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Answer given by President Juncker  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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Although the Union and the United Kingdom (UK) have agreed end of November 2018 on a “*political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom*”, the exact form of the future UK-EU trade treaty cannot be predicted at this stage and, therefore no official guidelines have been provided on this topic.

Funding has been allocated to organisations that usually support the EU representation offices in the UK to provide information about the Union including factual information about citizens' rights in the context of the UK's withdrawal. The following contracts have been awarded in the UK:

- Wilson Solicitors and Seraphus – Pilot for information sessions for EU citizens residing in the UK;
- Law Centres – Information sessions for EU citizens residing in the UK;
- Contrapositive – Brexit related videos;
- Scottish Centre on European Relations – Information sessions to the wider Scottish public to understand the negotiation process;
- Public Policy Commitment – Second series of Information sessions to the wider Scottish public to understand the negotiation process.

Budget line for these contracts (through negotiated call of tenders) is 16.030104 – Communication of the Commission Representations, Citizens' Dialogues and 'Partnership' actions.

In addition, the entities hosting the Europe Direct Information Centres (EDICs) in the UK<sup>1</sup> are grant recipients for EDICs operations on a co-financing basis<sup>2</sup>. On the basis of the Commission Decision C(2016) 8443, part of their work is the provision of information related to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

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<sup>1</sup> Publication of the call for proposals on the EC Representation website:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/business-funding/eu-funding/grants/COMM/LON/ED/2018-2020\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/business-funding/eu-funding/grants/COMM/LON/ED/2018-2020_en)

<sup>2</sup> List of these entities: Avon and Bristol Law Centre, Black Country Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Caithness Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Advice Broxtowe, Citizens Advice Leicestershire, Durham County Council, Leeds Library and Information Service, Norfolk Citizens Advice, Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry, The Rural Centre, Wrexham Library, WSX Developments.