

Business linkages between Spain and UK will continue after Brexit - There is too much at stake

Businesses are encouraged to keep informed on Brexit and potential implications:

- **EU Exit campaign pages (UK)**
https://euexitbusiness.campaign.gov.uk/?_ga=2.247262212.1442936210.1556042639-107912892.1546447283
- **Exporting to Spain after EU Exit** (UK companies) https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-to-spain-after-eu-exit?utm_source=18b0ba4b-b3b9-4762-b778-5fe6636a0dac&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily
- **Invest NI Get Ready for Brexit** (NI companies) <https://www.investni.com/get-ready-for-brexit.html>
- **Enterprise Ireland Prepare for Brexit** (Irish companies) <http://www.prepareforbrexit.ie/>
- **Spanish government Brexit website** www.lamoncloa.gob.es/brexit

Advice for UK nationals resident in Spain:

- **Ensure you are correctly registered as a resident** which is THE key to protecting your rights in either a deal or no deal scenario. This means having a **green A4 certificate, or green credit card sized piece of paper issued by Extranjeria or the National Police**. It says '*Certificado de registro de ciudadano de la union*'. Having the *padrón* is important but it is not the same thing and is not the document people will need. A NIE on a white piece of paper is not sufficient - the document needs to be green. Tell your friends and family!
- **Ensure you are correctly registered for healthcare** now.
- **Consider exchanging your UK driving licence for a Spanish one**. In deal or no deal, you will be able to use a Spanish licence in the UK if you go back to visit and can re-exchange it for a UK one if you go back there to live. Note that there are very few/no appointments to do this in Madrid at the moment but you can go to any province to exchange a driving licence if you are willing to travel. The British Embassy is raising the lack of appointments with the Spanish authorities.
- **Keep up to date with the latest news on Brexit:**
 - Check out the Living in Spain guide www.gov.uk/living-in-spain and sign up for email alerts.
 - Follow 'Brits in Spain' on Facebook – the channel is updated on an ongoing basis and has topical videos including videos of recent outreach events in Spain
 - Look at the Spanish government website on Brexit (see above)

Additional Information:

- **'UK nationals in the EU: essential information'** page – general information on the Withdrawal Agreement and a link to specific no deal information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe>
- These pages also have information for Spanish nationals about living and working in the UK as well as the EU Settlement Scheme (registration process EU nationals need to go through in UK to fall under protection of Withdrawal Agreement or UK's no deal contingency plans):
<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>