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## Key dates

Date	Brexit Issue	Outcome and information
02 March 2018	Theresa May delivered a major speech at Mansion House outlining her vision for the UK's preferred future deal with the EU post Brexit.	She outlined her wish that goods will maintain similar regulatory standards and that the UK will remain a member of some EU agencies. See the full speech <a href="#">here</a> . The EU dismissed much of the content of the speech in a <a href="#">leaked letter</a> .
06 March 2018	The UK Government published its 'Technical note: other separation issues - phase 2' paper exploring other issues beyond Northern Ireland and EU citizen rights.	The paper outlines the UK's proposed position on judicial matters, data protection issues and intellectual property amongst others. Read the paper <a href="#">here</a> .
07 March 2018	The European Council sent member states draft guidelines on EU position for a post Brexit relationship with the UK.	European Council President, Donald Tusk, <a href="#">stated</a> he hoped for cooperation on areas of terrorism and security, research and education and international flights but dismissed Theresa May's "pick and mix" approach.
March 23 2018	At the European Council Summit the EU27 agreed on the withdrawal agreement and transition deal. The agreement addresses the relationship between the two parties once the UK leaves the EU in March 2019. The guidelines for the negotiation for trade talks were also agreed.	This includes matters on citizens' rights, the UK's relationship with the European Court of Justice and will keep the UK in the Single Market and Customs Union until the transition period will end on December 31 2020 – some critics are unhappy with the level of compromise on the part of the UK. Read the draft withdrawal agreement <a href="#">here</a> .
March 26 2018	Labour's shadow Brexit secretary, Keir Starmer, delivered a speech announcing Labour will table amendments to the EU Withdrawal Bill.	Labour hope this will ensure there is no risk of a 'no deal' should Parliament reject the Brexit deal. Read the speech <a href="#">here</a> .
March 29 2018	Having triggered Article 50 a year ago, the UK has 12 months remaining as a full member of the EU.	

## Upcoming

- By the October 2018 EU summit a final withdrawal treaty and political framework on the future relationship, including plans for a free trade deal, will need to be finalised. From April until then expect regular rounds of negotiations between the two sides.
- Before the next EC Council Summit in June, the UK will have to solve questions on the Irish border. Failing that the UK have accepted that Northern Ireland will stay in the customs union with the EU. Questions still remain over whether Gibraltar is covered by the transition deal – the UK and Spain will be required to draw up a separate deal.

## What to watch out for next

- Theresa May has met with Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and her Welsh counterpart Carwyn Jones yet details of which powers go to the devolved nations and which will stay in Westminster are yet to be decided. Scotland's alternative to the Withdrawal Bill – the 'Continuity Bill' – was passed by MSP's.
- The House of Lords voted by 265 to 194 to amend the EU Withdrawal Bill, insisting the UK should not leave Euratom, which covers the transportation of radioactive materials, until a new deal is in place. There is likely to be an attempt by MPs to overturn this once the matter returns to the House of Commons. Read the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [here](#).

