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ITEMS DEBATED

Negotiations with the UK

The General Affairs Council (Article 50) was informed by the Commission about the first round of Brexit negotiations with the UK that took place in Brussels the previous day. Ministers prepared the European Council (Article 50) of 22 June 2017 by discussing the state of play of the Brexit talks and the way ahead.

[Annotated draft agenda, European Council \(Art. 50\), 22 June 2017](#)

EU agencies

In the margins of the General Affairs Council (Article 50) meeting, EU27 ministers discussed the procedure for deciding on the relocation of the EU agencies currently situated in the UK: the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the European Banking Authority (EBA).

President of the European Council Donald Tusk and President of the Commission Jean-Claude Juncker have suggested a specific procedure to member states. It consists of a call for offers from the member states, an assessment by the Commission based on objective criteria, and a final decision by the 27 member states by vote in the autumn of 2017.

EU27 leaders are expected to endorse the procedure in the margins of the European Council (Article 50) on 22 June.

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