

EURIS Update – WC. 29.07.19

Next EURIS Members Meeting

- Dates for forthcoming EURIS Members Meetings are **19th September 1030 – 1500** and **18th November 1030 - 1500** at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office)

New Prime Minister

- Boris Johnson last week gave a [speech to the House of Commons](#) outlining his top priorities for the new Government. He reiterated that the Government's mission is to deliver Brexit on the 31st of October for the purpose of uniting and re-energising the United Kingdom and outlined how he intends to do this.
- A full list and brief details of Boris Johnson's new Cabinet can be found [here](#). In junior ministerial news, over the weekend, Lord Callanan was reappointed as the Minister of State at Brexit Department, the one minister who had been at DExEU since its creation in July 2016, and Robin Walker, has been shifted to the Scotland Office and Northern Ireland Office, and is replaced at DExEU by James Duddridge.

Michael Gove on the prospect of a no-deal Brexit

- The new Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Michael Gove, reiterated the Government's new approach to Brexit to [The Sunday Times](#) yesterday – highlighting that no-deal is a very real prospect and the Government is ready: *'In the days and weeks ahead the Prime Minister and his team will undertake intensive efforts, talking to the EU's leaders, to secure a path to a better outcome for us all. But while we are optimistic about the future, we are realistic about the need to plan for every eventuality. The EU's leaders have, so far, said they will not change their approach — it's the unreformed withdrawal agreement, take it or leave it. We still hope they will change their minds, but we must operate on the assumption that they will not. The Prime Minister has been crystal clear that means we must prepare to leave the EU without a deal on October 31st, and I fully support this approach. No Deal is now a very real prospect, and we must make sure that we are ready.'*

New Cabinet Committees

Over the weekend, a new structure of Cabinet committees to ensure the delivery of Brexit by the end of October was announced. The three key committees are:

Exit Strategy committee (XS) - chaired by Boris Johnson and meeting twice a week (although its first meeting today will be chaired by Cabinet Office Minister Michael Gove in the absence of the Prime Minister, who is making a speech in Scotland).

Daily Operations Committee (XO) - chaired by Michael Gove, meeting every weekday and responsible for overseeing all of the Government's preparations for leaving the EU and a possible no-deal exit. This will meet for the first time tomorrow.

Exit, Economy and Trade Committee (ETC) - also chaired by Boris Johnson and meeting regularly, it has a broad remit, but is particularly focused on Britain's future relationships around the world.

Other Brexit news

- In an opinion piece in [The Sunday Telegraph](#), newly-appointed Chancellor Sajid says he has 'tasked officials to urgently identify where more money needs to be invested to get Britain fully ready to leave on October 31st – deal or no deal,' and will this week be announcing extra funding to support that activity.