

Press release: PM will meet with Leaders of European business organisations: 9 November 2017

The Prime Minister will meet with leaders from European business organisations on Monday (13) to discuss shared opportunities for industry as the UK prepares to leave the EU.

Theresa May will speak about the mutual importance of maintaining and developing the strong connections between EU and UK markets.

Mrs May will reiterate the UK's commitment to securing an implementation period of around two years once Britain leaves the EU in March 2019.

And she will ask the business experts from organisations including the CBI and BusinessEurope to share their input on how the UK and EU can continue to thrive side by side in industry and economic development.

The Prime Minister will also reiterate her vision set out in Florence for a bold and deep economic partnership with the EU – one in which the UK continues to be a global, free trading nation and the strongest friend and partner to the EU.

Alongside colleagues from the Department for Exiting the EU, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Treasury, the Prime Minister will reflect on the historic strong relationship between European business and the UK – from BMW in Oxford building electric MINIs to Arla's work with dairy farmers across Britain.

The government has been engaging with industry through the Business Advisory Council since July this year as a vital part of preparations for leaving the EU. But this is the first meeting where she will engage directly with leaders from EU Business Organisations.

Greg Clark, Secretary of State for BEIS, will also set out the aims for the upcoming Industrial Strategy which will play a key role in UK's free market economy delivering economic and social progress for everyone in society.

Ministers attending the Downing Street roundtable, which the CBI helped to organise, will be:

- Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- Rt Hon David Davis MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the EU
- Stephen Barclay MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury

Attending businesses organisations will be:

- CBI (UK)

- Institute of Directors (UK)
- BusinessEurope (EU)
- European Services Forum (EU)
- BDI (Germany)
- BDA (Germany)
- MEDEF (France)
- Confindustria (Italy)
- CEOE (Spain)
- VNO-NCW (Netherlands)
- Ibec (Ireland)
- Confederation of Swedish Enterprise (Sweden)
- Polish Confederation of Private Employers (Lewiatan)
- Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic, SPCR (Czech Republic)
- VBO/FEB (Belgium)