

EURIS update week commencing 3rd February 2020

Next EURIS Members Meetings

- **Thursday 12th March 1000 – 1430** members meeting at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office).
- **Monday 27th April 1000 – 1430** members meeting at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office).
- **Monday 22nd June 1000 – 1430** members meeting at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office).

Trade Deal Update

- The Prime Minister is to set out his vision for a trade deal with the EU later today saying there is 'no need' for the UK to follow Brussels' rules. He will call for a Canada-style free trade agreement – and threaten to walk away if one cannot be struck. 'There is no need for a free trade agreement to involve accepting EU rules' he will say.
- Leo Varadkar told the BBC on Sunday a Canada-style deal with the UK was possible - but that "Canada isn't the UK" and there was a need for common rules and standards.
- In other news, chief negotiator Michel Barnier will release papers detailing his own draft negotiating mandate today and is planning a press conference for around midday U.K. time.

House of Commons – German Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee

- Commons foreign affairs committee Chairman Tom Tugendhat and his opposite number in Germany Norbert Röttgen have penned a joint op-ed for the Times and Germany's FAZ newspaper calling for a post-Brexit "treaty of friendship" between their two nations. The two MPs believe an Anglo-German treaty could "complement whatever the U.K. agreed with the 27." Among other elements, they call for the German and U.K. embassies to increase their staff to make up for the shortfall of no longer meeting regularly in Brussels, for improved exchanges of German and British students and teachers and deeper cooperation between scientists, for a joint project to combat rising anti-Semitism, and for Berlin and London to work together on foreign policy.

Government Reshuffle

- The Government's post-Brexit reshuffle is reportedly due to take place next week – but is expected to be less wide-ranging than initially reported.