

'Get Ready for Brexit' campaign launches in Greece

The UK Government has today (Monday 16 September) launched a major information campaign urging UK nationals living in and travelling to the EU to take steps to get ready for Brexit on 31 October.

The information campaign will inform the more than one million UK nationals living in the EU about specific actions they need to take to secure their rights and services in their host country, including information on residency, healthcare, driving licences and passports.

It will also encourage people travelling to the EU to make all necessary preparations by checking passports, buying travel insurance and checking driving licenses and pet passports.

The campaign will use multiple channels – including social media, online and offline media – urging people to take action ahead of 31 October.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

We are stepping up efforts to ensure Britons abroad are prepared for Brexit on 31 October. This campaign provides practical advice to the more than one million British people living in the EU, as well as British tourists and business travellers.

The UK Government recently announced up to £3 million in grant funding for charities and other voluntary organisations who can inform UK nationals about the need to register or apply for residency and to support them as they complete their applications.

The Government also allocated an extra £300,000 to British Embassies and Consulates across the EU to engage with 'hard to reach' UK nationals such as disabled people, those living in remote areas or people who might need extra help to complete any paperwork in preparation for Brexit. This extra assistance will build on the support that British Embassies are already providing with more than 541 outreach events with UK nationals since November 2017.

Europe is the most popular travel destination for British travellers, with around 60 million visits every year.

The new information campaign asks UK nationals living in Greece to take action to prepare for Brexit by checking the Living in Greece Guide at gov.uk/livingingreece and:

- apply for residency
- register for healthcare

- exchange their UK driving licence for a Greek one
- check their passport is valid for travel