

# EU Commission publishes new announcement on no deal preparations

This month, the EU Commission made another announcement about its preparations in case the UK leaves the EU without a deal. You can [find the announcement here](#).

Even though the UK government is clear that leaving under the Withdrawal Agreement is the preferable option, we also continue to prepare for all Brexit scenarios, and to provide advice on how you can ensure your rights as UK nationals living in the EU are protected.

In Portugal, the national government has already passed a [law with contingency measures to protect the rights of UK nationals living in Portugal in case of a no deal](#), which includes the right to stay for residents, the right to access healthcare, and the right to access public education.

There are some actions you can take now to prepare for the UK's exit from the EU, whether that is with or without a deal:

- make sure you are correctly registered as a resident
- register with your local health centre for access to public healthcare in Portugal
- register your address with the IMT or exchange your UK driving licence for a Portuguese one
- regularly check our [Living in Portugal guide](#) for updated information
- sign up for [our email alerts](#)