

EURIS Weekly update – WC. 09.04.18

Meeting dates for your diary

- Next EURIS Members meeting: **20th April 11am – 3pm** (BEAMA/GAMBICA office)
- 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- May European Summit 8th and 9th May

- We are currently at 40 attendees for the EURIS Brexit Summit – including 11 representatives of European trade bodies.
- Media briefing invitations for 9th May (4.30pm – 5.30pm) have now been issued.

Political Engagement

- The BEIS team leading on the Government's Rules of Origin work has asked for fortnightly conference calls (or meetings where appropriate) with EURIS to discuss progress on the Rules of Origin work. A sign of the high value they place on their relationship with EURIS.
- The House of Commons Exiting the European Union Select Committee last week published its third report on its overarching inquiry into the Article 50 negotiations. Of particular interest to EURIS members are the 15 key tests by which the Committee says any deal agreed by October 2018 must be judged. <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmexeu/935/93502.htm>
- A number of the Select Committee's 15 tests for Brexit success are hugely relevant to EURIS members and EURIS issued a press release welcoming the Select Committee's interest in this area and outlining our support in particular for the call for continued membership of key European agencies (such as Standards Bodies), for no additional border or rules of origin checks that would impede the operation of cross-border supply chains and the call for continued convergence with EU regulations in order to maximise access to European markets. <http://www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-comments-exiting-european-union-committees-future-uk-eu-relationship-report/>
- EURIS is also writing to Committee Chair Hilary Benn on the back of the report.

UK Government news

- The Department for International Trade last week announced the appointment of two new HM Trade Commissioners: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-hm-trade-commissioners-announced>
- The International Trade Minister showed support for UK exporters to Australia and Taiwan and encouraged UK businesses to continue to extend their reach with exports: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/trade-minister-there-must-be-no-end-to-our-global-trade-ambitions>