

Exiting the European Union: Preparedness in Wales for the end of the transition period

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Purpose of the consultation

Evidence gathering:

In line with its remit to examine the implications for Wales of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, the [External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee](#) is undertaking an inquiry into preparedness in Wales for the end of the transition period (31 December 2020).

The Committee's aim in undertaking this work is to strengthen preparations in Wales for the end of the transition period through scrutiny of the Welsh Government, engaging with stakeholders, and highlighting Wales-specific issues.

This work will cover:

- Welsh Government action to prepare Wales for the end of the transition period;
- preparedness of key economic sectors in Wales;
- the implications for preparedness arising from the negotiation of UK international agreements, including the UK-EU future relationship agreement (or agreements), other significant free trade agreements (e.g. UK-USA, UK-Japan, UK-Australia, UK-New Zealand etc.), and the Continuity Negotiations and Coordination programme (formerly referred to as the Trade Agreement Continuity Programme); and
- intra-UK intergovernmental agreements relating to the end of the transition period, including the common frameworks programme.

This list is not exhaustive, and we would be interested in your view on any aspect of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union that is affecting your organisation or sector.

We understand the time and resourcing pressure that all organisations are under at the moment, in particular in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. For that reason, we would like to make it as easy as possible for you to contribute to this consultation. We would be happy to accept documents that you originally prepared for a different purpose or audience if you feel they are relevant. If you are submitting original evidence, that could be in any written format, including infographics or bullet points.

Deadline:

This is an on-going consultation, and we will be happy to receive your evidence at any time up until **the end of October 2020**. Further information on the closure of this consultation will be communicated in September.

The Committee will be hearing from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition at its meeting on Tuesday 16 July 2020.

It is likely that the Committee will be holding further sessions with Welsh Ministers in September.

Submissions received by **the end of August** could be used to inform the Committee's work in the autumn term.

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