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EU Exit Business Readiness Forum: Focus on Public Procurement and EU/UK Funding

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Purpose of this document

Delivering the deal negotiated with the EU is the government's top priority. However, a responsible government must prepare for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario.

These materials were presented at the EU Exit Business Readiness Forum on February 7 2019 to provide information to trade and representative bodies, and other business intermediaries in order that their members and businesses in their networks may prepare.

All the information in this document is based on publicly available information as published in the Technical Notices on www.gov.uk

For further information please visit euexit.campaign.gov.uk

Thanks for your feedback in the survey

What we heard from you

Q&A with policy experts really useful

Background and context for each topic really helpful

Sound quality could be improved

Links to further sources of information

Dial in or webinar option would be helpful

Actions we are taking



Detailed write up of Q&A shared after the Forum



Introduction to each topic with 'how things work today'



New venue with improved sound quality, roaming mic for Q&A



Weekly bulletin with recent announcements, tools and links



Trialing WebEx today and aim to roll out fully next week. Webinar series planned with British Library²

Objectives for these forums



Share the key information businesses need to prepare for Exit



Provide you with materials to cascade to your network of members



Respond to your questions and gather your feedback

Business Readiness Forums: Programme to end-March

February: Cover all key policy themes

7 Feb



Importing &
Exporting



Regulations &
Standards -
Good

14 Feb



Digital & Data



Organisational
Compliance

21 Feb



Workforce &
People



Intellectual
Property

Focus for this week

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EU/UK Funding



Public
Procurement

March: Share new content released

7 March



Importing &
Exporting

- *Tariffs*



Workforce &
People

- *MRPQ*
- *Business mobility*

14 March



Regulations &
Standards

- *REACH*
- *Goods*
- *Product Safety*

21 March



Digital & Data

- *Providing services online*
- *Data roaming*

28 March

Topics TBC based on key announcements and emerging business needs

Agenda subject to change based on key announcements

Agenda for today

1 Welcome and Introductions

5 mins

2 Parliamentary and EU developments

10 mins

3 Public Procurement

20 mins

4 EU/UK Funding

30 mins

5 Q&A

15 mins

How things work today



UK businesses access EU public sector contract opportunities via EU portal TED (Tenders Electronic Daily)



UK businesses also access some UK public sector contract opportunities via domestic portals



UK businesses access most UK public sector contract opportunities from these sources

What is changing



New access route
for UK public
sector contracts



UK companies may
still access OJEU
TED for EU notices



Accessing UK public sector procurement



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 on OJEU TED



Further details and guidance on the new UK-based e-notification service (Find a Tender) will be published on gov.uk/euexit before 29 March



A PPN will be released within the next few days at gov.uk/government/collections/procurement-policy-notes



UK businesses can still access to the Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) for EU contract opportunities



Accessing UK public sector procurement



Find a Tender will replace EU Publications Office for publication on Tenders Electronic Daily



System is built and in testing phase



45,000 users from 31,000 suppliers (67% SMEs) who are registered on Contracts Finder will automatically have access to the new service



The requirement to advertise domestically on Contracts Finder, and Devolved Administration remains unchanged



Non-UK public sector contracts



The WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) is a plurilateral agreement within the WTO system consisting of 19 parties (47 countries) which mutually opens government procurement markets between them



The GPA market is estimated to provide over £1.3tn worth of procurement opportunities annually



The UK is aiming to join the GPA as an independent member if we leave the EU without an agreement



UK's independent membership will give British businesses the certainty that they will be able to continue bidding for public sector contracts overseas on almost exactly the same terms as they do now

Further advice and guidance on action to take

Source of material in this section

Accessing public sector contracts after Brexit- Available [here](#)

The Public Procurement Regulations 2019 - Available [here](#)

Government Procurement Agreement: UK participation after EU Exit - Available [here](#)

Additional information beyond this presentation

There may be other issues not addressed in this material

In some areas, policy content is still being developed

Please visit [gov.uk/euexit](https://www.gov.uk/euexit) for the latest information

One topic regarding European & Domestic funding


This document covers one key issue relating to **EU & Domestic funding policy**.


1) Loss of access to EU funds

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European & Domestic Funding: Summary of policy in the event of 'No Deal'


Loss of access to EU funds

 The Government has guaranteed funding for certain EU projects agreed before the end of 2020.

 This will provide funding for UK beneficiaries of:

- Horizon 2020
- Euratom Research & Training
- ERDF and ESF grants

 This guarantee **does not** cover funding for EU27 partners in a consortium with UK organisations

 Registration required on the UKRI portal to guarantee **Horizon 2020** funding:
<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/eu-grant/overview>

How things work today for EU funding



UK Higher Education Institutions, research organisations and businesses receive funding from the EU for research programmes



These programmes include Horizon 2020, projects under Euratom R&T, ERDF & ESF grants

Summary: The UK government guarantee



The full 2014-20 Multiannual Financial Framework allocation for structural and investment funds has been guaranteed by the Government



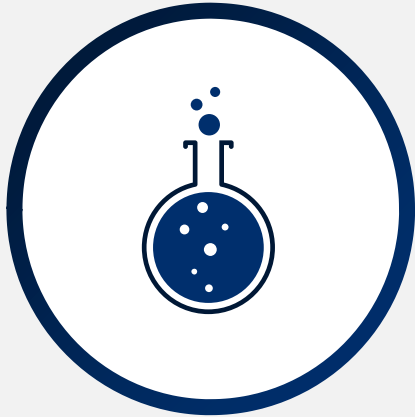
UK organisations will continue to receive funding for ongoing EU projects where they bid successfully to the commission on a competitive basis before EU Exit, for the lifetime of the project.



Funding for UK organisations who successfully bid to the European Commission to participate as a third country after Exit until the end of 2020 are covered by the extension to the HMG guarantee for the lifetime of the project

What is changing for access to EU funding

The UK government will provide funding for...



...successful UK participants in EU Horizon 2020 projects until 2020



...successful UK bids to Euratom R&T until 2020



...successful UK bids for ERDF and ESF until 2020



European Regional Development and European Social Funds



The government will guarantee funding for successful ERDF and ESF bids submitted up to the end of 2020



This guarantee applies even if the bid is approved or signed after exit date



You should continue applying for and delivering funding in the same way as always

UK Shared Prosperity Fund



The UKSPF is a simplified, integrated fund to replace the EU Structural Funds



The objective is to tackle inequalities between communities by raising productivity



They will be targeted with evidence-based administration, working with LEPs and MCAs



Local Industrial Strategies will help prioritise and maximise the impact of UKSPF on local growth

UK Shared Prosperity Fund



Engagement events have taken place so far on structure of fund and investment priorities



Further details on introduction of UKSPF will be announced



Businesses are encouraged to input into a consultation on UKSPF to be launched in due course



Horizon 2020 projects (inc. Euratom R&T)



The government will guarantee funding for all successful bids submitted by UK participants before the end of Horizon 2020.



This guarantee applies even if the bid is approved or signed after exit date



This **does not** cover funding for other countries in a consortium with you



Take 10 minutes to register your project now on the UKRI portal so UKRI can update you with next steps and/or guarantee funding for the future

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/eu-grant/overview>

Further advice and guidance on action to take

Source of material in this section

The government's guarantee for EU-funded programmes - Available [here](#)

Horizon 2020 Technical Notice - Available [here](#)

Horizon 2020 - Q&A (inc. Euratom R&T) - Available [here](#)

Nuclear Research if there's no Brexit deal - Available [here](#)

ESF grants if there's no Brexit deal - Available [here](#)

European Regional Development Funding if there's no Brexit deal - available [here](#)

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Press Release: Business Basics Fund - Available [here](#)

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If you have questions about the EU Exit Business Readiness forum, please contact sed@beis.gov.uk