

# Brussels Weekly Update: BREXIT – 15/01/2018

## EU INSTITUTIONS

### European Parliament:

- [The \(ir-\) revocability of the withdrawal notification under Article 50 TEU.](#)

This in-depth analysis examines the issue of the possible revocation of a withdrawal notification under article 50 TEU. In light of the ongoing negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the possibility for the UK to revoke its withdrawal notification has become a significant political and legal/institutional issue. The analysis examines the case of revocation of a withdrawal notification under international law and under the EU law and assesses the various positions expressed so far on the matter.

- [Briefing: What Think Tanks are thinking. 12 January 2018.](#)

This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports published by major international Think Tanks and other organisations on EU-UK negotiations and on the implications of Brexit more widely.

### European Commission:

- [Notice to stakeholders: withdrawal of the United Kingdom and EU rules in the field of data protection.](#)

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## MORE INFORMATION

- [Does the European Parliament miss an opportunity to reform after Brexit?.](#) Bruegel.

On 18 January 2018, the European Parliament (EP) will vote on its new distribution of MEPs per Member State after Brexit. In the UK 73 MEPs are elected, and these seats can either be dropped or reallocated across countries or even in a transnational list. This paper advocates for options that could better achieve equality of representation even within the constraints of the EU treaties.

- [UK trade with Ireland.](#) Source House of Commons.

This note provides some key statistics on the UK's trade with Ireland. They are taken from the Office for National Statistics Pink Book 2017 and the HMRC database UK Trade Info.

- [Brexit: a reading list of post-EU Referendum publications by the UK Parliament and the Devolved Assemblies.](#) Source UK Parliament.

This reading list is a compilation of briefings on Brexit by the Commons and Lords libraries, by the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, and by Devolved Assembly research services, together with reports by Parliamentary and Devolved Assembly Committees.

- [Brexit and the legal status of EU officials and other servants of British nationality.](#) Source Union Syndical Fédéral.
- [Scotland's place in Europe: People, Jobs and Investment.](#) Source Scottish Government.
- ["Brexit Update"](#). 12 January. Scottish Parliament's Information Centre (SPICe).
- [Greater London Authority - Preparing for Brexit.](#) Source Cambridge Econometrics.

- [Joint article: a deep and special partnership](#). Source UK Gov.

A joint article by Philip Hammond and David Davis that originally appeared in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung on 10 January 2018.

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## Events

- [Lessons for Brexit from Canada-EU trade negotiations?](#) 17 January. The Exiting the European Union Committee.
- [Brexit and the Food System: Trade, Environmental and Security Implications](#). Chatham House. 17 January
- [Inaugural event "Brexit, Ireland and the Future of Europe"](#). 25 January. Dublin