

Article – First six months of 2020: Covid-19, investment in recovery, climate



Brexit

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

EU-Vietnam trade deal

The [EU-Vietnam free trade agreement](#), 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, [MEPs see it as a standard-setter](#) for global trade.

Tackling disinformation

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