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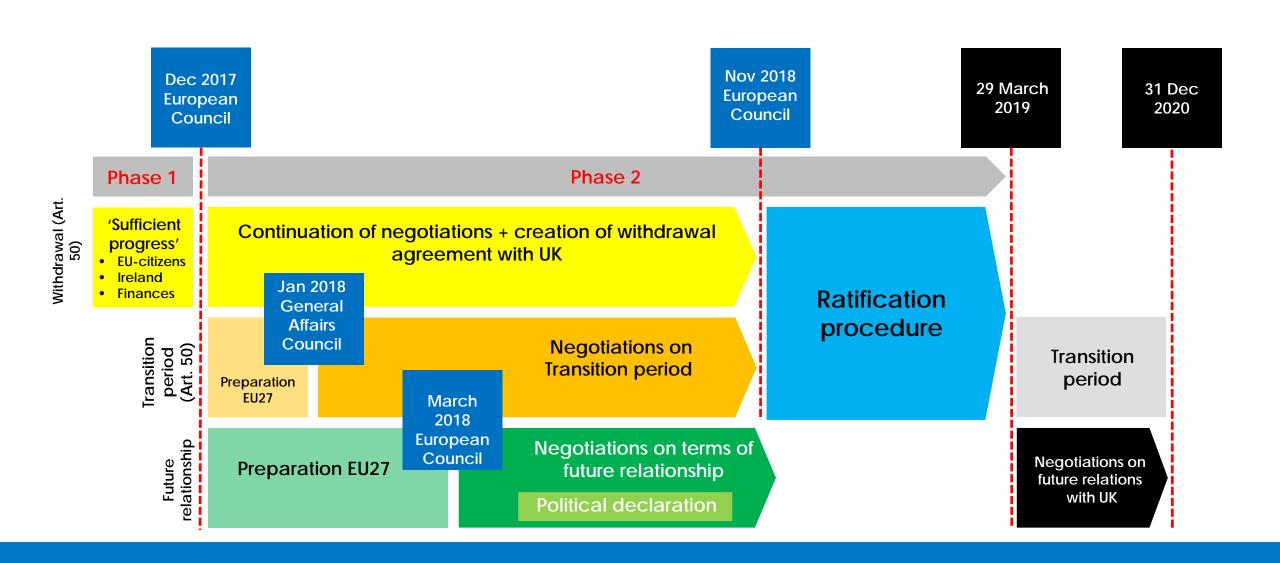
# Preparations NL government in the face of Brexit

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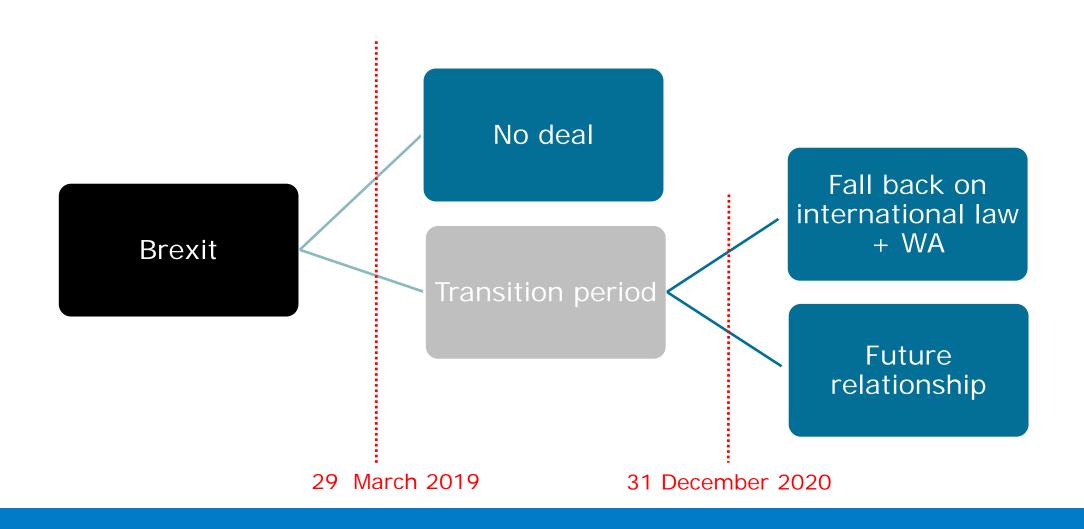
#### Timeline





## Scenarios





# No deal

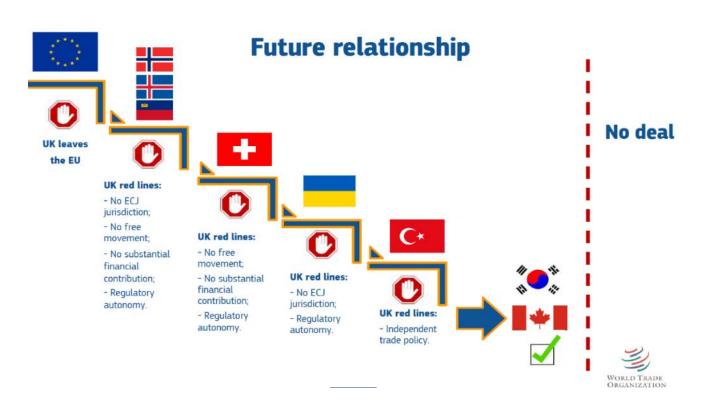




### Deal



#### Also with a deal EU-UK trade will face addititional barriers



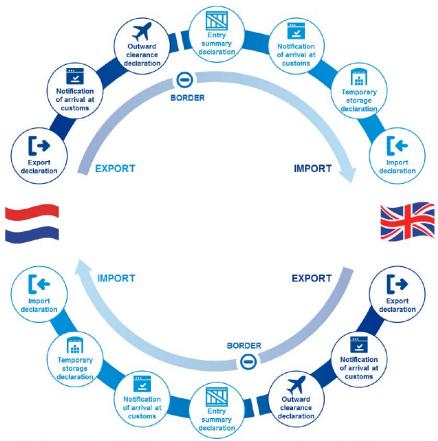
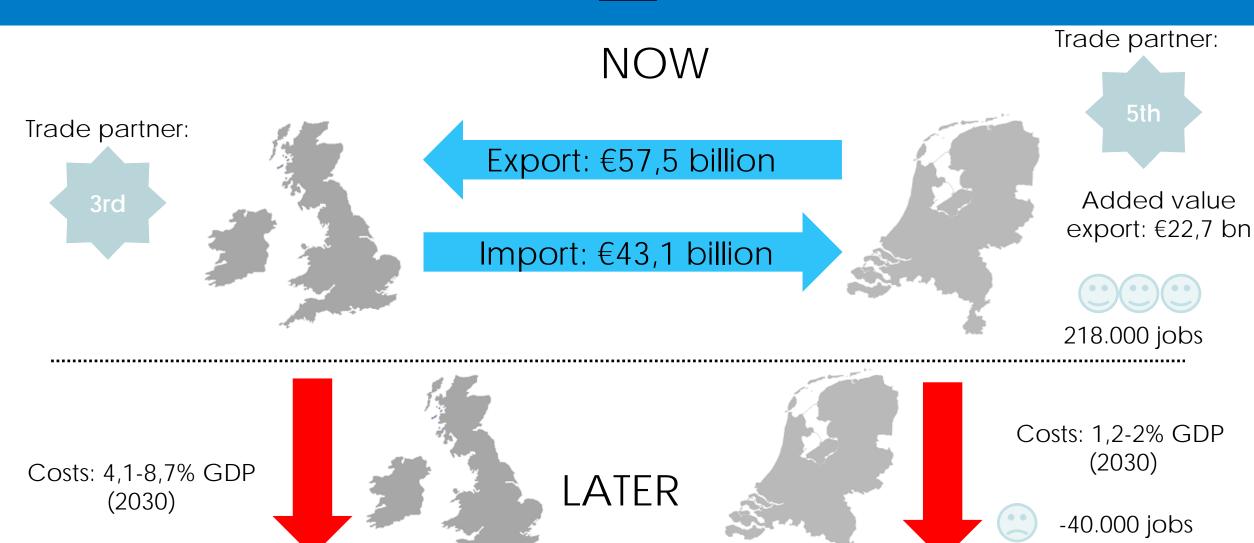


FIGURE 1: General customs formalities for trade with third countries under the WTO regime

### Economic relation NL - UK



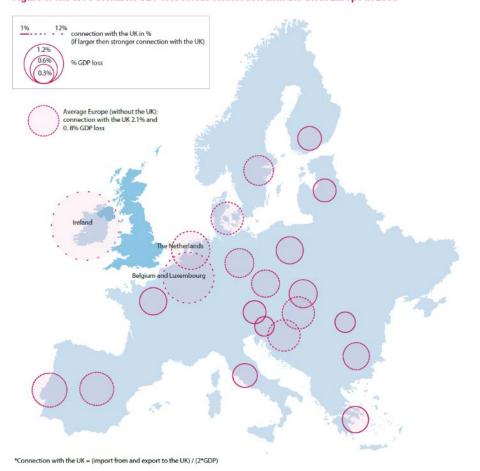


Source: CBS (2018) & CPB (2016)

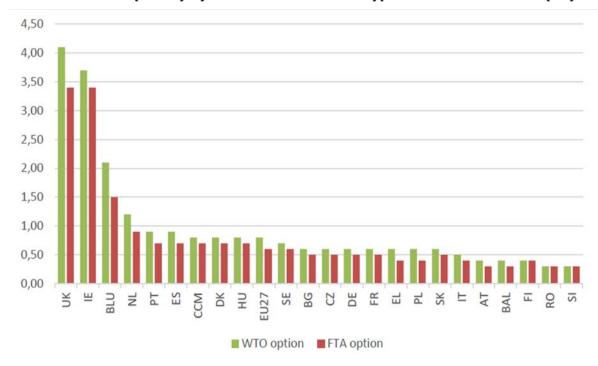
# Consequences of Brexit



Figure 3. The WTO scenario: GDP loss versus connection with the UK in Europe in 2030

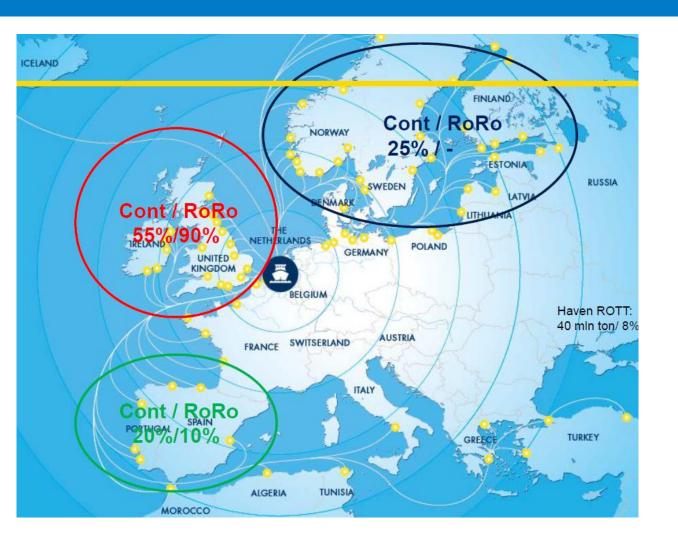


#### Losses in GDP (2030) by Member States and type of Brexit scenario (%)



## Consequences of Brexit



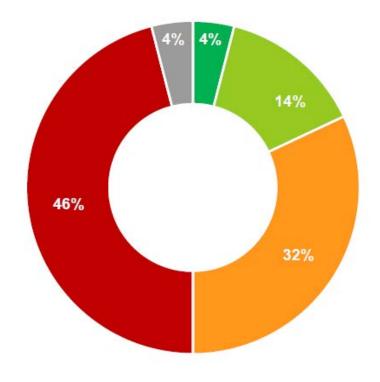


#### NL is the mainport of the EU

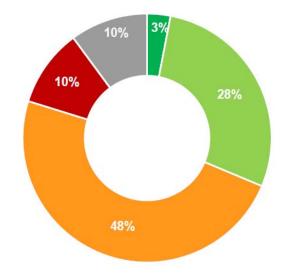
- Amsterdam Airport 3rd airport of the EU. 10 million out of total 63 million passengers fly between NL and UK. 165 daily flights.
- Port of Rotterdam: 52 ferry crossings NL UK a week. Goods from R'dam within 48 hours in Romania (Rhine-Danube link; train service; lorry). Hick-up in Rotterdam will have spill-over effects in whole EU.
- Also Slovak lorry driver could end up in traffic jam in NL. Or could cause one if he is not prepared.
- Companies could start customs procedures in every EU country!

# Preparing for Brexit





- 4% of NL companies is preparing for Brexit 'to a very large extent'. 14% reasonably. Used to be 10% in September 2017.
- 46% is not preparing at all. Used to be 50% in September 2017.



 48% of NL companies think that chances are quite small that EU and UK will conclude withdrawal agreement.

# **Approach**



- Work towards the best, prepare for the worst. Intention is to successfully conclude negotiations and ratify withdrawal agreement.
- Minimise all negative consequences that can be foreseen of both a deal as well as a no-deal scenario.
- Disturbances are unavoidable.
- Dutch government is preparing actively, but stakeholders have own responsibilities. Government is a partner of business. Do it together.

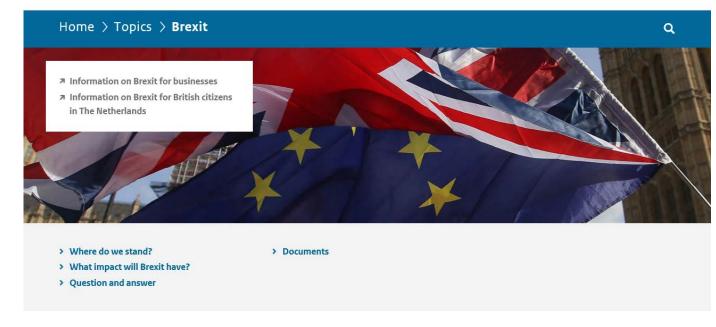


## Preparedness and Contingency – deal & no deal



- Government
- Business
- Citizens





#### Spotlight

#### **European Union**

Information about the European Union.

#### Brexit negotiations

For more about the Brexit negotiations, go to the website of the European Union's Brexit negotiating team, which is headed by Michel Barnier.

#### Residence rights

Q&As prepared by the European Commission about the residence rights, after Brexit, of British citizens in the EU.

#### **Actions**



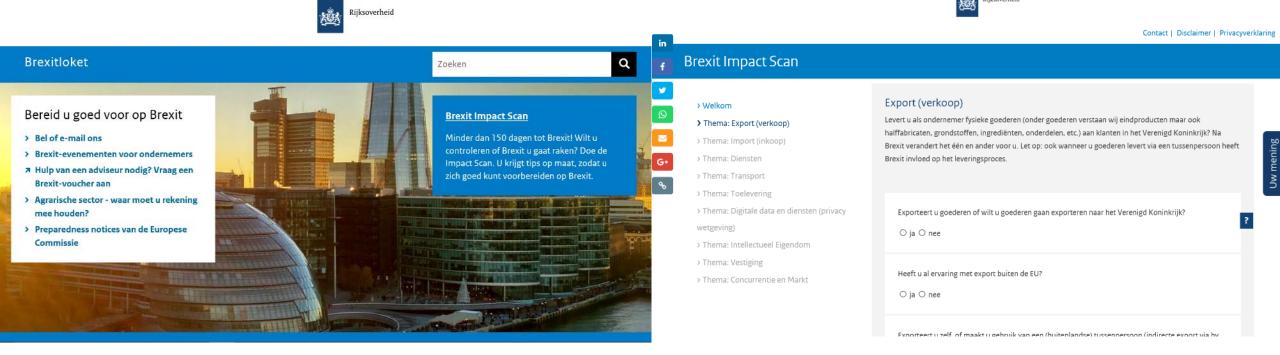
Fully prepare all governmental agencies and departments

- a) Coordination Unit Contingency and Preparedness as part of MFA
- b) Hiring of staff
- c) Scenario exercises
- d) Internal preparations

#### Actions



- Brexit desk (<u>www.brexitloket.nl</u>): website + 24/7 hotline (6.000 visitors a month)
- Brexit Impact Scan: online tool (30.000 times used)



#### Actions



- Roadshow
- Brexit Buddies
- Brexit voucher



- Alternative Market Strategy
- Outreach to other Member States

## Next steps



- Continuation of improving existing tools
- Full fledged media campaign (Q1 2019)
- Keep it short and simple: 10 tasks an entrepreneur could do tomorrow; Customs to do list

• 2020...

# Further reading



- Policy letter <u>NL actions contingency and preparedness</u>.
- Policy letter <u>Informing and supporting Dutch business</u>.
- KPMG Impact of Non-tariff Barriers as a Result of Brexit.
- CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis
   Brexit Costs for the Netherlands Arise from Reduced

   Trade.



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## **Questions?**

Want to know more?

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