

EURIS update
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Meeting dates for your diary

- A reminder to complete the following Doodle polls to set the date of a) a EURIS members conference call in September (pre the Summit), b) a EURIS members meeting in September (post the Summit) and c) a EURIS members meeting in October:
- This one for the September conference call: <https://doodle.com/poll/9p4hkutztnhpvva>
- This one to set the dates of the September and October meetings: <https://doodle.com/poll/f3tue9rp3scgu75i>

Forthcoming EURIS European Brexit Summit (11th and 12th September)

- 6pm – 8.30pm House of Lords 11th September, 9am – 3pm The Shard, 12th September
- **Speakers for 11th September:** Lord Whitty (host), Lord Henley, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Mike Hughes, Zone President UK and Ireland Schneider Electric and Mark Bottomley, Country Director Rockwell Automation
- **Speakers for 12th September** include: Richard Collin, Head of European and National Policy, BSI, Kimmo Järvinen, EU Affairs Director, The Federation of Finnish Technology Industries, Fergal O'Brien, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Ibec and Richard Harrington, Parliamentary Under Secretary at BEIS (further to accepting our speaking invitation the Minister now has to go to Birmingham on 12th but his office is hopeful he can still fit our event in and will confirm mid-August)
- Invitations have been sent out to both events and we have had a good response in particular to the 11th September invitation from a political audience – we have 3 Peers and 8 MPs confirmed to attend on 11th September.

EURIS Sector Panel/Brexit Consultation Group

- EURIS has been asked by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to recruit a small number of members for a EURIS Sector Panel/Brexit Consultation Group.
- This body will provide a forum for strategic engagement between government and the industrial product supply sector for the future economic partnership between the UK and the EU. BEIS would like a panel established prior to negotiations with the European Union on the Future Economic Partnership and the Panel is likely to play an important role as a sounding board for Government as the negotiations begin. The creation of this group is a real opportunity for our industry to ensure our voice is heard at the negotiation table.
- Each member of EURIS (EURIS has 12 trade association members with company members) will be putting forward 1 member company to sit on this Sector Panel/Brexit Consultation Group. In selecting these members, EURIS will ensure that the industrial product supply sector is fully represented with a spread of SME's and multi-nationals, importers and exporters and a range of experience and knowledge from those individuals sitting on the Panel.
- Sitting underneath this overarching Sector Panel/Brexit Consultation Group, each EURIS trade association member is creating their own internal consultation group of member companies with whom our representative on the Panel will consult on questions from Government and key negotiation issues as they arise.

Rules of Origin

- As mentioned in the minutes of last week's members meeting, EURIS recently attended the second Ministerial Round Table on Rules of Origin. As the meeting overlapped with Prime Ministers Questions, Ministers were unable to attend the meeting so it was chaired by Blake Bower, a Director at BEIS. The meeting included a presentation from BEIS on Rules of Origin and responses from trade associations and this showed that EURIS' responses were at the top of the

list (just pipped by the British Footwear Association although worth bearing in mind they only have -a handful of WTO product codes).

- The next stage on ROO is making sure members are as clear as possible on a 'no deal' situation and what it means for their businesses.

CE Marking

- We have now had confirmation in writing from BEIS, via Steve Schofield from the British Pump Manufacturers Association, that CE marking will still be used/recognised in the UK during the Implementation Period (so until 31st December 2020).

Political News

- The Government has published a White Paper for legislating for the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/legislating-for-the-withdrawal-agreement-between-the-united-kingdom-and-the-european-union>
- The European Commission has issued a Communication describing the ongoing work to prepare for the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Building on requests from the European Council (29 March and 28 June 2018), the Communication encourages all actors (EU institutions, Member States, economic operators) to step up the preparedness actions for Brexit and take into account all possible scenarios http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-4545_en.htm