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ITEMS DEBATED**Brexit negotiations: state of play**

The Council (Article 50), in EU27 format, was briefed by the Commission's Brexit chief negotiator Michel Barnier about the ongoing Brexit negotiations and on the latest developments in particular as regards next steps. This meeting took place after the publication of a joint statement on progress by the negotiators of the two parties on 19 June 2018.

Ministers made comments on the progress and on the next steps on the remaining topics, including a solution for the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland, as well as on the framework for the future relationship with the UK.

The Council (Article 50) also examined the draft conclusions to be adopted by the European Council (Article 50) on Friday 29 June 2018, when the heads of state or government will take stock of progress in the negotiations. Leaders are expected to highlight the importance of advancing on all remaining issues, including the border with Northern Ireland; of receiving workable and realistic proposals from the United Kingdom on the future relationship; and of working on preparedness.

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