

Labour has extended the hand of partnership for a new relationship with Europe – Jeremy Corbyn

Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, following today's meeting with EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier in Brussels, said:

"I'm pleased to have had a friendly and constructive meeting with Michel Barnier today.

"Keir Starmer, Diane Abbott and I had a frank and informative conversation with the EU's chief negotiator and exchanged views about how we see the Brexit process working.

"Labour has extended the hand of partnership for a new relationship with Europe and we outlined how our goal of a jobs-first Brexit deal would protect our mutual trading interests.

"We set out Labour's Brexit priorities in contrast to the race-to-the-bottom tax haven threatened by the Conservatives.

"The General Election result has clearly changed the context for the Brexit talks and means the Government will have to listen to Parliament and will not be able to have it all its own way.

"Labour respects the EU referendum result, and we will be taking every opportunity to try and achieve a Brexit which puts jobs, living standards and environmental protection at its heart."