

# BREXIT AND BEYOND – THE POST-BREXIT EU FROM IRELAND'S PERSPECTIVE

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With the UK's withdrawal negotiations now entering the final stage, the prospect of a “no-deal” scenario has increased. However, an orderly exit, together with close future relations, is still a priority for both, the EU and the UK. How can the remaining obstacles be overcome? What kind of a future relationship is conceivable? How will Ireland shape the Brexit?

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