

### **Next EURIS Members Meeting**

- A reminder about this week's EURIS Members Meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 11am – 3pm at the BEAMA/GAMBICA offices, Rotherwick House, 3 Thomas More St, London, E1W 1YZ. Please find directions and the agenda attached.

### **Engagement with BEIS – Rules of Origin**

- At the forthcoming members meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February we will spend an hour of the meeting discussing Rules of Origin with BEIS officials and agree a way forward for EURIS to advise Government on this vital issue.
- DExEU have sent their apologies for not being able to attend this week's meeting and we will update them fully after the meeting.

### **Wider political and media engagement**

- Following Boris Johnson's Great Brexit speech last week EURIS wrote to the Foreign Secretary to express concern about an answer he gave during the Q&A session after the speech. In an answer to a question on EU regulatory alignment, Johnson indicated that whilst he would be fine with the UK choosing to stay aligned with EU rules on items such as washing machines for the sake of supply chains, he objects to the idea of the UK making a treaty commitment to do that. EURIS used our letter to express concern about this and explain why.
- EURIS also issued a press release further to the speech highlighting the need for an industry-Government partnership on regulatory alignment: [www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-writes-foreign-secretary-highlight-need-industry-government-partnership-regulatory-alignment/](http://www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-writes-foreign-secretary-highlight-need-industry-government-partnership-regulatory-alignment/)

### **EURIS in Poland**

- Last week Dr Howard Porter represented EURIS at an event in Poland further to an invitation from BEIS to speak at this supply chain focused event. The event was funded and organised by BEIS and managed by the Foreign Office. The EURIS presentation was well received by attendees, mainly Polish industry, and was an opportunity to outline the EURIS position on what industry needs from the Brexit negotiations and European partners. We will be staying in touch with the contacts Dr Porter made at this event.