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Brexit negotiations

The Council, in an EU27 format, was informed by the EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier about the state of play on Brexit, as intensified negotiations with the UK negotiators take place to try to reach an agreement ahead of the European Council (Article 50) on 17 October 2019.

Chief negotiator Michel Barnier assessed that an agreement before the summit was very difficult but still possible.

Ministers recalled some of the key principles of the EU's position, including the protection of the single market, of citizens' rights and of the Good Friday Agreement, among others, while expressing full trust and support to the negotiator.

The chief negotiator also said he would inform the Coreper (Article 50) the following day on the situation after the ongoing talks and ahead of the European Council (Article 50) on 17 October 2019.

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