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Update for UK nationals in Belgium on Brexit

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Structure of presentation

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Timetable

- 29 March 2017 Article 50
- 29 March 2019 UK leaves the EU
- ?Around 29 March 2021? End of transitional period



Future partnership papers

- Security and law enforcement
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- Collaboration on science and innovation,
- Exchange and protection of personal data
- Enforcement and dispute resolution,
- Cross border civil judicial cooperation framework
- Future customs relations



Comparison of EU-UK positions on citizen's rights

COMPARISON OF EU/UK POSITIONS ON CITIZENS' RIGHTS – 28/09/2017

The working group completed a mapping of the alignment between the two parties' positions, to prioritise future discussions.

This table summarises the UK and EU positions and compares them. Green indicates convergence, red indicates divergence and yellow indicates where further discussion is required to deepen understanding.

#	TOPIC	DETAIL	EU POSITION	UK POSITION	ISSUES
1	Use of EU law concepts		EU law concepts used in Withdrawal Agreement interpreted in line with CJEU case law as at the point of the UK's withdrawal.	EU law concepts used in Withdrawal Agreement interpreted in line with CJEU case law as at the point of the UK's withdrawal.	
2	Personal scope	EU citizens lawfully resident before the cut off date	Date of UK's withdrawal.	Between the date of A50 trigger and date of exit.	UK to clarify
3			EU citizens resident in accordance with Article 6(1), 7(1)(a) – (c) or (3), 12(3), 14, 16(1) and/or 17 of Directive 2004/38.	EU citizens resident in accordance with Article 6(1), 7(1)(a) – (c) or (3), 12(3), 14, 16(1) and/or 17 of Directive 2004/38.	
			EU citizens resident in accordance with Article 21 TFEU.	EU citizens resident in accordance with Article 21 TFEU. ¹	
4			Both sides agree that more favourable	Both sides agree that more favourable	

¹ Subject to further study of legal scope.



Citizens' Rights

- Equivalent of 'settled' status
- Pensions and Social Security
- Healthcare
- Professional Qualifications
- Right to run a business
- Education
- Voting



Article 50 and negotiations with the EU - Papers

Collection

Article 50 and negotiations with the EU

From: Department for Exiting the European Union
Part of: Brexit
Published: 18 June 2017
Last updated: 18 September 2017, [see all updates](#)

Information about the Article 50 process and our negotiations for a new partnership with the European Union.

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Position papers

UK Government papers published in advance of formal negotiating rounds with the EU to inform discussion.

[Continuity in the availability of goods for the EU and the UK - position paper](#)

21 August 2017 Policy paper

[Confidentiality and access to documents - position paper](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/article-50-and-negotiations-with-the-eu>



Future partnership papers

Future partnership papers

A series of papers setting out key issues that form part of the Government's vision for the future deep and special partnership between the UK and the EU.

[Security, law enforcement and criminal justice - a future partnership paper](#)

18 September 2017 Policy paper

[Foreign policy, defence and development - a future partnership paper](#)

12 September 2017 Policy paper

[Collaboration on science and innovation - a future partnership paper](#)

6 September 2017 Policy paper

[The exchange and protection of personal data - a future partnership paper](#)

24 August 2017 Policy paper

[Enforcement and dispute resolution - a future partnership paper](#)

23 August 2017 Policy paper

[Providing a cross-border civil judicial cooperation framework - a future partnership paper](#)

22 August 2017 Policy paper

[Future customs arrangements - a future partnership paper](#)

15 August 2017 Policy paper

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EU-UK positions on citizen's rights

Policy paper

Joint technical note on the comparison of EU-UK positions on citizens' rights

From: Department for Exiting the European Union
Part of: Article 50 and negotiations with the EU and Brexit
Published: 20 July 2017
Last updated: 28 September 2017, [see all updates](#)

Published during the negotiations between the UK and the EU

Documents



[September - Joint technical note on the comparison of EU-UK positions on citizens' rights](#)

PDF, 223KB, 21 pages

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[August - Joint technical note on the](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-technical-note-on-the-comparison-of-eu-uk-positions-on-citizens-rights>



Rights and status of UK Nationals in the EU

Information on the rights and status of UK nationals living and travelling in the European Union (EU) following the triggering of Article 50.

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- [Current status and staying up to date](#)
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Current status and staying up to date

There will be no change to the rights and status of UK nationals living in the EU while the UK remains in the EU.

You can [sign-up for email alerts](#) to receive updates to Brexit pages on gov.uk as the negotiations progress.

On 26 June 2017, the Prime Minister announced the UK government's offer to EU nationals currently living in the UK. This is set out in '[Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU](#)'. More information on the detail of the UK's offer is in [Status of EU nationals in the UK: what you need to know](#).

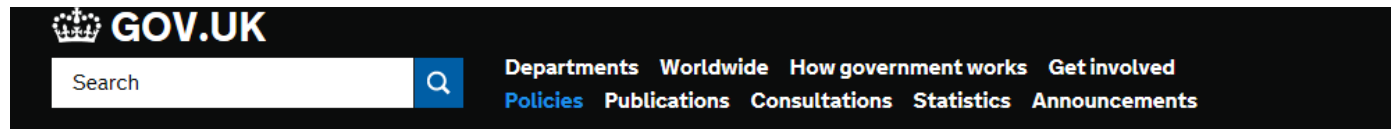
Information on the latest round of negotiations is set out in the '[Joint technical note on the comparison of EU-UK positions on citizens' rights](#)'.

You can also read [David Davis' closing remarks at the end of the fourth round](#).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe>



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2. *Joint technical note on the comparison of EU-UK Positions on citizens rights*
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-technical-note-on-the-comparison-of-eu-uk-positions-on-citizens-rights>
3. *Current status and update of British Nationals living/Travelling in Europe*
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe>
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