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Welsh Parliament

UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: consultation

30 August – 1 November 2024

# Introduction

Since January 2021, the UK-EU relationship has been based on an agreement reached in December 2020,[the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22021A0430(01)&from=EN). The UK and EU must review its implementation by 2026, with discussions likely to take place throughout 2025.

Senedd committees want to hear from the public, organisations, and stakeholders in Wales about how the UK and EU’s post-Brexit arrangements have affected them so far, and their priorities for the future.

Building upon work they have already undertaken, the committees listed below are gathering evidence on how the agreement is working in Wales to ensure a Welsh perspective is fed into the review process.

1. [Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee](https://senedd.wales/committee/742)**;**
2. [Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee](https://business.senedd.wales/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=741)**;**
3. [Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee;](https://business.senedd.wales/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=738)and
4. [Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.](https://senedd.wales/committee/725)

# Terms of Reference

The committees would welcome your views on:

* your experiences of the TCA since its entry into force;
* areas of UK-EU cooperation covered by the TCA, and areas that are not covered;
* the effectiveness of the TCA in practice, including whether you have been affected by any implementation issues;
* areas of the TCA that are not fully implemented, such as UK participation in EU programmes or mutual recognition of professional qualifications;
* unintended consequences that you have experienced; and
* changes to the UK-EU relationship you would like to see.

You can find more background information on the TCA and Wales on the [Senedd Research website.](https://research.senedd.wales/research-articles/wales-and-the-uk-eu-trade-and-cooperation-agreement/)

# How to share your views

## Evidence gathering

We want to make sure that our work is informed by experiences, needs, and views that reflect the diversity of the people and communities affected by these issues.

We encourage anyone with expertise or experience of these issues to share your views, with the full knowledge that your views will be welcomed and valued.

The closing date for sharing your views is **16.00 on Friday 1 November 2024**.

To share your views electronically, please send to [TradeandCooperationAgreement@senedd.wales](mailto:TradeandCooperationAgreement@senedd.wales) or by post to Co-ordination Unit, Welsh Parliament, Cardiff, CF99 1SN.

### Along with your submission, you should provide the following information:

* Your name and contact details as the person, or organisation, submitting the evidence.
* Whether your evidence is submitted as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation.
* If you are submitting evidence as an individual, confirmation that you are over 18 years old.
* If you are under 13 years old, your parent or guardian’s agreement that you can participate (this can be provided via email).
* Confirmation of whether you would prefer that your name is not published alongside your evidence (names of individuals under 18 years old will not be published).
* Confirmation of whether you would like the Committee to treat any or all of your written evidence as confidential, with reasons for the request.
* If you have referred to a third party in your evidence, such as a parent, spouse or relative, confirmation that they have agreed that you can share information that may be used to identify them and that they understand that it will be published.

## Providing Written Evidence

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In line with the [Senedd’s Official Languages Scheme](https://senedd.wales/commission/senedd-commission-policy/official-languages/)**,** the Committee welcomes contributions in both or either of our official languages, and we ask organisations that are subject to Welsh Language standards or schemes to respond in line with their own obligations. Please inform the Committee when submitting responses if you intend to provide a translation at a later date.

Please see [guidance for those providing evidence for committees](https://senedd.wales/senedd-business/committees/getting-involved-with-committees/)**.**

## Disclosure of information

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