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Brexit

At the end of January, <u>Parliament approved the UK's withdrawal agreement</u>, setting Brexit into motion, and said <u>good bye to the 73 British MEPs</u>. Talks are ongoing to determine how <u>the UK and the EU will work together in the future</u>.

EU-Vietnam trade deal

The <u>EU-Vietnam free trade agreement</u>, approved by Parliament in February, will eliminate virtually all tariffs over the course of a decade. As it includes binding rules on climate, labour and human rights, <u>MEPs see it as a standard-setter</u> for global trade.

Tackling disinformation

Fake news about Covid-19 can be as dangerous as the virus. MEPs support EU efforts to <u>tackle disinformation</u>, while protecting freedom of expression. In June, Parliament established a special <u>committee to research foreign interference</u> in all democratic processes in the EU, including disinformation.