



EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

Brexit, Finance and Trade

Dublin, 4-5 April 2019

Scientific Coordinator: **Federico Fabbrini** | DCU Brexit Institute

Venue: DCU Brexit Institute

■ Overview

Brexit represents a watershed moment in Europe, with major implications on free movement of goods and services between the EU and the UK. The purpose of this Executive Training Seminar is to offer a focused training on the consequences of Brexit in the fields of finance and trade to people operating in the private sector in countries heavily affected by the UK decision to leave the EU. The training provides focused information on how rules governing free movement of goods and services have changed as a result of Brexit, the withdrawal agreement, including transition, and the framework of EU-UK future relations. It thus facilitates business leaders and managers in their efforts to adapt their business-models and operations to the Brexit challenge.

Topics covered

The Executive Training Seminar will look closely at how Brexit affects *free movement of goods and services* between the EU and the UK. To this end, the Executive Training Seminar will analyze in depth issues such as market access, adequacy decisions, regulatory equivalence, freedom of establishment, custom rules and declaration, and WTO obligations.

The goal of the Executive Training Seminar is to help business leaders prepare for the changes resulting from the UK withdrawal from the EU – and the connected withdrawal agreement and framework of future relations between the UK and the EU. The Executive Training Seminar is therefore consistent with the Irish Government action plan on “[Getting Ireland Brexit Ready](#)”.



Learning outcomes

- Acquire an **enhanced understanding** of how Brexit affects finance and trade by modifying the rules on free movement of goods and services between the EU and the UK;
- Identify the specific challenges that Brexit poses for a given business-model;
- **Develop solutions** to minimize the harms and maximize the benefits potentially resulting from legal changes produced by Brexit on EU-UK commercial relations;
- **Network** with experts and fellow participants through peer teaching and learning dynamics.

Methodology

Input sessions aimed at knowledge transfer and debate among the participants, will be alternated with training sessions, where participants will be called to work hands on, focusing on case studies, group works and simulations. The Executive Training Seminar will combine the insights of top-level academic experts with those of experienced practitioners, offering a clear framework of the regulatory changes resulting from Brexit, and their practical impact for businesses operating in the trade and finance sectors.

■ PROGRAMME

Thursday 4 April

9.00-9.30 *Welcome Institutional Greetings and Presentation of the Executive Seminar*
Fabrizio Tassinari | Executive Director, School of Transnational Governance (tbc)
Federico Fabbri | Director, Brexit Institute

9.30-11.00 Input session: **Brexit and the Outcome of the Negotiations: a Legal View**
Federico Fabbri | Brexit Institute

The session will contextualize the executive training seminar offering an **updated legal and institutional analysis** of the Brexit process and the outcome of the negotiations, explaining what the key features of the post-Brexit relation between the United Kingdom and the European Union are.

11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30-12.30 *Opening Keynote Speech* by **Joanne Kellermann** | Single Resolution Board

12.30-13.30 *Lunch*

13.30-15.00 Input session: **Brexit, Trade and Free Movement of Goods**
Edgar Morgenroth | Professor of Trade Economics at DCU

The session will examine in depth the implications of Brexit for trade, outlining the economic and legal consequences of withdrawal and explaining how the movement of goods between the UK and the EU, as well as between the UK and other third countries will operate after withdrawal and the extent to which this will affect the UK economy. Input will be provided on **tariffs, tariff rate quotas, rules of origin and border regulatory requirements**, including **safety standards**, as well as **sanitary and phytosanitary measures**. The mechanisms to mitigate potential disruptions in supply chains will also be addressed.

15.00-15.30

Coffee break

15.30-17.00

Training session: **Brexit, Trade and Free Movement of Goods**
Edgar Morgenroth | Professor of Trade Economics at DCU
Chloe Papazian | Researcher in Trade Law at DCU Brexit Institute

19.00

Networking Dinner

Friday 5 April

9.00-10.30

Input session: **Brexit, Finance and Free Movement of Services**

Kern Alexander | Professor of Financial Services Law at University of Zurich

The session will examine in depth the implications of Brexit for financial services, outlining the economic implications of withdrawal by financial sector. In this context, the laws related to credit institutions and investment firms shall be separately examined. Input will be provided on **passporting, equivalence tests and adequacy decisions**, highlighting the cross-sectorial differences – especially as regards retail operations – as well as the implications for firms in terms of compliance. The ultimate aim is to enhance ‘Brexit readiness’ and ensure minimal disruption in the cross-border provision of services.

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-12.30

Training session: **Brexit, Finance and Free Movement of Services**
Kern Alexander | Professor of Financial Services Law at University of Zurich
Ioannis Asimakopoulos | Researcher in Financial Services Law at DCU Brexit Institute

12.30-13.30

Lunch

13.30-15.00

Training session: **Brexit and Free Movement of Professionals**
Kern Alexander | Professor of Financial Services Law at University of Zurich

15.00-15.30

Coffee break

15.30-16.30 *Concluding Keynote Speech* by **George Papacostantinou** | former Minister of Finance of Greece

This session will conclude the executive training seminar by offering a broad brush view of the challenges and opportunities in the relations between the UK and the EU, including options to frame a new partnership between the parties in a post-Brexit environment.

16.30-17.00 *Award of Certificate and Final Remarks*

■ SPEAKERS AND TRAINERS

Ioannis Asimakopoulos	Brexit Institute, Ireland
Federico Fabbrini	Brexit Institute, Ireland
Joanne Kellermann	Single Resolution Board, Former Member of Dutch Central Bank, The Netherlands
Alexander Kern	University of Zurich, Switzerland
Edgar Morgenroth	Dublin City University, Ireland
George Papacostantinou	former Minister of Finance of Greece
Chloe Papazian	Brexit Institute, Ireland

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