

First Minister in Gibraltar to discuss common Brexit priorities

While in Gibraltar, the First Minister will also meet with the Governor Lieutenant General Edward Grant Martin Davis, Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia, the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses.

Gibraltar's economy is thriving, with the 4th highest GDP per head in the world at £54,979. However, it is highly dependent on its unique relationship with the EU and UK – with 40% of its workforce entering Gibraltar from Spain each day.

The First Minister said:

“While Gibraltar is in a unique position, we in Wales share common ground on the UK's future relationship with Europe and our approach to leaving the EU.

“We share their determination to secure a path in the Brexit negotiations which protects our ability to trade. We also recognise the positive contribution EU citizens make to life in Wales and, like Gibraltar, Wales will continue to need workers from EU countries to help sustain our economy and public services.

“This visit is also an opportunity to learn from Gibraltar's experience of operating outside the Customs Union and understand the potential risks and issues we would face if the UK took the same path post-Brexit.

“As we prepare to leave the EU, it is essential all parts of the UK and Gibraltar work together to map out a way forward that meets all our needs.”