





Time scale

Timeline: Brexit

2016		2017		2018		2019		
23 June	29 March	19 June	23 March	14 November	30 March	May	17 October	
<p>Brexit referendum – 51.89% voted to leave</p> 	<p>Withdrawal notification from UK government</p> 	<p>Start of EU/UK negotiations on withdrawal</p>	<p>Publication of guidelines for future relationship between EU/UK by the European Council</p>	<p>Draft withdrawal agreement between EU and UK</p>	<p>Expiry of (original) two-year period to negotiate withdrawal agreement</p>	<p>European Parliament</p> 	<p>Revised draft withdrawal agreement between EU and UK</p>	
2020				2021				
30 January	1 February			2 March	24 December	31 December	1 January	1 May
<p>Withdrawal Agreement ratified</p>	<p>UK no longer an EU Member State</p> <p>Withdrawal Agreement enters into force</p> <p>Commencement of transition period</p>	<p>Transition period until 31 December 2020: Access to single market and participation in customs union, but no voting rights in EU institutions</p>		<p>Start of negotiations on new partnership between EU and UK</p>	<p>Draft EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement</p>	<p>End of transition period (during which UK was still part of single market and customs union)</p>	<p>Customs border between UK and EU</p> <p>Provisional entry into force of Trade and Cooperation Agreement</p>	<p>Entry into force of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement</p>