

# BREXIT BRIEF



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## Introduction

*Brexit Brief provides up-to-date information on the progress and content of the UK-EU negotiations, and brings together relevant statements and policy positions from key players in Ireland, the UK and EU.*

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## Section One: State of Play

### UK White Paper

On 12 July 2018 the UK Government published its long-promised White Paper – *The Future Relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union*. The UK Brexit Secretary, Dominic Raab, explained that the White Paper confirmed that the UK will leave the EU on 29 March 2019 'forging a new way in the world – outside the Single Market, outside the Customs Union.' The paper proposes a free trade agreement, supported by a 'common rulebook', aiming to achieve 'frictionless trade' between the UK and the EU which would obviate the need for the backstop solution to be used. They propose a 'Facilitated Customs Arrangement', in order to "remove the need for routine customs checks and controls between the UK and the EU".

The White Paper further covers services, including financial services, the ending of free movement, the future of European security arrangements, co-operation on law enforcement and provisions for proper accountability and consistent interpretation of UK- EU agreements by both parties. The White Paper is intended to be the basis for the negotiation on the future UK-EU relationship which the UK will approach "with a spirit of pragmatism, compromise and indeed friendship."

The publication of the White Paper was welcomed by the Irish Government which said that it hoped the publication could inject momentum into negotiations "since time is running out." The Government indicated that it would immediately consult with the EU lead negotiator, Michel Barnier, and his team and other EU partners.

Michel Barnier responded to the emergence of the White Paper saying that it would be assessed “in line with the guidelines of the 27 leaders of the EU and also to check the workability of the proposal.”

The publication of the White Paper has drawn a furious reaction from Brexiters within the Conservative Party, initiated by the high-level resignations following the Chequers meeting of the cabinet.

The prominent Brexiter MP, Jacob Rees Mogg, has launched a remarkable attack on the Prime Minister, accusing her of acting in an ‘untrusting way,’ betraying Brexit and breaking the trust voters had put in her. Writing in the MailOnline, Rees Mogg said that the White Paper had not met any of the five tests the Prime Minister had set out in her Mansion House speech in March, drawing particular attention to the common rule book. “The common rule book is misnamed. It is not common, it is the European Union Rule Book which we will have to follow or face penalties [...] it would have been more straightforward to admit that no real Brexit was the intention all along rather than trying to gull Brexiteers. Perhaps we ought to have realised earlier that a Remainer would stick with Remain.”

The Director of The UK in a Changing Europe, Anand Menon, has written more favourably of the White Paper, indicating that the softening of red lines is a welcome approach to the urgency of issues such as the Northern Ireland border, while expressing the need for further clarifications on the customs union and the ‘joint rulebook’:

*The Government’s White Paper should be welcomed, and is a useful starting point for the process of agreeing a future relationship between the UK and EU. Most strikingly the White Paper represents a slight pinking of the UK’s red lines to ensure the absence of a border on the island of Ireland – a welcome recognition of the urgency of that particular problem.*

*But it is far from being a solution to the Irish question or the issue of the broader trading relationship.*

*Whilst I would hope the EU welcomes the evolution in the British position, it is difficult to envisage the plan being accept[ed] without further clarification and most probably further evolution on the British side on issues such as a practical alternative to a customs union and the nature of governance structures to oversee the so-called ‘joint rule book.’ Much remains to be done.*

Writing in the Mail on Sunday on 15 July 2018, Prime Minister May responded to the continuing debate and division over the Chequers Statement and the White Paper by warning that there may be ‘no Brexit at all’ because of the efforts of some in Parliament to undermine her plan to exit the European Union. She argued that “we need to keep our eyes on the prize” and concluded by stating that “some people have asked whether our Brexit deal is just a starting point from which we will regress. Let me be clear. Our Brexit deal is not some long wish-list from which negotiators get to pick and choose. It is a complete plan with a set of outcomes that are non-negotiable.”

A detailed presentation of the White Paper, focusing particularly on the proposed economic partnership is available in an IIEA Blog. ([www.iiea.com/iiea-blog/the-uk-white-paper-on-the-future-relationship-with-the-eu](http://www.iiea.com/iiea-blog/the-uk-white-paper-on-the-future-relationship-with-the-eu))

### **EU Warning**

RTE has reported on an internal EU document warning all Member States, companies and stakeholders to step up preparation for a no-deal Brexit scenario. The paper issues strongly worded guidelines to the 27 Member States to deepen contingency planning, “painting a picture of long lines of freight traffic at ports, and implications for pharmaceuticals, financial services and aviation.” The document argues that “drawing up contingency plans for the worst possible outcome is not a sign of mistrust in the negotiations.”

A new unit on ‘preparedness’ has been set up within the European Commission, working parallel to the Article 50 Task Force led by the chief negotiator, Michel Barnier.

### **Chequers Statement**

On 6 July 2018 the UK cabinet met at Chequers and adopted a policy position on the UK’s future relationship with the European Union. A Statement was issued setting out the main points of the policy.

At the core of the policy was the need to establish a free trade area for goods. The full text of the policy position would be published as a White Paper with four main elements: a common rulebook for all goods including agri-food; reciprocal commitments related to open and fair trade; consistent interpretation and application of UK-EU agreements; and, a new Facilitated Customs Arrangement. For services, it was proposed that the UK would strike different arrangements where it would be in the country’s interest. The policy involves leaving the Common Agricultural Policy and Common Fisheries Policy and delivering an independent trade policy.

The Statement concluded that, while it is in the best interests of both sides to reach agreement on a sustainable future relationship, it was responsible to continue preparations for a range of possible outcomes, including the possibility of ‘no deal’.

The Prime Minister issued brief statement on the outcome of the cabinet meeting, arguing that “our proposal will create a UK-EU free trade area which establishes a common rule book for industrial goods and agricultural products. This maintains high standards in these areas [...] as a result we avoid friction in terms of trade, which protects jobs and livelihoods, as well as meeting our commitments in Northern Ireland. She concluded that it was necessary to “move at pace to negotiate the proposal with the EU.”

The Statement immediately evoked serious criticism from several directions - and produced two major and several less dramatic resignations. The Guardian reported on the morning after Chequers that “hard line anti-EU Conservative MPs warned it could mean an outcome worse than ‘no deal’” while “more than 100 entrepreneurs and founders of UK businesses dismissed it as unworkable.” The European Research Group, headed by Jacob Rees Mogg, questioned whether signing up to elements of the EU rulebook would amount to Brexit at all. Some MPs have indicated willingness to launch a leadership challenge to the Prime Minister.

*The Telegraph* headlined critical articles, asserting that ‘This was the weekend that the Brexit dream died’ and that ‘Cabinet agrees Brexit deal that keeps Britain tied to EU rules on goods indefinitely.’ On the other side of the argument, the Guardian asked ‘After May’s deal, many people will ask, does Brexit have any point?’

### [Section Two: The Evolving Debate](#)

#### **David Davis and Boris Johnson Resignations**

The Brexit Secretary, David Davis, resigned just hours after the cabinet agreement at Chequers, reminding the Prime Minister in his letter of resignation that he had disagreed with her policy line on a number of occasions but had remained in the cabinet in the hope that it was still possible to deliver on the mandate of the referendum. The Chequers decisions had led him to conclude that “the general direction of policy will leave us in at best a weak negotiating position, and possibly an inescapable one.” He summed up his position by writing that “it seems to me that the national interest requires a Secretary of State in my Department that is an enthusiastic believer in your approach, and not merely a reluctant conscript.”

The resignation of the Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson, followed a day later. He wrote to the Prime Minister arguing that the dream of what Brexit could deliver “is dying, suffocated by needless self-doubt.” Stating that

the Chequers decision meant that, having spent decades arguing against “this or that EU directive”, “we are now in the ludicrous position of asserting that we must accept huge amounts of precisely such EU law without changing an iota, because it is essential for our economic health [...] in that respect we are truly headed for the status of a colony. The government now has a song to sing. The trouble is that I have practised the words over the weekend and find that they stick in the throat.”

The Prime Minister replied to both former ministers by insisting that the cabinet decision provided “a precise, responsible and credible basis for progressing our negotiations towards a new relationship between the UK and EU after we leave in March.”

### **President Trump in Europe**

At the start of his official visit to the UK President Trump told The Sun that the Brexit blueprint of the British Prime Minister would probably rule out a bilateral trade deal between the UK and the US. “If they do a deal like that, we would be dealing with the EU instead of dealing with the UK, so it will probably kill the deal.” He went on to criticise Theresa May’s handling of Brexit as very unfortunate, claiming that he had offered advice on negotiations which she had ignored. (The Prime Minister later indicated that the President had suggested that the UK should ‘sue’ the EU rather than negotiating with it).

The next day, following talks with the Prime Minister at Chequers, the President changed his position, describing the Prime Minister as a tough negotiator and acknowledging the complexity of Brexit talks, telling her that “I don’t know what you’re going to do but whatever you’re going to do it’s okay with us [...] the only thing I ask of Theresa is that we make sure we can trade [...] because we want to trade with the UK and the UK wants to trade with us.”

### **UK Business**

British business interests continue to express serious concerns about the consequences of the Brexit negotiations. The German car industry’s UK representative body (GIUK) said that a bad deal would put both £80 billion of investment and 40,000 jobs at risk. The chief executive of Airbus warned that it could pull out of the UK in the event of a hard Brexit arguing that the Government had ‘no clue’ on how to leave the EU. Jaguar Land Rover called for ‘greater certainty’ over Brexit if it was to continue to invest heavily in the UK, safeguarding suppliers, customers and as many as 40,000 jobs.

Polydron, a UK-based toy company, anticipates significant complications in supply chains and costs following Brexit. The company manufactures products in India and China and sells to customers in all 27 Member States of the EU. As Polydron is responsible for importing products into the EU, it must ensure that products comply with European standards set out in the EU Toy Safety Directive. If the UK leaves the Single Market, Polydron’s individual customers in EU states become responsible for ensuring the products comply with the standards set in the directive. The company fears that relations with customers will suffer, due to the potential for: “[...] a hundred different interpretations [of standards set in the directive] which splinters our supply chain and adds costs.”

### **Irish Debate**

Immediately following the publication of the Chequers Statement the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, spoke to Prime Minister Theresa May by phone. He welcomed the fact that the UK Government had reached an agreement on detailed proposals for the future EU-UK relationship and said that Dublin awaited the detailed content of the White Paper before working on an EU response.

The Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney, visited London on 4 July 2018, for a series of

engagements with members of the British Government and members of the Opposition. The visit provided an opportunity for discussions on the ongoing Brexit negotiations as well as the political situation in Northern Ireland. He met the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond, the Cabinet Office Minister, David Lidington, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Karen Bradley and the Environment Secretary, Michael Gove. He then met the Labour Party's shadow Brexit Secretary, Keir Starmer.

The Tánaiste, Simon Coveney, has written in the Irish Times, about the preparation of a detailed memorandum for cabinet on being ready for the changes that will come about as the UK exits the EU. It will deal in particular with areas where the Government has direct responsibility and on the measures needed in areas such as customs and veterinary controls. He also commented on the actions taken by the Irish government in informing Irish citizens and businesses and referred to the All-Island Civic Dialogue meetings taking place:

*A huge amount of work has been under way across Government and its agencies since before the UK even voted to leave the EU. The Government has already put significant financial supports in place, including additional funds such as the €300 million Brexit Loan Scheme for business and a separate €150 million low-cost loan scheme for agribusiness. The Government has been proactive in getting information on Brexit to Irish citizens, businesses and representative bodies. Activities in this area include the All-Island Civic Dialogue meetings and Brexit advisory clinics and road shows around the country.*

He further commented on the negotiations on the backstop for Northern Ireland and the progress in the last few days on the part of the British government in establishing a clear position in Brussels:

*Dedicated negotiations on Ireland and Northern Ireland are continuing. This includes work on the backstop, which remains essential for providing certainty that in any circumstances, and no matter what the outcome of the negotiations on the future*

*EU-UK relationship, a hard border will be avoided. The need to avoid a hard Border is something where we have total agreement – from the UK, Ireland and the EU. The peace that the Belfast Agreement has brought to this island is something that we will fiercely protect. The last few days saw a step forward with Britain publishing a clear negotiating position allowing Brexit negotiations resume in Brussels between the EU taskforce and UK negotiators next week.*

New customs and veterinary checks, staffed by hundreds of new officers, will be needed at Irish ports and airports after the UK leaves the EU, and the Government is to begin installing facilities in the near future. Preparations for inevitable changes are likely to become “more visible from now on”. The cabinet is considering details of contingency planning and preparations for Brexit, including for a “no-deal” Brexit. The Tánaiste will signal that provisions in the budget and estimates process will have to be made for Brexit-related costs and projects, including the recruitment of several hundred customs and other staff to operate the new facilities.

### **British Irish Intergovernmental Conference**

A meeting of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference is to take place on 25 July 2018, for the first time since 2007. The Conference is an institution of the Good Friday Agreement, bringing the two administrations together to promote bilateral co-operation “at all levels on matters of mutual interest within the competence of both governments”. The Agreement provides for meetings of the conference on non-devolved Northern Ireland issues. Under its terms the Irish government can put forward views and proposals. It also deals with “all-island and cross-Border co-operation on non-devolved issues”. It will be attended by the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Simon Coveney and the Minister for Justice Charlie Flanagan. The UK government will be represented by David Lidington, Minister for the Cabinet Office, and the Northern Ireland Secretary Karen Bradley. The Tánaiste said he looked forward to the event: “Both governments as co-guarantors of the agreement are fully

committed to working together to achieve the earliest operation of the devolved institutions, and to working together for the mutual benefit of all of the peoples of these islands.” Minister Flanagan added that maintaining a stable security environment was “a key aspect of the process of peace and reconciliation on the island of Ireland. The authorities in both jurisdictions will continue to work closely together to achieve that aim.”

### Five Scenarios for Brexit Britain

The Financial Times looks at five possible outcomes of the evolving UK-EU negotiations, commenting that the biggest test for the Government following the publication of its White Paper is yet to come in Brussels where its vision will collide with political constraints set out by EU leaders.

The options described are:

- Chaotic ‘no deal’: most likely to be triggered by the Irish Border issue; chaos at all UK borders; dismay in business; bitter recriminations on all sides.
- Hard Brexit after transition: negotiations on final trading arrangement fail to secure a frictionless goods-only agreement; a Canada-style deal is agreed; Irish backstop in play.
- Customs union after transition; UK signs a free-trade agreement and a customs union with the EU in large part to avoid hard border in Ireland; frictions arise at Calais and other ports.
- Goods-only single market access: EU signs up to Chequers blueprint –more or less; customs regime agreed, involving common external tariff; Irish situation solved; business happy.
- Norway plus plus: UK enters an EEA-style agreement and remains in the customs union at the end of the transition period; outcome seen as policy defeat for UK; business delighted.

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