

EURIS Weekly Update

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Meeting dates for your diary

- EURIS May 2018 European Summit: **Evening reception 1930-2200 8th May and day of 9th May.**
- Future EURIS Summits: **17/18 October 2017 and 29/30 January 2018.**

EURIS Members Meeting – 20th April

- The agenda for this week's members meeting is attached. As you will see, BEIS are attending the meeting – DexEU and the DIT have been invited but are unable to make it. As part of our ongoing political engagement, Howard and Steve met with one of our contacts from DEXEU this morning.

EURIS- May European Summit 8th and 9th May

- We are currently at 48 attendees for the EURIS Brexit Summit – including 13 representatives of European trade bodies. European representatives include ORGALIME, Lighting Europe, CECIMO, T&D Europe, CECAPI, the European Welding Association, Association of Swedish Engineering Industries, Afbel, AIMMAP, the Association of Metal Technology Industries and CENELEC.
- A full update on the Summit will be shared at this week's members meeting as well as in the meeting minutes subsequent to the meeting.

Third Party News

- The CBI last week published their latest report Smooth Operations – an A-Z of EU rules that matter for the economy. www.cbi.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/smooth-operations/
- EURIS fed into this report, as did a number of EURIS members, and we were pleased to see there is consensus across industry on the importance of ongoing convergence with EU regulation. Any deviation, as the report highlights, has the potential to cause considerable confusion, uncertainties and costs.
- EURIS contacted Josh Hardie, CBI Deputy Director-General responsible for Campaigns, on the back of this report to welcome it and to highlight our call for a new industry-Government plan to develop the right policies and approaches to ensure no regulatory divergence for product regulations.

UK Government news

- The Department for International Trade (DIT) has appointed John Mahon, former Head of Barclays Corporate Bank, as the UK's new Director General for Exports. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/city-chief-appointed-to-lead-uk-export-drive>
- Meetings are taking place in Brussels today until Wednesday to discuss the Withdrawal Agreement and the Future Relationship <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/programme-eu-uk-article-50-negotiations-brussels-16-18-april-2018>

EURIS news

- Dr Howard Porter will this week be speaking at the British Plastics Federation seminar on EURIS and the role of industry in ensuring a successful Brexit.