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European Council (Article 50) meeting of 21 March

The Council, meeting in an EU 27 format, prepared the meeting of the European Council (Article 50) scheduled to take place on 21 March. The EU 27 leaders will discuss the latest developments following the United Kingdom's notification under Article 50.

During the meeting, the Commission's Brexit chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, informed the EU 27 ministers of the situation following developments over the last few weeks.

Ministers exchanged views on the state of play and the way forward. They reconfirmed their commitment to the Withdrawal Agreement as the best possible way to ensure an orderly Brexit. In light of the uncertainty in the UK, they also stressed the need to be prepared for all possible outcomes.

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