

Negotiating Brexit:

The next two years and beyond

AUTUMN 2017

United Kingdom

Great Repeal Bill and other bills

European Union

German elections

Free Trade agreement (FTA)

EU only prepared to negotiate when withdrawal agreement has made 'sufficient progress'

Transitional agreement

Subject to progress on FTA, but required in any event

AUTUMN 2018

United Kingdom

Great Repeal Act; Parliamentary ratification of withdrawal agreement

European Union

Parliamentary ratification

Withdrawal Agreement

Conclude sent for ratification

Free Trade agreement (FTA)

UK wants to conclude; EU claims no conclusion possible before Brexit

Transitional agreement

Conclude?

SUMMER 2017

United Kingdom

Elections

European Union

French elections

Withdrawal agreement

Negotiations begin

Free Trade agreement (FTA)

UK wants to begin

Third Country FTAs

UK informal discussions

JANUARY-JUNE 2018

European Union

Italian elections

Third Country FTAs

Transitional agreements

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2019 AND BEYOND

29 March 2019

Brexit occurs; Transitional agreement in force, continues until FTA in force; Third Country FTA formal negotiations can begin

Summer 2019

Brexit transition/implementation; European Parliament elections

2020

First FTAs expected to conclude

2022

Next UK general election