



PREPARING FOR BREXIT

A NO DEAL CONTINGENCY ACTION PLAN

November 2018



PREPARING FOR ALL OUTCOMES, AT ALL LEVELS

- The European Commission is working hard to reach a deal with the UK. But we must be prepared for **all outcomes**.
- Preparedness is **not just** for EU institutions: Joint effort at EU, national, local, regional level + economic operators.
- Irrespective of the outcome of the negotiations, there will be significant disruption. Preparations must be completed **before** 29 March 2019.



PRIORITY AREAS FOR CONTINGENCY MEASURES

- In the event of a no deal scenario, contingency measures may be necessary.
- **Priority** areas:
 - ◆ Citizens (residency and visa requirements)
 - ◆ Financial services
 - ◆ Air transport
 - ◆ Customs and sanitary / phytosanitary rules
 - ◆ Transfer of personal data
 - ◆ Climate policy



PRINCIPLES OF CONTINGENCY MEASURES

- Adopted only where necessary, limited scope
- Will not replicate EU membership
- Temporary in nature & adopted unilaterally
- Respect division of competences and principle of subsidiarity
- Compatible with EU law
- Will not remedy delays that could have been avoided by preparedness measures.



TIMEFRAME

- In such a scenario, the Commission counts on the cooperation of the Council, European Parliament and Member States to adopt any necessary contingency measure as a ***matter of priority***

Mid-November	Commission presents list of planned contingency legislative measures and contingency delegated acts
13-14 December 2018	European Council (Article 50)
End December 2018	Deadline for adoption of Commission legislative proposals and delegated acts + proposals for Council acts
15 February 2019	Deadline for submission by the Commission of draft implementing acts to the relevant committees
11-14 March 2019	Last European Parliament plenary allowing formal adoption of legislative acts before the withdrawal



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION AND WHO CAN ASSIST ME?

- Read the Commission's Communication on contingency measures here.
- The European Commission's website has over 70 [preparedness notices](#)¹ on a wide range of economic sectors. They are meant to help citizens and market participants prepare. It is recommended that you read them and seek advice if you, your family or your business may be affected.
- Consult the websites of the European Commission's departments and agencies active in the area that concerns you, your family or your business.
- To get additional information and assistance, contact your national authorities.

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit/brexit-preparedness_en

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments_en