

**Priority question for written answer P-000494/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: European Works Councils post-Brexit

In view of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, some confirmation is required regarding the validity of the Commission's REV3 Notice to Stakeholders¹ of 21 April 2020 entitled 'Withdrawal Of The United Kingdom And EU Rules On European Works Councils (EWCs)'.

The Notice states that EWCs set up under Directive 2009/38/EC may not be legally based in the UK after the end of the Brexit transition period and that UK employees are no longer entitled to be legally represented on EWCs or Special Negotiating Bodies.

There is now some confusion around this issue, and it is a matter of concern to the many companies that have moved their EWCs to Ireland following the end of the Brexit transition period.

In order to bring certainty to the matter, can the Commission confirm that the Notice of April 2020 is still valid?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/transnational_workers_council_en_0.pdf