

BUSINESS BREXIT CHECKLIST- NOVEMBER 2019

This checklist has been created to help you consider the changes that Brexit may bring to your firm, and to help business planning at both operational and Board levels.

While some companies are planning for the challenges and opportunities ahead, Chambers of Commerce believe that all firms – not just those directly and immediately affected – should be undertaking a Brexit 'health check' and a broader test of existing business plans. Time spent thinking through the changes that Brexit may bring to your firm could yield real dividends in future.

There are steps that businesses of all sizes can take now to start planning ahead.

- Have you / your management team devoted time to considering the potential consequences of Brexit – direct or indirect – on your businesses?
- If you have one, have you consulted with your Board of Directors on Brexit – or scheduled an opportunity to do so?
- Have you mapped your supplier and customer base – and considered how changes in the UK-EU trade relationship could affect them?
- Have you checked to see if your sector is included in the planning notices issued by the UK Government and European Commission? Find out more [here](#) and [here](#).

The checklist below has been prepared in response to BCC research on business preparation, member queries and the information available from government. We hope you find it useful as a basis for business planning at both operational and Board level. For further information and Government guidance links, visit [here](#).

Your firm doesn't have to navigate Brexit alone. Contact your local accredited Chamber of Commerce to find out how your Chamber can support you.

**Please note that where materials refer to precise timelines for policy, these may be subject to revision as events unfold.*



Have you considered the following?	
Workforce	✓
What percentage of your UK workforce is from the EU27? Do your staff know the steps to take to register as an EU citizen working in the UK? What can you do to help retain skills and labour?	
What will be your skills and labour needs over the next few years? Will you need to hire someone from outside the UK? What steps will you need to take to hire them? Could different arrangements (remote working) be feasible for your business?	
Cross-Border Trade	✓
What customs procedures do you comply with for trade with non-EU markets? Are you ready, if the need arises, to apply these to imports from or exports to the EU?	
How resilient is your supply chain to potential border delays? Do any contracts you have include penalties for late delivery?	
Do you know the HS codes (international classification system) for your product? Do you know the EU Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff applicable for your product?	
If the UK and the EU do not reach an agreement that removes all tariffs, what would the impact of the MFN tariff be on your cost base?	
Are you familiar with the temporary tariff schedule for imports to the UK in the event of a no-deal?	
If you are a supplier, has your customer asked you to provide proof of where you source your content? Would you be able to provide it if asked? If you buy your components from local suppliers, have you thought about conducting an audit of where they source their materials?	
Do you import or export using lower duty rates ('preferences') provided by the EU's existing trade agreements? How might changes to, or the ending of, these preferential rates impact you?	
Have you considered applying as an Authorised Economic Operator? Will your business handle new Customs and Safety and Security Declarations in-house or with a third-party?	
Do you have a member of staff knowledgeable in customs and export? Would it be valuable to train a member of staff in this area?	
Has your business registered for an EORI number to continue trading with the EU in the event of a no-deal?	
Are you familiar with INCOTERMS?	
Taxation / Insurance	✓
Do you know which country would be best suited to support your supply chain to EU customers/suppliers? Do you have access to bank guarantees required by Fiscal Representatives? Does your business model allow enough margin to absorb the increased costs these new processes will bring? If you are a business that is stockpiling, have you checked with your insurer or insurance adviser on whether you are still fully insured?	
Currency/Intellectual Property/Contract	✓
What currency are you being paid in? Have you considered the possibility of further currency movements and how this might affect existing and future contracts?	
Do you own any Intellectual Property rights? Have you contacted trademark bodies/solicitors/IP advisors on how to protect your intellectual property?	
Do your contracts refer to any terms that should be reviewed in light of the UK leaving the EU? Do they make references to the UK being a Member State/to the EU? Does your contract rely on EU regulation applicable to contractual arrangements?	
Which regulatory agencies do you work with? What steps might you need to take to comply with separate UK and EU regulators in the future?	
Do you know if the EU's eCommerce Directive is relevant to your business?	

Does your business operate any websites with a '.eu' domain name registration?

WORKFORCE

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
EU-UK business mobility and recognition of qualifications	<p>The UK Government has issued guidance on business travel to the UK for EU/EEA/Swiss citizens after the UK leaves the EU and for recognition of professional qualifications.</p> <p>There will be changes to the recognition of qualifications. UK professionals operating in the EU will need to check the third country requirements in the host state. EU professionals operating in the UK will need to check with the relevant UK regulator.</p> <p>The EU Commission has published proposals for UK business travellers in the EU. UK business visitors can spend 90 out of 180 days in the EU visa free, after which a visa or permit may be required from the individual host country. There will be other travel changes e.g. to passports, carrying currency, healthcare and driving.</p> <p>The UK's new immigration regime is expected to operate from January 2021. The British Chambers of Commerce is advising the Home Office on this, using feedback from across the UK Chamber Network.</p>	<p>What changes apply to EU/EEA/Swiss citizens visiting your business after Brexit? More here.</p> <p>How will your future travel to the EU for the servicing of contracts or other purposes be affected? More information here.</p> <p>Check the non-EEA visa requirements for the country you are visiting here.</p> <p>Are you and your employees aware of changes to UK passport rules for travel to Europe? More here.</p> <p>The UK Government has issued information for UK nationals living in or travelling to and from the EU - including work, education, recognition of professional qualifications etc. More here.</p> <p>Will there be changes to modes of travel to Europe and the EEA after the UK leaves the EU? Find out more here and here.</p> <p>Do you transfer staff between businesses in your group, or run a graduate training scheme? Restrictions may apply. Current non-EEA Intra Company Transfers fall under the UK's Tier 2 sponsorship arrangements, with regulatory and record keeping requirements for employers. More here. The new Immigration Regime may include an ICT route.</p>	

What will be your skills and labour needs over the next few years? Will you need to hire someone from outside the UK? What steps will you need to take to hire them? Could different arrangements (remote working) be feasible for your business?

The white paper on the future skills-based immigration system white paper sets out the Government's plans to introduce a new single immigration system, from January 2021, ending free movement. More [here](#).

Do you employ UK nationals living in the EU/EEA/Switzerland? The UK Government has published information on the rights and status of UK nationals. More [here](#).

Your UK staff may require a visa to undertake any work in the EU. Information on the rights of UK nationals travelling in the European Union, European Economic Area (EEA) and European Free Trade Area (EFTA), and Switzerland [here](#).

Are you aware of changes to the recognition of professional qualifications? UK Government guidance can be found [here](#).

The European Commission has published guidance on professional qualifications [here](#).

Gov.UK includes an online tool to help UK businesses prepare. View this [here](#).

Workforce
and future

The Government has issued guidance for EU/EEA/Swiss nationals who wish to live and work in the UK after Brexit.

What percentage of your UK based workforce is from the EU (excluding the UK and Republic of Ireland)?

skills need

EU nationals and their family members who have lived in the UK for at least five years by 31 December 2020 will be able to apply for UK Settled Status. Those who have been here for less than 5 years, can apply for Pre-Settled status until they meet the full criteria. The application deadline is 31 December 2020.

Irish citizens do not need to apply to the scheme to protect their rights in the UK, though they can if they wish to. Non-Irish, non-British family members of Irish citizens will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if they want to stay in the UK after 31 December 2020.

From January 2021, there will be a new UK immigration regime. The British Chambers of Commerce is advising the Home Office on this, using feedback from across the UK Chamber Network.

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens newly arriving in the UK during the period after EU Exit, and before the new skills-based immigration system is introduced, can apply for EU Temporary Leave to Remain (EuroTLR). The deadline is 31 December 2020. This will provide temporary immigration status for 36 months from the date it is

Do your staff know the next steps to take to register as an EU citizen working in the UK?

What can you do to help retain skills and labour?

The EU Settlement Scheme is now open. Applications are free of charge. View [here](#).

The Home Office has published an Employer Toolkit which covers the key details of the EU Settlement Scheme, information and materials with which to support affected staff and their families. View [here](#).

Guidance is now available in 23 official EU languages, as well as in Norwegian, Icelandic and Welsh, together with translated assets. View [here](#).

The Home Office has published guidance on the EU Settlement Scheme Assisted Digital service: EU Settlement Scheme Assisted Digital Service for applicants who don't have the appropriate access, skills or confidence to complete the form. More information [here](#).

The Government has announced arrangements for EU citizens arriving in the UK during the period after Brexit and before the new skills-based immigration system is introduced in 2021. Updated guidance for EU citizens is [here and here](#)

Guidance for employers on right to work checks is [here](#)

granted. EU Temporary Leave to Remain is not extendable and will not guarantee a route to settlement in the UK. To stay beyond 36 months, people will need to apply and qualify under the new future immigration system.

Employers should continue to conduct the same Right to Work checks they currently do, using EU/EEA/Swiss citizens' passport or national identity card, until 2021.

The future skills-based immigration system white paper sets out the Government's plans to introduce a new single immigration system, from January 2021, ending free movement. View [here](#).

CROSS- BORDER TRADE

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
Cross-border trade	<p>In the event of a 'no-deal' Brexit, UK businesses trading with the EU will need to have a UK Economic Operator Registration and Identification number (EORI) number to continue trading. Customers and suppliers based in the EU will need an EU EORI number to import / export goods to/from the UK.</p> <p>The BCC successfully campaigned for the government to automatically issue VAT registered businesses that currently trade with the EU with an EORI number rather than simply wait for them to apply.</p>	<p>In the event of no-deal, UK businesses trading with the EU will need to have an Economic Operator Registration and Identification number (EORI) number to continue trading. If you are a VAT-registered company you will be automatically allocated an EORI number shortly, if you have not received or applied for one already.</p> <p>If you are a non-VAT registered company that trades with the EU, has your business registered for an EORI number to continue trading with the EU in the event of no-deal? UK Government guidance on EORI numbers: More here.</p> <p>If you have a parent/subsidiary branch, customers/suppliers within the EU then you should check know that they know will need an EU EORI number to import/export goods from/to the UK on day one no-deal.</p>	

		<p>HMRC have announced that they have automatically enrolled VAT-registered businesses who import from the EU into the TSP scheme, which the BCC called for.</p> <p>Traders who are not registered for VAT are strongly encouraged to apply for Transitional Simplified Procedures (TSP) to make it easier to import goods from the EU. To register for TSP click here</p>	
<p>Customs facilitations, reliefs etc.</p>	<p>There are a number of duty relief schemes available to UK businesses.</p>	<p>It may be worthwhile for your business to consider applying for these. There is also a trusted trader scheme – Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) – that may be relevant to you if your supply chain also takes part in it. Please speak to your local Chamber to learn more about these.</p> <p>Will your business handle new Customs and Safety and Security Declarations in-house or with a third-party?</p> <p>If your business is exporting live animals or animal products, do you have the right documentation (e.g. Export Health Certificate, Catch Certificates, equine/plant IDs)? Are your drivers aware of the required documents?</p> <p>If you are importing certain types of food and feed of non-animal origin, you may be subject to increased import controls. Have you considered the requirements for certain types of goods to enter through Border Inspection Posts and/or Designated Points of Entry?</p> <p>You can now register for simplified import procedures in the event of no-deal here.</p> <p>Do you plan to apply for additional customs relief or trusted trader schemes from HMRC? Read more about them here and here.</p>	

<p>Customs/ Export training</p>	<p>In the event of no-deal, it will mean new customs processes and compliance requirements on UK-EU trade.</p>	<p>Do you have a member of staff knowledgeable in customs and export? Would it be valuable to train a member of staff in this area? Chambers are able to provide both ongoing support and relevant training. Find your local training provider here.</p> <p>Customs/export training: HMRC has announced a programme of training and IT support for customs intermediaries. The purpose of the training is to give traders an understanding of how to compile the information needed for simple import and export customs declaration entries. HM Treasury and HMRC announced a one-off investment to support broker training and increased automation. As part of this investment, funding has been set aside for grants to help meet the upfront costs of employee training and IT improvements. More information here.</p>
<p>EU trade agreements with third countries</p>	<p>The Government has indicated its intention to secure the benefits of existing EU trade agreements with other countries. However, businesses may need to consider a scenario where the terms were to change, and preferential trade terms are no longer available.</p>	<p>Do you import or export using lower duty rates ('preferences') provided by the EU's existing trade agreements? How might changes to, or the ending of, these preferential rates impact you?</p> <p>If you are supplying to a partner in the EU who is exporting to a third country with which there is an agreement, please be aware that EU firms have been encouraged to look for EU only (not UK) content to be able to benefit from lower tariff rates. Consider if there is any way for you to mitigate this.</p> <p>Current progress in agreeing continuity agreements with third countries can be found here.</p>
<p>Exports of animals and animal products</p>	<p>The UK's listed status application has been agreed by EU Member States after it met the animal health and</p>	<p>Full guidance from Defra about exporting animals and animal products can be found here.</p>

	biosecurity assurances required for a third country to export live animals and animal products.	To export animals and animal products to the EU your consignment will need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for your Export Health Certificate (EHC) using the form finder here. • Have your EHC signed by an authorised signatory following an inspection of your consignment. Find an authorised signatory here. • Send your consignment with the original EHC and email a copy to your EU importer or import agent to enable them to pre-notify the EU Border Inspection Post (BIP). • Check your trade route goes to an EU BIP which is appropriate for your consignment. 	
Imports of animals and animal products from EU countries	In order to minimise disruption, the UK has been granted continued access TRACES, the EU's import notification system. This access is for some EU imports only. The commodities this affects include live animals, germinal products, certain animal products and animal by-products imported to the UK from the EU. The UK will have access to the same or equivalent information on TRACES for these consignments that it does now.	The UK will retain access to TRACES until later this year. This means that you should continue with the current processes for notifying authorities and raising the required certification on TRACES including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK importer completing the import notification form, IV66, and sending to APHA (other notification processes exist for imports overseen by DAERA (NI imports) and Fish Health Inspectorate) • EU exporter or appointed EU OV completing any required documentation on TRACES (e.g. ITAHC or DOCOM). • The consignment can travel to the UK without border inspection. 	
Imports of animals and animal products from third (non-EU) countries	If your business imports animals and animal products from non-EU countries, these imports will need to be notified through the UK's new Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS).	Full guidance from Defra about non-EU imports can be found here .	
Incoterms	Knowing the International Terms and Conditions of Service will help you set the right contract terms to reflect	Are you familiar with INCOTERMS? Contact your local Chamber for advice and guidance. More here .	

	potential changes of status (becoming an exporter/importer) once the UK leaves the EU.		
Potential delays at UK/EU border	With potential customs checks between the UK and the EU, there may be delays at the border.	<p>The potential of customs checks to cause delays at the border will depend on how new policies are implemented in practice: customs checks are typically risk-based rather than universal. As yet there are no details on how enforcement might be executed in practice. How resilient is your supply chain to potential border delays? Do any contracts you have include penalties for late delivery? You may want to discuss with your logistics provider whether you would require new arrangements.</p> <p>Do you need to increase your inventory and/or buy additional storage space?</p> <p>HMRC have also provided some industry specific information, more here.</p>	
Rules of Origin in UK-EU trade	Even if the UK has a zero-tariff trade agreement with the EU, companies will need to prove that their product is of UK origin to benefit from this (usually, this means that 50-55% of the product has to be locally sourced). The exact terms of these rules between the UK and the EU are yet to be negotiated.	<p>If you are a supplier, has your customer asked you to provide proof of where you source your content? Would you be able to provide it if asked?</p> <p>If you buy your components from local suppliers, have you thought about conducting an audit of where they source their materials?</p> <p>UK Government technical notices on EU FTAs in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p>	
Tariffs on UK-EU trade	Businesses should consider the potential impact of a situation where there are tariffs between the UK and the EU – based on the EU Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff	Do you know the HS codes (international classification system) for your products? Do you know the EU MFN tariff that is applicable for your product?	

	<p>(which applies to countries that do not have a special agreement with the EU).</p>	<p>If the UK and the EU do not reach an agreement that removes all tariffs, what would the impact of the MFN tariff be on your cost base?</p> <p>UK Government technical notice on trade remedies in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p> <p>The most up to date MFN and tariff quota rates of customs duty on imports in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p> <p>In the event of no-deal, your business will need to check the tariffs on exports to the EU before the UK leaves. More here.</p>	
<p>UK/EU customs and excise checks</p>	<p>As a 'third country', UK exporters to the EU after Brexit may in future be required to make customs declarations.</p>	<p>What customs procedures do you comply with for trade with non-EU markets? Are you ready, if the need arises, to apply these to imports from or exports to the EU?</p> <p>HMRC has published an information pack to help businesses plan ahead in the event of no-deal. The pack includes guidance on how Customs and Excise could be affected and actions to take now. Information is split by topic and audience, and flowcharts. View here.</p> <p>See the UK Government's technical notice on trading with the EU in the event of no-deal here.</p> <p>See the UK Government's technical notice on exporting controlled goods in the event of no-deal here.</p> <p>Arrangements for importers or exporters, using roll on roll off ports or the Channel Tunnel to transport goods between the EU and the UK in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p>	

In the event of no-deal, there'll be changes to how businesses trading in excise goods (alcohol, tobacco and certain oils) move and declare these goods. Businesses would no longer be able to use the Excise Movement Control System (EMCS) to move excise duty-suspended goods to the UK from the EU. More [here](#).

TAXATION/ INSURANCE

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
Double Taxation	The tax treatment of interest, royalties and dividends paid between UK and EU firms could change in the event of no-deal.	HMRC guidance for the future treatment of payments between associated companies in the UK and other Member States that are currently exempt from deduction of tax under the Interest and Royalties Directive and the Parent Subsidiary Directive. More here .	
Import VAT	In the event of no-deal, the UK will introduce postponed accounting – the same system that is currently in place for intra-EU trade. This means that there will be no need to pay VAT at the border; the only change caused by Brexit on VAT will be on parcels valued up to and including £135.	<p>UK Government technical notice on VAT for businesses in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p> <p>HMRC has provided guidance on managing your import VAT on parcels. More here.</p> <p>HMRC has produced a communications pack covering import VAT on parcels in the event of no-deal. View here.</p>	
Insurance	Insurance policies may be affected by sudden changes to the business environment.	<p>If you are a business that is stockpiling: have you checked with your insurer or insurance adviser on whether you are still fully insured?</p> <p>If you are temporarily storing additional stock or raw materials off site in a warehouse, check the cover under your commercial policy, and the extent of any cover provided by the warehouse firm.</p>	

		Source: The Association of British Insurers (ABI)	
VAT registration in the EU	If you trade in goods and decide to hold stock in an EU country for supply to your EU customers, you will need to register for VAT in that country. Dependent on the country where your stock is, you may also be required to appoint a Fiscal Representative who is jointly liable for any VAT you may owe.	<p>Do you know which country would be best suited to support your supply chain to EU customers/suppliers? Do you have access to bank guarantees required by Fiscal Representatives? Does your business model allow enough margin to absorb the increased costs these new processes will bring?</p> <p>UK Government technical notice on VAT for businesses in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p> <p>If your business currently uses the UK VAT MOSS Union scheme, in the event of no-deal you can continue to use the MOSS system but must register for the VAT MOSS non-Union scheme in an EU member state. More here.</p>	

CURRENCY/INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/CONTRACTS

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
Contracts review	Some of the terms in existing contracts may no longer be relevant post-Brexit or may raise legal or practical questions in future.	<p>Do your contracts refer to any terms that should be reviewed in light of the UK leaving the EU? Do they make references to the UK being a Member State/to the EU? Does your contract rely on EU regulation applicable to contractual arrangements?</p> <p>UK Government technical notice on civil legal cases in the event of no-deal can be found here.</p>	
Currency risk	The months following the EU referendum saw significant currency volatility – this may occur in future.	What currency are you being paid in? Have you considered the possibility of further currency movements, and how this might affect existing and future	

		contracts? Your local Chamber can give you recommendations for mitigating these risks.	
Intellectual Property	It is unclear whether trademarks registered in the EU would be applicable to the UK in the future.	<p>Do you own any Intellectual Property rights? Have you contacted trademark bodies / solicitors / IP advisors on how to protect your intellectual property?</p> <p>UK Government technical notices on intellectual property in the event of no-deal have been published on these topics:</p> <p>Copyright</p> <p>Exhaustion of intellectual property rights</p> <p>Patents</p> <p>Trademarks and designs</p>	

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE/ DATA PROTECTION/ ACCOUNTING

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
Accounting	UK businesses with a branch operating in the EU will become a third country business in the event of no-deal. This will mean complying with the accounting and reporting requirements of each country.	Review and consider this official guidance here .	
Competition policy and state aid	After leaving the EU the role of ensuring fair competition in UK markets (including state aid) will fully transfer to British regulators and agencies. This could result in differences to the current approach – for instance on approvals for mergers and acquisitions.	<p>The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has published a notice on its role after Brexit. More here.</p> <p>Additionally, in the event of no-deal, specific information can be found here.</p> <p>In the event of no-deal, the Government has developed a competition Statutory Instrument (SI):</p>	

		<p>Mergers: If the European Commission has issued a decision on or before the day the UK leaves the EU (unless the decision is annulled, in full or in part, following an appeal), the UK has no jurisdiction. UK-EU mergers will now occur via private contracts, not through the EU regime. Seek legal advice on individual ongoing merger cases.</p> <p>State aid: The Government is expected to pass secondary legislation that will transpose EU state aid rules into UK law and provide for the CMA to take on its new state aid role, following which they will publish further details on how this function will operate.</p> <p>Antitrust: After the UK's exit from the EU, the CMA will no longer have jurisdiction to apply anti-competitive agreements including cartels or on abuse of dominance.</p>	
eCommerce	UK companies retailing to consumers or trading 'information and data services' (e.g. video sharing, social media platforms and internet service providers) across the EU would face changes to their regulatory environment in the event of no-deal.	<p>Do you know if the EU's eCommerce Directive is relevant to your business?</p> <p>Official guidance provides businesses with information about the eCommerce Directive and sets out the Government's approach to contingency planning in the event of no-deal. In this case, although there would be continuity in some areas there would be also be changes – such as the Directive's country of origin principle, which UK companies would cease to benefit from. More here.</p> <p>Does your business operate any websites with a '.eu' domain name registration?</p> <p>DCMS has produced official guidance for companies with existing domain name registrations under '.eu' or an interest in registering a domain name under '.eu' in the event of no-deal. More here.</p>	

<p>EU Regulatory regime and Data protection</p>	<p>Across a number of sectors and regulatory areas, the Government has expressed its intention to maintain status quo arrangements for obtaining licences to trade with the EU, and for domestic compliance and enforcement.</p> <p>In the event of no-deal, firms will need to comply with new license requirements and changes to their competent regulatory authority. There would be no immediate change in the UK's own data protection standards. However, the legal framework governing transfers of personal data from organisations in the EU to organisations in the UK would change on exit.</p>	<p>Which regulatory agencies do you work with? What steps might you need to take to comply with separate UK and EU regulators in the future?</p> <p>Government guidance on using personal data after Brexit can be found here.</p> <p>The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has published a checklist of six steps that businesses can take now to start preparing for data protection compliance in the event of no-deal. View this here.</p> <p>More detailed information from the ICO can be found here.</p> <p>UK Government Brexit technical notices on regulation have been published for a number of sectors and cross-cutting regulatory issues. More here.</p>	
<p>UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking</p>	<p>The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is a new UK product marking that will be used for certain goods being placed on the UK market if there's a no-deal Brexit.</p>	<p>Information about whether you will need to use the new UKCA marking and how to use it if there's a no-deal Brexit can be found here.</p>	

SECTORS

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
<p>No-deal preparation by sector</p>	<p>Government has issued the following sector guidance documents which outline preparations for the UK leaving in the event of no-deal.</p>	<p>To search the range of advice published by Government on your particular sector, visit here.</p> <p>An online tool on GOV.UK on Preparing your Business for Brexit can be found here.</p>	

COUNTRIES

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
Country profiles for specific changes	The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has published country profiles for specific changes to UK firms providing services to the countries included in the weblink opposite.	To search the range of advice published by country, visit here .	

EUROPEAN FUNDING AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Area	Context	To consider/ Take Action	Y/N
<p>European Funding (including loans by the European Investment Bank Group)</p>	<p>EU monies drawn down by the UK form part of the funding mix for economic development. They include grants and loans from European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and investments made by the European Investment Bank Group (EIBG).</p> <p>They contribute to a wide-range of spending: some are accessed directly by businesses; others help to fund business support services, part-fund town and city-centre regeneration projects or contribute to local investment funds. In the event of no-deal, it is the policy of the UK Government to end the UK's membership of the European Investment Bank Group and to replace ESIF (which cover the main EU monies directed at business and the economy) with a post-Brexit 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund'. Legacy projects drawing down EU monies at the time of exit may be covered by a Government guarantee scheme. The details of UKSPF are still to be consulted on.</p>	<p>UK Government summary on European and Domestic Funding after Brexit can be found here.</p> <p>Detailed briefings for each fund can be found here.</p> <p>Official guidance on what will happen to EIB Group in the event of no-deal here.</p>	
<p>Public Procurement</p>	<p>In the event of no-deal, UK public procurement regulations will remain broadly unchanged. However, businesses will need to use a new UK-based e-notification service to access those UK public-sector contract opportunities that would have been placed in the Official Journal of the EU.</p>	<p>UK Government summary on public-sector procurement after Brexit can be found here.</p> <p>European Commission notice to stakeholders in field of public procurement here.</p>	