

A new chapter in EU-UK ties?

The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the British Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, have [hailed](#) the new political agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom as the opening of a new chapter in relations between the two. Ties have been uneasy ever since the UK left the EU, more than three years ago, hindering the development of much-needed cooperation in areas such as defence and scientific research.

The new agreement in principle, called the [Windsor Framework](#), modifies trade rules for Northern Ireland, which have been a source of heated debate in the post-Brexit UK. The deal seeks to resolve tensions caused by the Ireland/Northern Ireland protocol, a complex agreement which sets trading rules for Northern Ireland – allowing it to access the EU single market and thus avoid a 'hard border' on the island of Ireland – that London agreed before the UK left the EU, but has since maintained are unworkable.

This note offers links **to recent reports and commentaries from some major international think tanks and research institutes** on the implications of Brexit and on EU-UK relations.

[Northern Ireland Protocol: The Windsor Framework](#)

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[The protocol deal is a win for Sunak, and the EU](#)

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[A new momentum grows for UK-France defence cooperation](#)

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[Public support is on the rise but the road to re-joining the EU would not be smooth](#)

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[Culture notes: The EU and Britain can still be friends](#)

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[Beyond Brexit: Promoting workers' rights, decent jobs, and standards through UK-EU domestic advisory groups](#)

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[Environmental regulation in the UK after Brexit](#)

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[Britain is a political and economic mess but comfortable in its skin](#)

Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, November 2022

[EU-UK relations are low on Rishi Sunak's pre-budget agenda: Though change would benefit both sides](#)

Bertelsmann Stiftung, November 2022

[UK science and technology after Brexit: How to fix it](#)

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[Stop banging on about Brexit: Fat chance of that happening in the UK](#)

Friends of Europe, November 2023

[The reappearance of the Brexit debate in the UK: Keeping an eye on the geopolitical ball](#)

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[Accountability after Brexit: Parliament and the UK–EU relationship](#)

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[Rishi Sunak's three Brexit headaches](#)

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[The next era of UK-EU security relations](#)

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[Responses to Brexit: Elite perceptions in Germany, France, Poland and Ireland](#)

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[How has Brexit changed EU-UK trade flows?](#)

Economic and Social Research Institute, October 2022

[The end of Brexit fever](#)

European Council on Foreign Relations, October 2022

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