**BREXIT POLICY ROUND-UP AUGUST 2018**

**The Future Relationship Between the United Kingdom and the European Union**

 On 6th August, LGiU published a briefing analysing and summarising the government’s [Brexit white paper.](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/725288/The_future_relationship_between_the_United_Kingdom_and_the_European_Union.pdf)

 **How to prepare if the UK leaves the EU with no deal**

On 23rd August, government departments coordinated by DExEU published [25 documents](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/how-to-prepare-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal) providing guidance on how to prepare for Brexit if there's no deal. These technical notes cover: applying for EU-funded programmes; civil nuclear and nuclear research; farming; importing and exporting; labelling products; money and tax; regulating medicines and medical equipment; state aid; studying in the UK or EU; and workplace rights.

**EU Settlement Scheme: employer toolkit**

On 25th July, the Home Office and UKVI published a [toolkit](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-employer-toolkit) for employers to enable them to support EU citizens and their families with information on the EU Settlement Scheme. The toolkit contains leaflets, posters and a briefing pack to help employers across the UK communicate clear and consistent messages about the EU Settlement Scheme.

**No Deal and Local Government**

On 17th August, the LGA published a [briefing](https://www.local.gov.uk/parliament/briefings-and-responses/no-deal-and-local-government-briefing-august-2018)offering the headline issues for local government under a ‘no deal’ scenario and advising Government on the key issues that would need to be addressed through national action.

**The status of "retained EU Law"**

On 31st July, the House of Commons Library published a [briefing](https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8375) looking at the status of ‘retained EU law’ post Brexit, who can change it and how.

**Policy options for future migration from the European Economic Area**

On 31st July, the Home Affairs Select Committee published a [report](https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news-parliament-2017/post-brexit-migration-report-published-17-19/) on post-Brexit migration and the need to build consensus on migration reform.

**Devolution and Exiting the EU: reconciling differences and building strong relationships**

On 31st July, the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee published a [report](https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/public-administration-and-constitutional-affairs-committee/news-parliament-2017/devolution-brexit-report-published-17-19/) calling on the government to set out a clear devolution policy for the Union after Brexit to build strong UK relationships.

**Brexit and the environment**

On 8th August, the House of Commons Library published a [briefing](https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8132) discussing current environmental law and policy in the UK and in the devolved nations; preparations for Brexit and potential impacts of Brexit; and actions and proposals being taken at a domestic level for both the UK and each of the nations in the UK.

**Framework for the UK-EU partnership: Financial Services**

On 20th August, DExEU published a [presentation](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/framework-for-the-uk-eu-partnership-financial-services) setting out the UK’s proposals for financial services.

**Framework for the UK-EU partnership: Open and fair competition**

On 20th August, DExEU published a [presentation](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/framework-for-the-uk-eu-partnership-open-and-fair-competition) setting out the UK’s proposals for open and fair competition.

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