

BREXIT UNIT

Brexit provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a more flexible, open and vibrant economy and set a shining example for other countries. But a positive outcome is by no means guaranteed.

Brexit could actually lead to more bureaucracy and protectionism here in the UK rather than less. The General Election campaign demonstrated that both the major political parties are advocates of a bigger role for the state, and the hung parliament has increased, instead of reduced, uncertainty about the nature of our future relationship with Europe and the rest of the world. The need for a free market voice in the private and public discussions surrounding Brexit is therefore greater than ever.

Led by IEA's respected Chief Economist, Julian Jessop, the IEA Brexit Unit will make the intellectual case for free markets in the many debates that lie ahead – including discussions of the exit terms, the nature of our future relationship with the EU, the optimal approach to migration and the removal of trade barriers with the rest of the world. The Unit will also tackle domestic issues – including what to do with repatriated powers, the scope for deregulation, and the opportunities to develop more rational policies in sectors from agriculture to financial services. And it will make key proposals to help get the UK economy 'match fit' for Brexit.

The IEA has a long and successful track record of analysing and promoting the role of markets in solving economic and social problems. With a large network of non-partisan experts and contacts to call upon, our Brexit Unit will build on these strengths to make positive contributions at a pivotal time both for the UK economy and the rest of Europe.

Above all, the IEA's new Brexit Unit will ensure that a strong free market voice is heard clearly as the UK prepares to leave the European Union – and beyond.

Mark Littlewood
IEA Director General





OUTPUTS

The Brexit Unit will:

- Publish regular and concise papers, briefings & blog posts.
- Support free market frontbench and backbench politicians of all political colours with information and input as required.
- Provide fast-acting media commentary on events; issuing press releases and offering interviews and op-eds on breaking news.
- Host public and private events (including discussions and debates) and convene one-on-one meetings with key politicians, policy makers, commentators and journalists.
- Contribute speakers to external discussion panels, events and conferences as requested.
- Engage with civil society via the IEA website and social media.

UPCOMING PAPERS

Look out for papers & articles on the following across 2017:

The Brexit Divorce Bill

How the bill should be decided? What are UK's obligations to the EU, and vice versa? How much is the final bill likely to be?

Deregulation

What should the UK do with its repatriated powers? Which EU rules should the UK lose? What lessons can be learnt from overseas?

Deal or no deal?

What would 'no deal' mean in practice? What would be the economic and political implications of 'no deal?' What is the best trade policy under WTO rules?

Sector analysis

What should replace the EU agricultural CAP? What are the implications of Brexit for the Financial Services sector? How will university funding be affected?



To find out more...

IEA's Chief Economist, Julian Jessop leads the Brexit Unit. Julian has thirty years of experience as a professional economist in the public and private sectors, having worked at HM Treasury and most recently as Chief Global Economist at the leading independent consultancy, Capital Economics. Julian will be supported by a wealth of talent drawn from the IEA pool of authors and academic fellows.

To find out more about the Unit's plans and outputs please contact Julian Jessop (jjessop@iea.org.uk).

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