

Brexit: MEPs to put people first during the negotiations

The UK and the EU will soon start talks to determine the terms of their new relationship and any resulting agreement would have to be approved by the European Parliament.

Tomorrow MEPs debate Parliament's priorities and vote on them afterwards. A key principle will be to ensure that the interests of people are safeguarded. Watch our video for a reminder of the benefits of being an EU citizen.

On 29 March the UK triggered article 50, signalling the start of lengthy [negotiations between the UK and the EU](#). One of the key issues is what will happen to the Brits living in the EU and the EU citizens living in the UK. The draft resolution to be voted on tomorrow calls for their fair treatment and says that their interests should be given full priority in the negotiations. It also adds that their status and rights should be subject to the principles of "reciprocity, equity" and "non-discrimination".

Other priorities include:

- The negotiations should be conducted in good faith and full transparency
- There can be no trade-off between security and the future economic relationship
- The peace process must continue in Northern Ireland and a hard border with the Republic of Ireland avoided
- The UK must honour all obligations it has committed to, including those related to the budget
- The outlines of the future EU-UK relationship can only be discussed once substantial progress has been made on talks on how the UK will leave
- No cherry-picking: membership of the single market is only possible with free movement of goods, capital, services and people
- There can be no separate negotiations with individual EU countries or non-EU countries

The priorities in the resolution are vital as they will help MEPs to determine whether to approve an eventual Brexit agreement or not. Without the approval of the Parliament the agreement would not be able to enter into force.

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