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EU continues to break international law over Brexit deal

“The UK government is now urgently considering next steps,” says Foreign Office



EU's Intransigence imperils TCA

The EU's continued refusal to fulfil its obligations under the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA) may jeopardise talks entirely, leaving the British Government little choice but to escalate matters.

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – with its affiliate **Facts4EU** exposes the EU's continued refusal meet its obligations under the TCA and negotiate with the UK in good faith.

The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

EU's long-standing breach

In relation to the TCA, the EU has form.

In August 2022 when she was still Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss said:

“The EU is in clear breach of our agreement, repeatedly seeking to politicise vital scientific cooperation by refusing to finalise access to these important programmes. We cannot allow this to continue.

That is why the UK has now launched formal consultations and will do everything necessary to protect the scientific community.”

Liz Truss, Foreign Secretary, 16 Aug 2022

UK Treaty Objective

Following the formal meeting of the 'UK-EU Committee on Participation in Union Programmes' in Brussels, the Foreign Office released the following statement:

"The UK is seeking to implement the mutually beneficial TCA agreement to participate in EU programmes (Horizon Europe, Euratom Research and Training, Copernicus, and access to services from the Space Surveillance and Tracking programme) to the benefit of researchers and businesses across the UK and the EU."

Escalation of Talks

With the EU's continued refusal to meet its obligations, and with the UK having exhausted the options for resolving this amicably, the Government will now have to escalate its complaint.

Observations

Will the UK government 'go to the mattresses' over this? Based on experience to date that seems highly unlikely.

But the EU's claims to be a 'rules based organisation' sound increasingly hollow.

"The rule of law is the glue that binds our Union together. It is the foundation of our unity."

So said Ursula von der Leyen at a European Parliament Plenary on 19 Oct 2021.

But only when it suits them.

For editors and journalists

[The full report is now available here.](#)

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Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.