend, press release **Likely Brexit deal looks like 'no deal' for ports** (British Ports Association)

Brexit: shaking up the Welsh constitutional settlement? (UK in a Changing Europe)

A constitutional continuum (Welsh Brexit blogs)

The question of rural development: post-Brexit (Welsh Brexit blogs)

The implications of Brexit for Wales and devolution (Welsh Brexit blogs)

Brexit and Wales (Welsh Brexit blogs)

Brexit and the twentieth anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement (Welsh Brexit blogs)

Brexit transition deal: conceding on the possible in hope of the hypothetical (The Conversation)

Brexit transition: three misunderstandings about the deal explained (The Conversation)

As the Brexit negotiations enter a decisive stage the EU is not home and dry (The Conversation)

Article 50 one year on: a more dangerous world shifts focus of Brexit debate (The Conversation)

How the Brexit transition deal let the UK's fishing industry down (The Conversation)

Can British politicians be trusted to deliver on the detail of Brexit? (The Conversation)

Brexit: instability and stagnation at Stormont (UK in a Changing Europe)

Brexit, health and the devolved regions and nations (UK in a Changing Europe)

Where should decisions be made after Brexit? (UK in a Changing Europe)

Little scope for post-Brexit tariff reductions to cut consumer prices significantly (UK in a Changing Europe)

A UK-Korea trade agreement: Liam, we have three problems (UK in a Changing Europe)

Brexit and Denmark's commitment to the single market (UK in a Changing Europe)

It is time to face up to it: there is NO good Brexit deal for Britain (UK in a Changing Europe)

Chronic uncertainty defines the Brexit process, new academic report reveals – Report: Article 50 one year on (UK in a Changing Europe)

How not to fix the Irish border problem (UK in a Changing Europe)

Demographic change, public opinion and Brexit (UK in a Changing Europe)

Brexit, health and the NHS (UK in a Changing Europe)

Long read | EU citizens in the UK are in a particularly weak position and need an independent authority to monitor their rights (LSE Brexit)

Contrary to popular assumption, most Britons living in the EU27 aren't retirees (LSE Brexit)

Brexit is clouding the economic horizon, keeping both investment and productivity low (LSE Brexit)

Agriculture post-Brexit: a battleground for the UK's constituent nations (LSE Brexit)

The Irish border: no technology is smart enough (LSE Brexit)

Should the UK choose the 'Norway model', it would still be subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign court (LSE Brexit)

Brexit, as a democratic exercise, prompts the need for a normative theory of political disintegration (LSE Brexit)

Sub-national government can only watch and wait as Brexit grows nearer (LSE Brexit)

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