Timeline of the UK’s exit from the European Union

On 23 June 2016, the majority of the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union (EU).

The UK Prime Minister formally triggered Article 50 on 29 March 2017 and the UK is expected to leave the EU in March 2019.

**Article 50 timetable**

8 June 2017
UK General Election.

19 June 2017
State Opening of the UK Parliament when a number of Brexit-related bills are expected to be announced in The Queen’s Speech, including the Great Repeal Bill.\(^1\)

June 2017
After the UK General Election is completed, the UK Government and the European Commission can begin the official negotiations on the Brexit agreement.

Late 2017
The Great Repeal Bill will go through the UK Parliament.

Late December 2017
The European Commission expects initial discussions to conclude.

Late 2017/ early 2018
The UK Parliament will pass the Great Repeal Bill.

Autumn 2018
The European Commission aims to have an exit deal agreed by October 2018.

Late 2018
The UK Parliament will have a ‘deal or no deal’ vote on the Brexit agreement. Either the deal, negotiated between the UK Government and the European Commission, will be accepted or it will be rejected (before it is presented to the European Parliament).

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\(^1\) Great Repeal Bill

*The Great Repeal Bill will repeal the 1972 European Communities Act, the legislation which took the UK into the EU and meant that European law took precedence over laws passed in the UK Parliament.*

*The Bill will end the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice and all existing EU legislation will be copied across into domestic UK law.*

*The UK Parliament can then "amend, repeal and improve" the laws as necessary.*
Late 2018
The **European Parliament** will vote on the Brexit agreement (simple majority).
The **EU Council** approves the Brexit agreement by a super-qualified majority (support from 20 of 27 Member States is required) after receiving consent from the European Parliament.

29 March 2019
The UK is expected to leave the EU.