

Dear EURIS member

### **EURIS Steering Group and Next EURIS Members Meeting**

- The EURIS Steering Group had its first conference call last week and will maintain regular contact over the coming weeks ahead of the next EURIS members meeting.
- One of the first actions of the EURIS Steering Group is to update the existing key issues papers on the EURIS website. The Rules of Origin paper has been updated and is currently being reviewed by the Steering Group before being circulated to all members.
- Thank you to those members that have shared their availability for the next EURIS members meeting. If you have not yet completed the Doodle poll **please can you do so as soon as possible:** <https://doodle.com/poll/ycng8upt8kgutqiv>

### **Engagement with BEIS/DExEU**

- BEIS have asked EURIS for feedback on David Davis' speech at the end of last week on the transition period and for the open letter to business issued by David Davis, Philip Hammond and Greg Clark (please see attached).
- Further to discussion, the EURIS Steering Group have sent the attached response to BEIS.
- David Davis is appearing before the House of Lords EU Committee this afternoon and one of the topics he will be quizzed on is 'What the Government is seeking to achieve by way of a transition or implementation agreement'. Members of the Committee include EURIS allies such as Lord Whitty, Baroness Verma and the Earl of Kinnoull – and we have sent our contacts EURIS' response to the Secretary of State' speech on the transition period to help inform their questioning this afternoon.

### **Political Engagement**

- At the beginning of last week EURIS wrote to David Davis to ask for clarity on a number of particular points around the transition period. We look forward to his response.
- The Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP will be tabling some questions for EURIS this week on Notified Bodies to ask for clarity around this issue.
- Lord Kinnoull a cross bench member of the House of Lords EU Committee tabled some questions for EURIS last week around the transition period, again asking for clarity here. We can expect answers to these questions in around 14 days.

### **Media Engagement**

- EURIS issued two press releases last week – 1) supporting the CBI call to stay in the Customs Union [www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-supports-cbi-call-uk-stay-eu-customs-union/](http://www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-supports-cbi-call-uk-stay-eu-customs-union/) and 2) calling for clarity from Government on the transition period [www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-calls-clarity-government-transition-period/](http://www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-calls-clarity-government-transition-period/)

### **European Commission News**

- DG JUST has recently published different notices on the status of the UK as a third country and the implications. There are several notices covering trademarks, data protection and rules for industrial products. <http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/news-overview.cfm>
- DG GROW has developed some guidelines that can be found here: [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/news\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/news_en)

Best wishes

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