



European Union Committee Report: *Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy Missions and Operations* Debate on 15 May 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Verma to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy Missions and Operations* (16th Report, HL Paper 132)

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- House of Lords European Union Committee, [Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy Missions and Operations](#), 14 May 2018, HL Paper 132 of session 2017–19, pp 3–4 and 72–74; and [Government Response](#), 24 July 2018

Summary and conclusions and recommendations of the committee’s report, and the Government’s response. The committee concluded that although the Government had set out “high-level aspirations” for the UK’s future co-operation with the EU’s common security and defence policy (CSDP) after Brexit, the “existing model of third country involvement” in CSDP would reduce the UK’s input and influence. The committee recommended that the Government set out more detailed proposals for future cooperation in security and defence policy.

- HM Government, [Political Declaration Setting Out the Framework for the Future Relationship Between the European Union and the United Kingdom](#), March 2019, pp 1 and 11–16

Introduction and Part III ‘Security Partnership’ of the political declaration negotiated between the UK and the EU, which sets out the intended parameters “of an ambitious, broad, deep and flexible partnership” across a range of areas, including security and defence cooperation (the political declaration was first published in November 2018 and was re-published in March 2019. The content remains the same).

- HM Government, [EU Exit: Assessment of the Security Partnership](#), November 2018, Cm 9743

The Government’s assessment of the security partnership between the UK and the EU as set out in the political declaration, providing further information on the envisaged future relationship.

- European Parliament, [Common Security and Defence Policy](#), October 2018

Factsheet providing background information on the EU’s common security and defence policy and summarising its legal basis and recent developments.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Question: EU Defence Policy](#)', 2 May 2019, 247682
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: EU Defence Policy](#)', 30 April 2019, 247681
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: EU Defence Policy](#)', 16 April 2019, 242049
- [Debate on 'Brexit: Proposed UK–EU Security Treaty \(European Union Committee Report\)](#), HL *Hansard*, 16 January 2019, cols 266–98

Press Articles and Comment

- Richard Whitman, '[What \(No\) Difference A Year Makes: Post-Brexit EU-UK Security Relations](#)', The UK in a Changing Europe, 22 February 2019
- Stephen Addison, '[UK Could Lose Influence on EU Security and Defence Policy—Report](#)', Reuters, 14 May 2018
- Malcolm Chalmers, '[Initial Thoughts on the Government's Assessment of the Security Partnership with the EU](#)', Royal United Services Institute, 28 November 2018

Further Information

- European Union, '[The Common Security and Defence Policy \(CSDP\)](#)', accessed 10 May 2019
- Sophia Besch, '[Brexit Negotiations in the Field of Defence: Lessons Learnt and Moving Forward](#)', Centre for European Reform, 8 January 2019
- Institute for Government, '[UK–EU Defence and Security Cooperation After Brexit](#)', 31 October 2018
- Royal United Services Institute, '[Brexit and European Security](#)', February 2018
- House of Lords European Union Committee, '[Brexit: The Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty](#)', 11 July 2018, HL Paper 164 of session 2017–19
- House of Commons Defence Committee, '[The Government's Proposals for a Future Security Partnership with the European Union](#)', 8 June 2018, HC 594 of session 2017–19

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