

[British Embassy outreach events in Luxembourg](#)

If you are unclear about current residency requirements in Luxembourg, or how the UK's exit from the EU might affect you, come along to one of our upcoming events to ask the questions that most concern you. These events are free, open to the public and require pre-registration.

Upcoming outreach events

This information evening will be hosted by British Ambassador to Luxembourg, John Marshall, who will be joined by colleagues from our Embassy in Brussels.

For the latest updates on issues and information events in your area:

Other useful links

Past outreach events

21 October 2019
20 March 2019
8 November 2018
22 February 2018
27 September 2018

[UK fisheries agreement signed with the Faroe Islands](#)

UK and Faroese governments have signed an agreement to ensure UK fishermen can continue to access and catch fish in Faroese waters after the UK leaves the EU on 31 October.

Currently the UK fleet fishes in Faroese waters under the EU-Faroe Islands fisheries agreement. When the UK leaves the EU and becomes an independent coastal state this current agreement will cease, however the new agreement, signed yesterday (15 October), ensures that the existing arrangements between the two countries remain in place until the end of 2019.

The UK is committed to continuing to work together the Faroe Islands,

providing certainty for respective industries and managing shared fish stocks sustainably.

These arrangements will:

- honour the existing access arrangements agreed, in as far as they concern the UK and the Faroe Islands
- ensure that appropriate licencing, control and enforcement provisions are in place, following the model agreed by the EU and Faroe Islands, to enable fishing opportunities to continue to be enjoyed by both the UK and Faroe Islands for the remainder of 2019
- honour the existing quota exchanges for 2019, and existing access arrangements between the UK and the Faroe Islands

This complements [a separate agreement](#) signed on the 30 September 2019 between the UK government and Norway to ensure similar continuity arrangements.

In further preparation for exit day, a new licensing authority – the Single Issuing Authority (SIA) – has also been set up jointly by the England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland administrations. This will ensure fishermen have the correct licences to fish legally after leaving the EU.

The SIA is calling on vessels owners in the over 12 meter fleet to ensure their vessel has an IMO number, which will be needed to fish outside UK waters when we leave the EU.

Owners of vessels are urged to [register now for an IMO number](#) from the International Maritime Organisation to enable the timely processing of the subsequent licensing documentation.

UK and Indonesia announce new Joint Trade Review

The UK and Indonesia have today (Wednesday 16 October) agreed to begin a round of exploratory trade talks.

Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Asia Pacific, Natalie Black, has today signed the terms of reference that will see both countries hold a Joint Trade Review.

Indonesia's Director General of International Trade Negotiation, Mr. Iman Pambagyo, signed the terms of reference alongside Ms Black in Tangerang.

UK and Indonesian trade officials will meet in London in December to begin the review.

Trade reviews allow countries to explore opportunities to increase trade and

investment in each other's countries. They help to identify priority sectors to advance our trading relationship, as well as how trade barriers can be lowered or eliminated.

The UK has already held trade reviews with India and Brazil, and a trade review with China is ongoing.

Indonesia is one of the world's fastest growing economies, a member of the G20 and the largest economy in South East Asia. It is also the fourth most populous country in the world and is predicted to be one of the top five economies globally by 2050.

The UK's total trade with Indonesia was worth £2.7 billion in the twelve months to March 2019.

Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for the Asia Pacific, Natalie Black said:

I am delighted to launch the Joint Trade Review with Indonesia today with the aim of identifying tangible opportunities to strengthen our bilateral trade and investment in the future. Indonesia is a key partner for the UK and we look forward to deepening our collaboration across a range of sectors, from financial services and technology to renewable energy and infrastructure.

[Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration remit letter: 2020 to 2021](#)

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Modernising access to smart energy data: apply for contracts

The electricity system of the UK is changing rapidly. More than 50% of electricity is now generated by low carbon sources such as nuclear and wind. Many homes and businesses can generate electricity, particularly from solar panels.

Smart time-of-use tariffs are giving consumers greater control of their energy bills, and the growing use of electric vehicles is placing new demands on the grid.

Effective use of data and better communication is essential to the working of this modern electricity grid.

An analysis by the Carbon Trust estimates that a smart and flexible system could save the UK £40 billion by 2050. It will also help the UK to meet its carbon reduction targets.

However, a lack of common data standards and sharing of data are a barrier to competition and innovation.

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, working with the [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#) and the [Office of Gas and Electricity Markets](#), has up to £1.9 million to invest in the development of products and services that will modernise data services in the energy sector.

Projects must exploit state-of-the-art data science

Projects should use state-of-the-art data science and are encouraged to design and build ways in which a user can search and access relevant data such as by location, asset type and other characteristics.

They must:

- be flexible and easy to use
- enable digital information exchange across the energy industry
- demonstrate transparency and efficiency
- encourage innovation through ease of access to data
- involve interested private sector organisations
- show that data based on different standards can be made to work together
- create opportunities for commercial exploitation
- show regard to data security

The competition is being run in 3 phases.

Up to £480,000 is available in phase 1 to fund up to 3 contracts for short

feasibility studies.

Successful projects will be able to apply for further contracts in the later stages.

Competition information

- the competition is open and the deadline for registration is at midday on 2 January 2020
- organisations of any size can apply
- phase 1 contracts are expected to last 6 weeks and be worth between £100,000 and £160,000