

Time scale

Timeline: Brexit

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