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Special European Council (Article 50) meeting of 10 April

The Commission's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, outlined to the Council, in EU27 format, the state of play in the Brexit process. On this basis, ministers discussed the next steps on Brexit ahead of the special meeting of the European Council (Article 50) of 10 April.

On 5 April Theresa May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, sent a letter to Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, asking for a further extension to the Article 50 period. She proposed the date of 30 June 2019, adding that the UK government would continue to prepare to hold European Parliament elections should the UK still be a member at the time of the elections.

During the debate, ministers welcomed the commitment by the UK to organise European elections for any extension going beyond 22 May. They stressed the need for clarity from the UK about the purpose of any further extension.

Member states also reconfirmed their commitment to the withdrawal agreement as the best possible way to ensure an orderly Brexit.

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none
