

Research Briefing: Brexit Update



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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 9 May – 6 June 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 and an inquiry into EU law in Wales: What happens during Transition? The Committee launched its Part 1 report on **Wales' Future Relationship with the EU** on 27 March in Brussels, and the report was debated in Plenary on 23 May. 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 most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 14 May: Scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales. **Transcript**.
- 21 May: The Committee held two evidence sessions on Agriculture and Brexit. **Transcript**.
- 4 June: The Committee held two evidence sessions on European law and the Brexit transition. **Transcript**.

The Research Service's own blogs are published on **In Brief**. The latest Brexit blogs are **Estimating the timeline of the Brexit negotiations; Assembly to debate Wales' Future Relationship with the EU; Customs Union: Latest Developments; New Publication: Brexit Monitoring Report: Environment; and Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report**.

Other

15 May: Plenary Debate on **Legislative Consent Motion on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**.

23 May: Plenary Debate on the **External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee Report: 'Wales' future relationship with Europe. Part one: a view from Wales'**.

The Finance Committee has launched an inquiry into **preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales**. The consultation closed on 11 May 2018, and there was a stakeholder event on 7 June.

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**. The call for evidence closes on 18 June 2018. In addition the Committee is completing work on an **Environmental governance body and environmental principles post-Brexit**.

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is carrying **out an inquiry** into the Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education. The Committee issued a call for evidence which close on 8 June 2018.

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 **Powers in the EU Withdrawal Bill to make subordinate legislation- operational matters**.

Welsh Government

9 May: **Extra £22.5m EU funds to boost skills on Europe Day**.

9 May: **Stop playing politics with Brexit" – First Minister Carwyn Jones**.

14 May: **"Diseases don't respect borders"** – Finance Secretary, Mark Drakeford.

15 May: **Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford sets out Wales' Brexit priorities**.

23 May: **Access to EU markets post Brexit on Export Conference agenda.**

24 May: **'We will continue to fight for a good deal for Wales'** - Finance Secretary, Mark Drakeford.

30 May: **£3.2m EU-backed investment to pioneer cutting edge technology.**

31 May: **Counsel General visits Ireland on fact-finding mission** - Today, the Counsel General, Jeremy Miles AM is in Dublin to learn more about the Irish Government's efforts to make Irish legislation more accessible and to discuss the legal implications of Brexit.

6 June: **Brexit funding gap could hit Welsh colleges.**

News

9 May: **NFU Cymru Defra Health and Harmony Consultation response.**

9 May: **NFU Cymru responds to Cabinet Secretary statement.**

10 May: **CLA warns of confusion and complexity risk from new 'Green Brexit' body.**

16 May: **Frictionless trade with EU is vital for EU Livestock sector, says UK Farming Unions** (NFU Cymru)

23 May: **Shadow Brexit Secretary hears why #FairFarmFunding is crucial for survival of rural Wales** (FUW)

23 May: **FUW reacts cautiously to Welsh Government statement on post-Brexit timetable.**

23 May: **Post Brexit farm policy must centre on active farmers** (Tenant Farmers Association)

23 May: **Payment for public goods model in England set out by CLA.**

6 June: **Monmouthshire NFU Cymru members have met with David Davies MP** to discuss the latest developments in Brexit talks.

6 June: **MPs Give Crucial Warning on Brexit Transition for Farming** (CLA)

6 June: **Industry calls on Government to sort out Countryside Stewardship mess** (CLA)

3. EU developments

European Council

7 May: **Indicative programme - General Affairs and General Affairs (Art. 50) Councils.**

14 May: **General Affairs Council (Article 50) background paper**

22 May: **Council gives the go-ahead to trade negotiations with Australia and New Zealand.**

22 May: **New approach on negotiating and concluding EU trade agreements adopted by Council.**

22 May: **European Parliament election dates: Council confirms 23 to 26 May 2019.**

22 May: **Organic farming: new EU rules adopted.**

23 May: **Conclusions of the 49th meeting of the EEA Council.**

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.

9 May: **12 Questions for the Future of Europe: Commission Launches Online Citizens' Consultation.**

14 May: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the EU Institute for Security Studies conference.**

15 May: **Slide on the EU-UK Possible Framework for the Future Partnership Discussions.**

15 May: **WTO rejects vast majority of US claims in Airbus dispute.**

17 May: **May infringements package: key decisions.** UK mentioned, including (with others) being **referred to the Court of Justice of the EU for air quality.**

18 May: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 22-24 May 2018.**

22 May: **Slide on customs controls.**

22 May: **New rules for organic production: Statement by Commissioner Phil Hogan.**

22 May: **Commission welcomes green light to start trade negotiations with Australia and New Zealand.**

23 May: **European Semester 2018 Spring Package:** Commission issues recommendations for Member States to achieve sustainable, inclusive and long-term growth. **Fact sheet. United Kingdom Specific Recommendation.**

23 May: **2019 EU Budget:** Commission proposes a budget focused on continuity and delivery – for growth, solidarity, security. **Q&A.**

26 May: **Speech by Michel Barnier at the 28th Congress of the International Federation for European Law (FIDE).**

28 May: **EU citizens in other EU Member States** - 4% of EU citizens of working age live in another EU Member State - Tertiary graduates more mobile than the rest of the population (Eurostat)

31 May: **European Commission reacts to the US restrictions on steel and aluminium affecting the EU.**

1 June: **EU budget: the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2020. Factsheet.**

1 June: **EU launches WTO case against China's unfair technology transfers.**

4 June: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations for 5-8 June 2018.**

European Parliament

16 May: **Future EU farm policy: Agriculture MEPs urge fair funding, no renationalisation.**

23 May: **UK support for EU remains stable, despite Brexit backdrop.**

30 May: **Tougher defence tools against unfair imports to protect EU jobs and industry.**

30 May: **Future of EU farming: MEPs push for modern common policy with fair funding.**

31 May: US Tariffs on Steel and Aluminium: **Statement by President Tajani; Statement of Trade Committee Chair.**

2 June: **8,000 young people in the EP in Strasbourg: “a breath of fresh air for EU democracy”.** European Parliament President: **“Your ideas are key in shaping EU’s future”.**

4 June: **New rules on drivers’ working conditions and fair competition in road transport.**

5 June: **Discussion at Europe House: Brexit & Food.** The European Parliament Liaison Office in the UK hosted a debate in London aimed at understanding the implications of Brexit on the food industry.

News

18 May: **Clock ticking on post-Brexit flights - EU official** (Reuters).

24 May: **The Institutional Consequences of a ‘Hard Brexit’** (Report for the Constitutional Affairs Committee). **British MEPs [and judges] should not quit on Brexit day, says Parliament legal report** (Politico)

30 May: **Norway in Europe - The Norwegian Government’s strategy for cooperation with the EU 2018-2021** (Norwegian Government)

31 May: **„Made in Germany“ profitiert besonders vom Brexit** – “Made in Germany” benefits especially from Brexit – the summary is “For German companies, Brexit could become a very lucrative business, with much of the UK's EU exports redistributed. This is especially true for products in which the Germans are strong” (Welt, in German)

6 June: **Norwegian PM to UK: Why would you want our EU deal?** (Politico)

6 June: **European businesses advised to avoid using British parts ahead of Brexit** - The car industry fears a "catastrophe" as the EU warns exporters they may lose free trade access if they use UK parts post-Brexit (Sky News)

4. UK developments

UK Government

9 – 24 May: UK Government's vision for Partnership Frameworks: **Security; Data protection; Science, research and innovation; Economic.**

17 May: Prime Minister Theresa May held meetings at the Western Balkans Summit with **President Jean-Claude Juncker and President Donald Tusk and with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar of Ireland.**

18 May: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, 22-24 May.**

21 May: **PM speech on science and modern Industrial Strategy.**

23 May: The Prime Minister hosted **Prime Minister Michel of Belgium** for talks at Downing Street.

23 May: **Government response to report on Brexit and medicines, medical devices and substances of human origin.**

23 May: **Department for Exiting the European Union single departmental plan.**

24 May: **European Business Summit: Chancellor speech.**

24 May: **Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) communiqué.** The Minister for Housing and Regeneration, Rebecca Evans AM attended.

24 May: **Population of the UK by country of birth and nationality: 2017** (Office for National Statistics)

25 May: Technical notes: **UK's participation in Galileo; security, law enforcement and criminal justice; consultation and cooperation on external security, exchange and protection of classified information.**

24 May: **From the wings to the workplace: the route to reducing reoffending** (Secretary of State for Justice). **'Prisoners can fill the Brexit staffing gap,' says Justice Minister** (Express)

25 May: **PM and Lord Ahmad's call with leaders of the Overseas Territories** - public registers of beneficial ownership.

30 May: **Prime Minister Theresa May spoke with representatives from the European Roundtable of Industrialists. Brexit: Time is running out, big business warns May** (BBC)

3 June: **PM call with Italian Prime Minister Guiseppe Conte**.

4 June: **Programme: EU-UK Article 50 negotiations Brussels, 5-8 June**.

4 June: **Prime Minister Theresa May spoke with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez**.

4 June: **Prime Minister Theresa May chaired a meeting of her Business Advisory Council**.

5 June: **Joint Ministerial Council (Gibraltar EU Negotiations)**.

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.

9 May: Northern Ireland questions: **Leaving the EU: Border Checks; Leaving the EU**.

9 May: **Prime Minister's questions**.

9 May: First Reading of **European Union Withdrawal Agreement (Public Vote)**.

14 May: Second Reading of **Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [Lords]**. Bill committed to a Public Bill Committee.

16 May: Cabinet Office questions: **UK Constitutional Integrity**.

16 May: **Prime Minister's questions**.

16 May: Debate on **Leaving the EU: Customs**.

17 May: International Trade questions: **US Tariffs: Steel and Aluminium; Leaving the EU: Women's Rights; Leaving the EU: Textile and Fashion Industry; Free Trade Promotion; Foreign Direct Investment; Leaving the EU: Third-country Trade Deals; Leaving the EU: Preferential Market Access; Commonwealth Countries: Trade Agreements; EU Free Trade Agreements.**

17 May: Women and Equalities questions: **Leaving the EU: Effect on Women.**

22 May: Westminster Hall debate: **UK Automotive Industry: Job Losses.**

23 May: **Prime Minister's questions.**

23 May: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Higher Education in Wales.**

4 June: Statement and debate on **US Steel and Aluminium Tariffs.**

5 June: Justice questions: **Leaving the EU: UK Legal System.**

6 June: Scotland questions on Leaving the EU: **Economic Growth; Scotch Whisky Industry; European Union (Withdrawal) Bill; Legislative Consent Motion; Common Frameworks for Business.**

6 June: **Prime Minister's questions.**

Committees

Defence:

15 May: The Government's Brexit position paper: Foreign policy, defence and development: a future partnership paper inquiry. **Written evidence submitted by the Ministry of Defence.**

17 May: **Letter to David Davis on the Framework for the UK-EU Security Partnership.**

29 May: **Letter from David Davis on Framework for the UK-EU Security Partnership.**

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport:

25 May: **Chair welcomes GDPR coming into force.**

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

14 May: **Brand Britain inquiry launched.**

16 May: **Trade in Sugar Post-Brexit - Submission by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**.

6 June: **Committee calls for ring-fenced farming fund post-Brexit** - Report: **The future for food, farming and the environment**.

6 June: **Minister questioned on EU tariff quotas, trade deals and sugar industry**.

13 June: Evidence Session on the work of Defra.

Environmental Audit:

8 May: **Uncertainty continues over possible EU travel visas post-Brexit** - Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 2 May 2018**.

European Scrutiny:

16 May: **Northern Ireland Secretary questioned on EU Withdrawal. Transcript**.

16 May: **Dispute Resolution and Enforcement in draft Withdrawal Agreement inquiry launched**.

22 May: **Eliminating Gender Pay Gap post-Brexit examined in Committee's report**. Report: **Documents considered by the Committee on 16 May 2018**.

23 May: **Letter from Oliver Robbins Prime Minister's Europe Adviser to Chair**.

23 May: **Documents considered by the Committee on 23 May 2018**.

6 June: Evidence session on EU Withdrawal.

13 June: Evidence session on EU Withdrawal.

Exiting the EU:

9 May: **Brexit's implications for data and Galileo project investigated**.

16 May: **Future of science, research and HE after Brexit examined. Transcript**.

18 May: The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal (December 2017 to March 2018): **Government Response to the Committee's Third Report**.

22 May: **Letter from HMRC on the Highly Streamlined Customs Arrangement**.

23 May: **Parliamentary procedures for implementing Brexit scrutinised. Transcript.**

24 May: **Extending the customs union could be only viable option, says Committee. Report: The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal (March to May 2018).**

6 June: **Citizens' rights and Brexit examined.**

Foreign Affairs:

9 May: Article 50 negotiations: **Implications of "No Deal": Government response to the Committee's Ninth Report.**

15 May: Global Britain evidence session – **transcript.**

Health and Social Care:

16 May: **Letter from the Minister of State for Health relating to the Committee's report on the nursing workforce.**

Home Affairs:

22 May: **Business, trade union and academics discuss post-Brexit migration. Transcript.**

25 May: **Government responds to Committee report - Brexit: Immigration.**

International Trade:

9 May: **Committee hears from fresh produce importers. Transcript.**

10 May: **Letter from Liam Fox on the recruitment for the non-executive Chair of the Trade Remedies Authority.**

11 May: **New inquiry: UK Trade Policy Transparency and Scrutiny.**

15 May: **Government Response to continuing application of EU trade agreements. Chair's comments.**

23 May: **Trade between the UK, Australia and New Zealand examined** – dairy and meat, including Hybu Cig Cymru. **Transcript.**

23 May: **Written evidence submitted by Professor Alasdair Smith** - What's wrong with the Economists for Free Trade analysis of Brexit?

6 June: **Trade and the Commonwealth: developing countries examined.**

Northern Ireland:

Consultation on Stormont House Agreement inquiry.

9 May: Written evidence on Agriculture from **CBI Northern Ireland, Ulster Arable Society.**

16 May: Evidence session with George Eustace on Brexit and Northern Ireland: Fisheries. **Transcript.**

22 May: **Written evidence from Professor Richard A Barnes University of Hull - Fisheries.**

22 May: **Northern Ireland Secretary must take action over policy and restart talks** – Report: **Devolution and democracy in Northern Ireland – dealing with the deficit.**

22 May: **Northern Ireland Situation Report – May 2018.**

22 May: Existing passport processes inquiry. **Transcript.**

25 May: **Inquiry into Stormont House Agreement Consultation.**

6 June: **Challenges and opportunities facing Northern Ireland agricultural sector examined.** Written Evidence submitted by the **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.**

13 June: Evidence Session on Brexit and Northern Ireland: Agriculture.

14 June: Evidence Session on Brexit and Northern Ireland: Fisheries.

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:

22 May: **West Midlands Mayor and Northern Ireland experts discuss the implications of leaving the EU for devolution in the UK.** **Transcript.**

4 June: **Mayor of Greater Manchester discusses the implications of leaving the EU for devolution in the UK.**

Scottish Affairs:

5 June: **International trade policy experts discuss Scotland's trade priorities.**

Transport:

4 June: Freight and Brexit inquiry: written evidence: **CargoLogicAir Ltd.**; **Port of Tilbury**.

Treasury:

14 May: **HMRC asked to give oral evidence about Government's customs plan** – “The Daily Telegraph has today reported that HMRC believes ‘Theresa May’s plan for a customs partnership with the EU is “unviable”.”

23 May: The UK’s economic relationship with the EU – HMRC evidence. **Transcript**.

5 June: Session on The UK's economic relationship with the European Union with evidence from the ports of Calais and Zeebrugge, Getlink (Eurotunnel) and HMRC. Written evidence: **HMRC**; **Port of Zeebrugge**; **Fresh Produce Consortium**.

Welsh Affairs:

8 May: **Young farmers' views on agriculture after Brexit examined**. **Transcript**.

7 June: Evidence Session on Brexit: agriculture, trade and the repatriation of powers. At the National Assembly for Wales, with Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs.

House of Lords

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Lords Committee Stage (House of Lords Library briefing)

8 May: Questions on **Brexit: Digital Single Market**.

8 May: Questions on **Brexit: Logistics Industry**.

8 May: 6th day of Report Stage on the **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**.

9 May: Questions on **Brexit: North-East of England**.

16 May: Third Reading of the **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**, Bill passed and returned to the Commons with amendments.

17 May: Questions on **UK-EU Security Partnership**.

17 May: Debate on the **Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2018**, motion agreed.

22 May: Questions on **Brexit: Sheep Farmers**.

23 May: Questions on **Northern Ireland: Devolved Institutions**.

24 May: Debate on the European Union Committee report: **Brexit: Competition and State Aid**.

4 June: Statement and debate: **US Imposition of Steel and Aluminium Import Tariffs**.

5 June: Questions on **Brexit: Science and Research Funding**.

Committees

Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:

17 May: **26th Report of Session 2017-19**: Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]: Consideration of Commons Amendments; Correspondence: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill; Appendix 1: Correspondence: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

4 June: **28th Report of Session 2017-19**: Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]: Government Response; Appendix 2: Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill [HL]: Government Response.

EU Select:

16 May: **Letter from David Davis - Evidence Session follow-up**.

EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:

9 May: Letter to Gregg Clark on **European Commission Notices to Stakeholders relating to energy**.

9 May: The Sub-Committee asks senior Government officials about the **potential impact of Brexit on the UK's plant and animal biosecurity**. **Transcript**.

10 May: **Brexit: food prices and availability report published by Committee** – Report: **Brexit: food prices and availability**.

16 May: **Committee questions Minister on biosecurity and Brexit**. **Transcript**.
Written evidence from the **Scottish Government**.

18 May: **Serious concerns about post-Brexit nuclear safeguards raised by EU Committee – Letter to Richard Harrington.**

13 June: Evidence Session on the UK's implementation of the EU Air Quality Directive.

EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:

14 May: **UK could lose influence on CSDP missions and operations post-Brexit, warns Committee** – Report: **Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy missions and operations.**

17 May: **Federation of Small Businesses gives evidence on future customs arrangements. Transcript.** Written evidence from the **Freight Transport Association.** Written evidence from **Dr Peter Holmes, Reader in Economics, University of Sussex.**

24 May: **Committee questions experts on future customs arrangements after Brexit. Transcript** and **transcript.**

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee:

16 May: **Expert witnesses give evidence on post-Brexit contractual continuity. Transcript.**

23 May: **Committee explores data sharing post-Brexit. Transcript.**

EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:

9 May: **Legal experts discuss the proposed UK-EU security treaty.**

15 May: **Minister questioned on the proposed UK-EU security treaty.**

16 May: **Security experts and Crown Prosecution Service discuss proposed UK-EU security treaty. Transcript** and **transcript.**

18 May: **Letter from Nick Hurd regarding Article 168 (extradition) of the draft withdrawal agreement.**

EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:

9 May: **Letter from Andrew Griffiths about competition and state aid.**

EU Justice Sub-Committee:

15 May: **Committee launches follow-up inquiry into civil justice cooperation post Brexit. Transcript.**

22 May: **Committee holds civil justice cooperation follow-up session on family law. Transcript.**

International Relations:

9 May: Evidence Session: Foreign policy in changed world conditions. **Transcript.**

6 June: **How is the UK viewed in the current international environment?** - Evidence from former Australian Foreign Minister.

20 June: Evidence Session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions.

Liaison:

11 May: **Twelfth Informal Brexit Liaison Group meeting held, discussion with the CBI.**

News

16 May: **UK officials float Brexit customs compromise** (Politico)

18 May: **Navigating Brexit: The Migration Minefield** (EEF)

18 May: **New plans to keep Kent moving during Channel disruption** - Plans to improve overnight lorry parking and to ease traffic in the event of cross-Channel disruption announced (DfT)

20 May: **Japan to push for visa exemption in post Brexit trade deal: Negotiators plan to make fewer concessions to UK than they did in EU trade deal** (Reddit, from the Financial Times)

21 May: **Tracking lorries won't solve Irish border issue, hauliers say** - Freight Transport Association tells David Davis idea of fitting tracking devices to vehicles is a 'non-starter' (Guardian)

21 May: **Brexit - a logistical nightmare for cross-channel trade** London, Greater Manchester & Business West Chambers of Commerce met Eurotunnel at Folkestone (Business West). Also, from East Anglia: **How long will it take for my container to be examined?** The Port of Felixstowe has set out a target time for

examinations of 2 days after landing with a maximum of 3 days.” (Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority)

22 May: **Time to 'fix the fundamentals' for UK growth** (British Chambers of Commerce)

22 May: **Britain left behind as Australia and New Zealand start trade talks with EU instead** (Business Insider UK)

22 May: **The Good Friday Agreement at 20** – video of Institute for Government event.

23 May: **Sir Ivan Rogers' speech at Glasgow University.**

23 May: **Brexit is bad for our health** (British Medical Journal)

24 May: **Guidance, Contingencies and Brexit** - speech given by Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England to the Society of Professional Economists.

25 May: **New polling analysis reveals that a second referendum would swing to Remain** (Peter Kellner in Prospect)

27 May: **We're on the road to Car-mageddon** (John Neill, Unipart Chief Executive, in the Daily Mail)

28 May: **British 'linguaphobia' has deepened since Brexit vote, say experts** (Guardian at the Hay Festival)

28 May: **UK food and farming sector unites to set Brexit objectives for Government** (Food and Drink Federation) – **Food Supply Chain Manifesto For a successful Brexit** (NFU)

29 May: **Industry calls for 'Max Fac' option to be dropped** (EEF)

5 June: **Brexit Britain on the road to nowhere** (Freight Transport Association)

5 June: **Department for International Trade must drastically up its game to achieve 'Global Britain' ambitions** (Maritime UK)

5. Scotland

Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **24 May**.

8 May: The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (DPLR) has published its report on the **supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**. **Report**.

Scottish Government

9 May: **Giving communities a voice on Brexit** - £150k fund to help groups highlight their concerns.

9 May: **Not the final Europe Day** - EU countries 'want closer engagement with Scotland'.

15 May: **UK Government must respect the will of Parliament - Minister**.

17 May: **Respecting Parliament's view on EU Withdrawal Bill**.

17 May: **Support for EU citizens after Brexit**.

20 May: **Brexit White Paper** - Devolved administrations must be involved.

22 May: **Strengthening European ties**.

23 May: **Brexit impact on food and drink**.

24 May: **Non-British population of Scotland continues to increase**.

28 May: **First Minister in Brussels** - Meeting with Chief EU Negotiator.

31 May: **The consequence of UK choices on Scotland** - Finance Secretary calls on UK Government to change course on austerity, immigration and Brexit.

4 June: **"Alarming" no-deal Brexit reports** - Call for openness amid warnings on food, medicine and fuel.

5 June: **EU markets access 'essential'** - Research shows Brexit could be harmful to seafood industries' trade.

6 June: **UK Government “reluctance to meet” Scottish representatives** - Minister says EU Withdrawal Bill must be amended to respect devolution.

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

13 May: **Tánaiste Simon Coveney hosts French FM Le Drian**.

23 May: **An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar welcomes Belgian Prime Minister, Charles Michel, to Government Buildings in Dublin for a bilateral meeting today**.

8. Reports published

House of Commons Library

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2017-19: Commons consideration of Lords amendments.

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: scrutiny of secondary legislation (Schedule 7) update.

Other

Labouring the issue - the intra-UK dimension (Welsh Brexit blogs)

Striking a Balance: A blueprint for the future UK-EU economic partnership (Open Europe)

Customs union is not the right answer to Brexit questions (Open Europe)

How “special” will the UK-EU security partnership really be? (Open Europe)

The Irish border after Brexit (Institute for Government)

Scotland’s Brexit Bill rejection could be the start of a new constitutional crisis (The Conversation)

Lords Brexit defeats are forcing MPs to face crucial choices (The Conversation)

After Brexit, Norwegians face dilemma over future of ‘Norway model’ with the EU (The Conversation)

Galileo row: Brexit will bar UK from EU sat-nav programme, but Britain could build its own (The Conversation)

Britons reluctant to appear part of a British expat community in France - Brexit could change that (The Conversation)

How Britain can avoid a post-Brexit race to the bottom in labour standards (The Conversation)

New poll shows British people have become more positive about immigration (The Conversation)

How Britain can remain a soft power superpower after Brexit (The Conversation)

The hand of reconciliation (UK in a changing Europe)

In the shadows of empire: how the Anglosphere dream lives on (UK in a changing Europe)

The economic impact of Brexit on women (UK in a changing Europe)

Brexit: 10 myths about the ‘Norway model’ debunked (UK in a changing Europe)

A special arrangement for Northern Ireland? (UK in a changing Europe)

India and the UK adjust to the realities of Brexit (UK in a changing Europe)

Crisis, headache or sideshow? - Scottish Parliament withheld consent for the EU (Withdrawal) Bill (UK in a changing Europe)

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