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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 6 - 28 February 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 most recent sessions of the EAAL Committee were:

- 12 February: Future trade policy and its implications for Wales: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport. Discussions on: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill; Wales' future relationship with the European Union; Wales in the World; the committee's Forward work programme. [Transcript](#).
- 26 February: Evidence session on Equalities and Brexit. Legislative Consent Memorandum: Trade Bill - consideration of draft report. [Transcript](#).

On 21 February David Rees met the UK ambassador to Poland.

The Research Service's own blogs are published on [In Brief](#). The latest Brexit blogs are [Assembly debates UK governance after Brexit](#); and [Is a Continuity Bill on its way?](#)

#### Other

On 2 February the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee published its report on [Governance in the UK post-Brexit](#). The Committee is also continuing work with its [inquiry into Powers in the EU \(Withdrawal\) Bill to make subordinate legislation](#).

The Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee is considering the implications of Brexit on Human Rights as part of its inquiry into Human Rights in Wales.

5 February: [Llywydd and Committee Chair tell Westminster Committee "Wales' voice must be heard clearly as we exit the EU", and call for the establishment of a Speakers' Conference](#) – under *Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee* below.

6 February: Statement in Plenary by the First Minister: ['Trade Policy: the Issues for Wales'](#).

16 February: Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister in Newtown - [Food, drink and Brexit on the menu for scrutiny of the First Minister](#). [Transcript](#).

27 February: [Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance: JMC \(EU Negotiations\) Meeting, 22 February 2018](#).

27 February: **Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill** was published by the Welsh Government in light of the failure of the UK Government and Devolved Governments to reach an agreement to date on amendments to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill – Llywydd's **statement on legislative competence, briefing note**.

## Welsh Government

12 February: **First Minister meets the Taoiseach to discuss trade post-Brexit**.

15 February: **First Minister opens major Welsh export conference**.

16 February: **£8m EU-backed boost to roll out initiative to drive groundbreaking research to support the manufacturing industry**.

19 February: **Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs has welcomed the publication of an EU Exit scenario report for the food, fisheries, farming, forestry and the environment sectors**.

19 February: **EU Exit scenario report published by the Cabinet Secretary's Brexit Roundtable Stakeholder Group**.

20 February: **Lesley Griffiths outlines her vision for land management in Wales post Brexit**.

21 February: **Finance Secretary meets his Irish counterpart to discuss Ireland/Wales trade links post-Brexit**.

23 February: **£8.3m EU-backed investment to meet local business needs**.

26 February: **New EU funded project set to attract more visitors to Welsh and Irish coastal regions**.

26 February: **First Minister in the US and Canada to boost trade with Wales' most important business partner**.

27 February: **New law proposed to protect Welsh devolution**.

27 February: **EU approval unlocks major funding boost for Carmarthenshire**.

28 February: **Mark Drakeford in Brussels for annual St David's Day reception and Brexit talks with MEPs from across Europe**.

## News

9 February: **Meeting with George Eustice MP & Stuart Andrew MP** (NFU Cymru)

12 February: **UK food & farming sector unites to highlight impact on home-grown production** (NFU Cymru)

13 February: **Food and Farming Needs Comprehensive Post Brexit Transitional Plan** (Tenant Farmers Association)

13 February: **TFA calls for no pre-Brexit farm rent hikes** (Tenant Farmers Association)

15 February: **Blog: Challenging crop conditions, a protein paradox and biodiesel battle** – NFU blog which mentions the ease of moving arable seed around the EU leading to increased assurance of

availability. Also points out that the UK chooses not to provide Voluntary Coupled Support for protein crops.

19 February: CLA reaction to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee report Brexit: trade in food.

20 February: CLA reaction to Defra Secretary speech to the National Farmers Union conference.

20 February: Welsh Government EU Exit scenario report (NFU Cymru)

20 February: FUW renews call for funding clarity for Wales.

20 February: Gove recognition of devolution and focus on supply chains cautiously welcomed (FUW)

20 February: Positive hints from Gove NFU speech but more detail needed (Tenant Farmers Association)

20 February: 'Change is the only certainty' in post-Brexit rural communities (Welsh Local Government Association)

21 February: FUW welcomes Cabinet Secretary's cautious approach to future Welsh land policies.

26 February: £5.1 Million from European Social Fund awarded to organisations supporting people into employment.

27 February: CLA reaction to publication of future of farming consultation by Defra.

### 3. EU developments

#### European Council

6 February: EU-Norway agreement signed, strengthening the prevention of VAT fraud.

13 February: Remarks by President Donald Tusk after his meeting with Austrian Federal Chancellor Sebastian Kurz.

15 February: Remarks by President Donald Tusk after his meeting with President of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė.

21 February: Invitation letter by President Donald Tusk to the 27 heads of state or government ahead of their informal meeting on 23 February 2018.

23 February: Remarks by President Donald Tusk following the informal meeting of the 27 heads of state or government on 23 February 2018.

27 February: Geo-blocking: Council adopts regulation to remove barriers to e-commerce.

#### European Commission

The Commission has published 39 '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. Examples include: Road Transport – “a driving licence issued by the United Kingdom will no longer be recognised by the Member States”; “United Kingdom hauliers will no

longer be able to perform cabotage operations within any of the EU-27 Member States. **Type-approval of motor vehicles** – the EU will not be able to accept UK-approved new vehicle designs or revisions or extensions to existing approvals. **Food law** - Food of animal origin - This food can only enter the EU-27 through approved "border inspection posts"; Each consignment undergoes documentary and identity checks, as well as at an appropriate frequency physical checks; Each consignment has to be accompanied by a certificate in compliance with EU food legislation.

6-21 February: Internal EU27 preparatory discussions on the framework for the future relationship - **International agreements and trade policy; Services; Regulatory issues; Mobility; Transport.**

6-9 February: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations;**

7 February: Position paper "**Transitional Arrangements in the Withdrawal Agreement**".

7 February: **Commissioner Pierre Moscovici presents the Winter 2018 Interim Economic Forecast.**

9 February: **Press statement by Michel Barnier following this week's round of Article 50 negotiations** (6th-9th February).

12 February: **Employment and social situation in the EU continues to improve.**

14 February: **A Europe that delivers: Commission presents ideas for a more efficient European Union.**

14 February: **EU long-term budget after 2020: European Commission sets out options – and their consequences.**

14 February: **European Citizens' Initiative: Commission registers 'We are a welcoming Europe, let us help!' initiative.**

16 February: **Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations.**

23 February: **Speech by Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska at the European Industry Day - The Single Market and the industry of the future.**

23 February: **EU Industry Day debates on the "Road to 2030".**

27 February: **GDP per capita in 276 EU regions - Regional GDP per capita ranged from 29% to 611% of the EU average in 2016** (Eurostat)

27 February: **Remarques par Michel Barnier au point presse à l'issue du Conseil affaires générales (Article 50).**

28 February: **Press statement by Michel Barnier following the publication of the draft Withdrawal Agreement between the EU and the UK.**

28 February: **European Commission publishes draft Article 50 Withdrawal Agreement. Q&A.**

28 February: **European Commission Draft Withdrawal Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.**



## European Parliament

6 February: Our path needs to lead forwards, not backwards, says Croatian prime minister.

7 February: “Spitzenkandidaten” process cannot be overturned, say MEPs.

7 February: Size of Parliament to shrink after Brexit.

8 February: Parliament calls for thorough assessment of bi-annual time change.

22 February: Post-2020 EU budget reform must match EU's future ambitions.

27 February: Circular economy: MEPs back plans to boost recycling and cut landfilling.

28 February: European Parliament’s Brexit Steering Group to scrutinise draft Brexit Withdrawal Treaty.

## News

12 February: UK has ‘huge misunderstanding’ over post-Brexit customs: Danuta Hübner MEP (Politico)

13 February: Member States must open up their opaque negotiations on EU laws (European Ombudsman)

15 February: The European Court of Auditors has today called for an increased emphasis on value added in the EU Budget, along with more flexibility and transparency, and greater accountability.

15 February: EU-Mercosur trade endgame boils down to car parts (PoliticoPro)

20 March: What about Wales? The Implications of Brexit for Wales (Wales Centre for Public Policy event)

21 February: Stand-by time of a worker at home who is obliged to respond to calls from the employer within a short period must be regarded as ‘working time’ (Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU))

22 February: UK: Midlands Engine Investment Fund launches £100m SME equity fund (European Investment Bank)

22 February: Advocate General Saugmandsgaard Øe issues his opinion on the interpretation of EU law provisions relating to geographical indications for spirit drinks in the context of a dispute concerning a German whisky named ‘Glen Buchenbach’ (CJEU)

22 February: Advocate General Saugmandsgaard Øe proposes that the Court holds that suppliers and dealers of vacuum cleaners may not use supplementary labels which reproduce or clarify the information contained in the energy label provided for in an EU regulation (Case involving Dyson at the CJEU)

28 February: The extension of a contract of employment beyond the normal retirement age may be of limited duration (CJEU)

## 4. UK developments

### UK Government

6-9 February: Programme: EU-UK Article 50 Negotiations.

8 February: Technical note on the UK's position on international agreements.

8 February: The Prime Minister held a roundtable at 10 Downing Street with senior representatives of Japanese businesses that are significant investors in the UK. Japan's man in UK says unprofitable firms could not stay (BBC)

8 February: Prime Minister's meeting with Roberto Gualtieri MEP.

12 February: Prime Minister's statement at Stormont House.

14 February: Uniting for a Great Brexit: Foreign Secretary's speech.

16 February: Plans outlined to extend 'settled status' deal to citizens from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

16 February update: Status of EU citizens in the UK: what you need to know.

16 February: PM press conference with Chancellor Merkel.

17 February: PM speech at Munich Security Conference.

19 February: PM call with Taoiseach.

EU-UK Article 50 negotiations: Programme 19-20 February; Programme 26-27 February:

20 February: David Davis' Foundations of the Future Economic Partnership Speech in Vienna.

21 February: Draft Text for Discussion: Implementation Period.

21 February: PM meeting with the PM of the Netherlands.

21 February: PM meetings with the leaders of the DUP and Sinn Fein.

22 February: The Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) (JMC (EN)) met. Proposed changes to Clause 11 of the EU Withdrawal Bill, to ensure all devolved EU powers transfer directly from Brussels to Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh, were shared by the Cabinet Office with the devolved administrations ahead of the JMC (EN).

22 February: Changes to EU Withdrawal Bill to be discussed at Joint Ministerial Committee meeting.

27 February: PM call with Taoiseach Varadkar.

27 February: Britain's Trading Future – speech by Liam Fox in London.

28 February: The government's offer for EU citizens and their family members who arrive during the implementation period.

### 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.

7 February: **Government Command Paper on the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic as amended.**

7 February: Northern Ireland questions: **Leaving the EU: Cross-border Trade; Frictionless Border; Leaving the EU: Transitional Arrangements.**

7 February: Westminster Hall: Debate on the **European Free Trade Association.**

8 February: Digital, Culture, Media and Sport questions: **Leaving the EU: Film Industry Funding; Leaving the EU: Computer Games Industry Recruitment and Retention.**

8 February: Questions to the Attorney General: **Leaving the EU: European Arrest Warrant.**

20 February: Foreign Office Questions: **Leaving the EU: Diplomatic Co-operation.**

21 February: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: No-deal Alternatives.**

22 February: A series of **EU-related International Trade questions.**

22 February: Women and Equalities question: **Exiting the EU: Equalities Policy.**

26 February: Home Office questions: **EU Nationals: Residence Rights, Tier 2 Visas, Leaving the EU: Preparations.**

26 February: **Department for Exiting the European Union.**

26 February: Westminster Hall debate: **Leaving the EU: Live Farm Animal Exports.**

27 February: Westminster Hall debate: **Future UK Fisheries Policy.**

## **Committees**

### **Defence:**

6 February: Evidence session on the Government's Brexit position paper: **Foreign policy, defence and development: a future partnership paper inquiry. Transcript.**

### **Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:**

9 February: **Trade in sugar post-Brexit inquiry launched.**

18 February: Committee calls for a **fund to prepare British farming for Brexit, a specific impact analysis for each agricultural sector, plans for physical and IT infrastructure to be drawn up now, and for new trading partnerships to be explored** – Report: **Brexit: Trade in Food.**

28 February: Evidence session on Labour constraints.

28 February: Evidence session on Post-Brexit Trade in Sugar.

## **European Scrutiny:**

31 January: Meeting summary.

6 February: Government must clarify plans for links with Commonwealth after Brexit - Report.

6 February: Government analysis understates potential exit issues for UK audit sector.

7 February meeting report. Brexit-related highlights from this week's report.

21 February meeting report.

22 February: MPs warn of extra cost of Brexit transition – letter to government.

## **Exiting the EU:**

6 February: EU's relationship with Switzerland considered. Transcript.

7 February: European Economic Area and Norway model considered. Transcript, written evidence.

19 February: The committee visited Brussels.

21 February: Letter to the Secretary of State from the Chair regarding decision-making and the progress of the Brexit negotiations.

21 February: EU relations with Turkey and the US examined, transcript.

27 February: Former Director General of the World Trade Organisation questioned.

## **Foreign Affairs:**

6 February: Evidence session on Global Britain. Transcript. Chair's letter to the Foreign Secretary. Foreign Secretary's reply.

7 February: Minister of State questioned on UK's influence at the UN. Transcript.

20 February: Minister questioned on Commonwealth Summit.

27 February: Lord Mayor of London questioned on Global Britain.

## **Health:**

15 February: The Chair of the Health Committee has written to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to stress the urgent need for clarity on the transitional period after Brexit.

## **Home Affairs:**

14 February: Immigration system unprepared for Brexit – Report: Home Office delivery of Brexit: Immigration.

27 February: Committee holds its first evidence session of a new inquiry into post-Brexit migration arrangements.

Home Office delivery of Brexit: policing and security cooperation inquiry. Written evidence published: National Crime Agency; Home Office.



## **International Trade:**

28 February: [Australia-US Free Trade Agreement examined](#).

## **Northern Ireland:**

7 February: Evidence Session on Devolution and democracy in Northern Ireland – dealing with the deficit. [Transcript](#). [Written evidence](#). [Written evidence 2](#).

21 February: [Devolution inquiry hears from MLAs and interest groups](#). [Transcript](#).

28 February: [Secretary of State questioned on restoration of Northern Ireland Executive](#).

## **Public Accounts:**

7 February: [Government too slow to allocate skills and resources for Brexit](#) – Report: [Exiting the European Union](#).

7 March: Evidence Sessions on Implementing EU Exit: DEFRA; and Implementing EU Exit: DIT.

## **Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs:**

5 February: [Evidence Session in the National Assembly on Devolution and Exiting the EU](#), witnesses included Carwyn Jones AM, Andrew RT Davies AM, Leanne Wood AM, Jane Dodds, Elin Jones AM, Manon Antoniazzi, Mick Antoniw AM. [Transcript](#).

5 March: [PACAC visits Scotland to discuss the future of devolution after Brexit](#).

## **Science and Technology:**

22 February: Recording of the committee's [Brexit Science and Innovation Summit](#). Written evidence: [Society of Chemical Industry](#) and [James Hutton Institute](#).

6 March: Evidence Session on the Brexit science and innovation Summit.

## **Scottish Affairs:**

20 February: [Fife Migrant Forum and community groups discuss immigration after Brexit](#). [Transcript](#). Written evidence submitted by [Highlands and Islands Enterprise](#).

## **Treasury:**

2 February: [Economic Secretary refuses to commit to publishing paper on financial services – Letter from the Economic Secretary](#).

27 February: [Brexit uncertainty for businesses still looms large](#). The [Government has responded](#) to the committee's report [The UK's economic relationship with the European Union](#).

## **Welsh Affairs:**

20 February: [Welsh academics discuss impact of Brexit on trade](#). [Transcript](#).

## **House of Lords**

7 February: Questions on [Brexit: EU Customs Union](#).

7 February: First Reading of the [Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill](#).

7 February: Agreement on the order that the [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#) will be considered.

7 February: Second Reading of the [Nuclear Safeguards Bill](#).

8 February: Debate on [Brexit and the Labour Market](#) (Economic Affairs Committee Report).

8 February: Debate on [Brexit: European Arrest Warrant](#) (European Union Committee Report).

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

22 February: First Committee day: [Nuclear Safeguards Bill](#), and [continued](#).

26 February: Second Committee day: [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Bill](#), and [continued](#).

27 February: Questions on the [European Free Trade Association](#).

27 February: Second Reading of the [Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill](#).

## **Committees**

### **Constitution:**

23 February: [Committee raises concerns about the Taxation \(Cross-border Trade\) Bill](#) – Report: [Taxation \(Cross-border Trade\) Bill](#).

### **Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform:**

9 February: Part of the thirteenth report was on the [Nuclear Safeguards Bill](#).

### **EU Select:**

6 February: [Committee heard about system of checks at EU external borders with Switzerland and Norway](#). [Transcript](#).

20-21 February: [Committee visited Brussels to discuss Brexit negotiations with Michel Barnier and Guy Verhofstadt](#). [Guy Verhofstadt transcript](#).

27 February: [Tensions in UK position on Brexit and Irish border need to be 'settled now' – letter to Karen Bradley](#).

### **EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee:**

7 February: [Evidence session on Brexit: food security and prices](#), [Transcript](#).

8 February: [Committee to undertake further work on post-Brexit food prices](#).

21 February: [Defra questioned on EU Commission's 'no deal' stakeholder advice – Letter to Michael Gove](#).

21 February: [Minister questioned on fisheries and pesticides](#).

28 February: [Possible impact of Brexit on the availability and price of food discussed](#).

### **EU External Affairs Sub-Committee:**

8 February: [Operation Atalanta Commander gives evidence to Brexit: CSDP missions inquiry](#). [Transcript](#).

22 February: Evidence session on [Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy \(CSDP\) missions.](#)

26 February: [Government response to Brexit: sanctions policy report.](#)

8 March: Evidence Session on Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions.

#### **EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee:**

18 January: [Letter from the government regarding Euratom.](#)

7 February: [Music and dance professionals give evidence on movement of people after Brexit. Transcript.](#)

21 February: [Professional sport gives evidence on movement of people after Brexit. Transcript.](#)

#### **EU Internal Market Sub-Committee:**

8 February: [Digital and travel sectors representatives gave evidence in trade follow-up session. Transcript.](#)

22 February: [Committee follows up on post-Brexit trade in creative services. Transcript.](#)

#### **EU Justice Sub-Committee:**

6 February: [Evidence session on Brexit: enforcement and dispute resolution. Law Society of Scotland – Written Evidence.](#)

19 February: [Immigration Minister's letter on citizens' rights post-Brexit.](#)

27 February: [Academics and think tanks questioned on enforcement and dispute resolution post-Brexit.](#)

#### **International Relations:**

7 February: [Committee examines how US foreign policy is impacting international affairs. Transcript.](#)

7 February: [Government should reinvigorate ties with Commonwealth network – Report: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018. Transcript of Evidence session on 10 January.](#)

21 February: Evidence session on [How well is the UK managing relations with the US? Transcript.](#)

28 February: Evidence session on Foreign policy in changed world conditions. AM and PM sessions.

#### **News**

7 February: [British industry needs positive movement to keep trading](#) (Freight Transport Association)

8 February: [No-deal Brexit would trigger wave of red tape for UK drivers and hauliers](#) (Guardian)

14 February: Former MI6 Head John Sawers: [Brexit could pose long-term problems for British security](#) (Prospect)

16 February: [Customising Brexit - A hybrid option for a UK-EU trade framework](#) (Institute of Directors)

16 February: **Businesses are floundering while Whitehall dithers on immigration** - Adam Marshall, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce.

21 February: **The latest pro-Brexit analysis has got its sums badly wrong** (Financial Times)

22 February: **Devolution offer in bid to break Brexit law deadlock** (BBC)

22 February: **Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: February 2018** (ONS)

22 February: **Warning of 15-mile queues at Calais should be Brexit wake-up call** (Freight Transport Association)

## 5. Scotland

### Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament Brexit Update: **9 February; 27 February.**

6 February: **Brexit and health – Who cares?** (Scottish Parliament Information Centre)

26 February: **Migration in post-Brexit Scotland** (Scottish Parliament Information Centre)

7 February: The Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee has **written to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union**, David Davis MP for a fifth time to ask him to give evidence on the **UK Government's position on Brexit.**

15 February: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee inquiry: **is €940m European funding working, and what will replace it?**

21 February: Finance and Constitution Committee: **Evidence session on the Trade Bill.**

22 February: Debate on **Population Needs and Migration Policy.**

27 February: **Statement: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Update.**

27 February: **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.**

### Scottish Government

6 February: **Call for more engagement on Brexit.**

6 February: **Brexit and rural Scotland** - EU migrant workforce is 'essential'.

7 February: **A tailored migration system for Scotland.**

9 February: **Record levels of salmon and whisky exports** - EU top export market.

14 February: **Funding to support marine economy** - The fifth round of the European and Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

15 February: **Dutch connections**- Hyslop: £2bn annual exports at risk due to Brexit.

19 February: **Post-Brexit trade scenarios.**

22 February: **Brexit talks update.**

22 February: **External Affairs Secretary comments on latest UK migration statistics.**



27 February: **Devolution to be protected post Brexit** – Continuity Bill introduced.

## 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

7 February: **Michael Russell, MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, appeared before the Joint Committee on EU Affairs.**

8 February: **Taoiseach travels to Vienna to meet Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz.**

12 February: **Taoiseach to visit Belfast.**

19 February: **Taoiseach Leo Varadkar speaks with Prime Minister Theresa May.**

26 February: **Taoiseach and Prime Minister speak on Brexit.**

## 8. Reports published

**UK Youth Perspectives and Priorities for Brexit Negotiations** (Report for the *All Party Parliamentary Group on a Better Brexit for Young People* conducted by the LSE)

**Sub-national Government Involvement in International Trade Negotiations** (Wales Centre for Public Policy)

**How will Brexit affect the UK's manufacturing industry?** (UK Trade Policy Observatory)

**Why hard Brexit could cost UK car industry £4.5 billion in tariffs annually** (The Conversation)

**What party members think about Brexit** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Are voters changing their minds about Brexit?** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**What MPs think about Brexit** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Why Brexit is a feminist issue** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Why Labour's Brexit strategy may be in trouble, in four charts** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**How Brexit will hit different UK regions and industries** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Sovereignty and cooperation: different dimensions of Brexit** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**What the public think about immigration** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Towns, Cities and Brexit** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Have Welsh voters changed their view of Brexit?** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**What are the EU27 looking for?** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Public opinion in Northern Ireland: Brexit and the border** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Did the unfounded claim that Turkey was about to join the EU swing the referendum?** (LSE Brexit)

**Why a clear, confident espousal of soft Brexit is less risky than Labour fears** (LSE Brexit)

**Brexit could leave Parliament with less of a say over international trade agreements than now** (LSE Brexit)

**Government should treat its Brexit studies like working papers: circulate them for feedback** (LSE Brexit)

**Welsh ports still face uncertainty about freight checks post-Brexit** (LSE Brexit)

**Brexit is part and parcel of Britain's ongoing quest for national self-understanding** (LSE Brexit)

**Long read | Freedom of movement: what Brexit means for dance** (LSE Brexit)

**Prolonging the acquis is a blueprint for the Brexit transition** (LSE Brexit)

**The UK needs to clarify what 'full regulatory alignment' means before the next phase of the Brexit talks** (LSE Brexit)

**Britain's best Brexit bet is the Jersey option** (LSE Brexit)

**Mapping Ukip's vote share** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**'Brexitannia': an unsettling, beautiful insight into post-referendum UK** (LSE Brexit)

**Long read | Brexit and the sovereignty of Parliament: a backbencher's view** (Dominic Grieve MP in LSE Brexit)

**Human rights post Brexit: no simple solutions** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**UKAP: a Brexit agricultural policy in the making?** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Across the water: personal and political reflections on holding dual British-Irish citizenship** (LSE Brexit)

**Referendums, though they may be political lifeboats, can be very bad for democracy** (LSE Brexit)

**Ground control to Theresa May – have we lost the signal?** - Galileo and Copernicus post-Brexit (LSE Brexit)

**Human rights post Brexit: no simple solutions** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Neither side is happy with this fudge on immigration** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**Putting UK citizens abroad on the electoral map? Brexit, the demos and the overseas vote** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**In Northern Ireland there is both division and consensus between different ethno-national groups on Brexit** (LSE Brexit)

**Brexit was a vote for national control over immigration – Labour must fully embrace it** (LSE Brexit)

**What will post-Brexit industrial strategy look like?** (LSE Brexit)

**Lessons from the 1890s: how to realign innovation and finance in post-Brexit Britain** (LSE Brexit)

**Brexit and Welsh firms** (Welsh Brexit blogs)

**Brexit: what should Labour commit to?** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**What sort of trade policy should the UK be pursuing after Brexit?** (UK in a Changing Europe)

**There can be no “ideal” Brexit agreement, Swedish expert agency warns** (LSE Brexit)

**Many multinationals may pull out of the UK if it leaves the Customs Union** (LSE Brexit)