

# **BREXIT: RESEARCH & HIGHER EDUCATION WHERE ARE WE NOW & WHAT DO WE KNOW?**

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# PHASE 1 NEGOTIATIONS RAN UNTIL DEC 2017

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**A joint progress report from UK and EU negotiators in December 2017 noted agreement in principle across three key areas:**

- Citizen's rights
- Irish border
- Financial settlement

**Includes Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ key commitments:**

**UK entities should have continued eligibility to participate in Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ as “Union programmes financed by the MFF 2014-2020”**

**Caveat: Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.**

# A DRAFT WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT IS BEING NEGOTIATED

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**Draft Withdrawal Agreement issued in run up to the March 2018 European Council, with agreement in principle on:**

- terms of a time-limited implementation period
- citizens' rights
- financial settlement

**Includes UK participation in 2019 and 2020 EU budgets: with continued benefit from current MFF-funded projects and programmes**

**Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+: intention is that the Withdrawal Agreement will allow for continued UK participation on the current basis**

# LATEST HMG PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE UK-EU RELATIONSHIP

UK-EU Future Relationship White paper published on 12 July 2018

## **Student mobility**

- Proposed facilitation of mobility for students and young people

## **Erasmus+ (1.4.2; 3.4.2)**

- Open to exploring participation in Erasmus+ successor programme

## **Science and Innovation (3.4.1)**

- As part of a UK-EU accord, proposed UK participation in future cooperation in EU research networks, infrastructure, policies and agencies

## WHERE WE ARE NOW: SOME BREXIT S&I/HE KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **The UK can participate fully in H2020 and Erasmus+** until the end of these programmes
- **UK participation in H2020 is guaranteed by HMG:** HMT has underwritten UK participation in EU programmes including H2020
- **Horizon Europe:** HMG wants to explore future association to EU research and innovation programmes including Horizon Europe
- **Student fees:** EU students on courses starting in England in 2019/20 will continue to be eligible for “home fee status”.
- **Citizens’ Rights:** individuals will continue to be able to move, live and work on the same basis as now up until the end of December 2020.

# UK GOVERNMENT HAS GUARANTEED UK PARTICIPATION IN H2020

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- In August 2016, HMG announced that it would underwrite UK participation in all competitively bid for EU funded projects submitted while still a member of the EU.
- A recent post-EU Exit Guarantee extension commits HMG to fund UK participants' funding in all Horizon 2020 calls open to third country participants from the date of exit.
- We expect that the underwrite guarantee will not be needed, as we intend to successfully conclude the Withdrawal Agreement.
- In a no deal scenario, HMG has committed to underwrite H2020 funding for all successful UK bids submitted before exit, even if they are notified of their success after exit, for the lifetime of the projects.

# EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S GUIDELINES FOR TRADE AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP

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## **Economic relationship:**

- **Free Trade Agreement with EU**
- **When UK is no longer a Member State**

## **Migration:**

- **Ambitious provisions on movement of natural persons**

## **Socio-Economic cooperation – HE&R programmes:**

- **Any participation of the UK should be subject to the relevant conditions for the participation of third countries**



# CHALLENGES

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- **The UK higher education sector's reputation as a collaborator of choice in vital research is weakened**
- **Access to key funding mechanisms to support research excellence are lost**
- **The UK will slip further behind competitors in sending students abroad as part of their degree**
- **The UK will lose existing academic talent from the EU**
- **Universities will experience sudden, steep declines in EU student enrolments**
- **Universities' activity to drive local growth and generate jobs will be hampered**

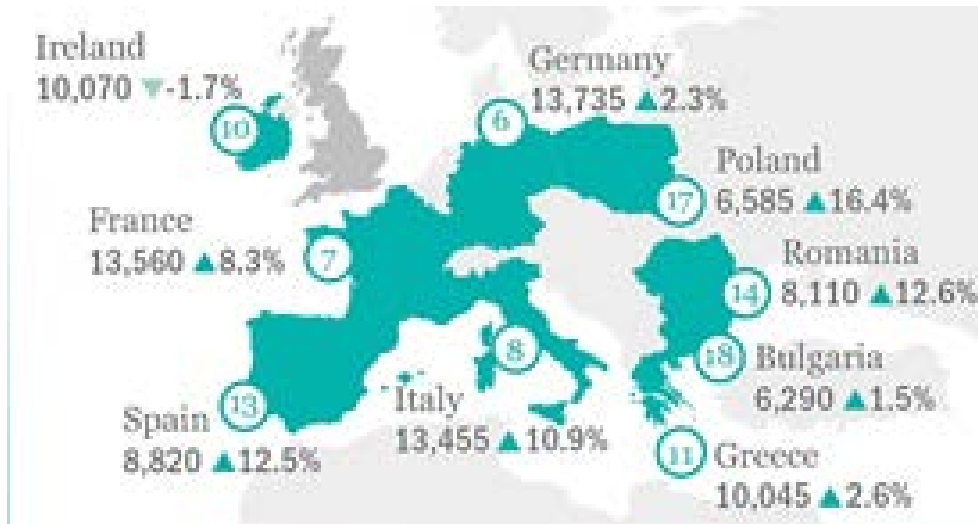
# EUROPEAN STAFF IN THE UK

Top 10 staff nationalities by employment function, 2016–17



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of the top ten staff nationalities are from the EU.

# EUROPEAN STUDENTS IN THE UK

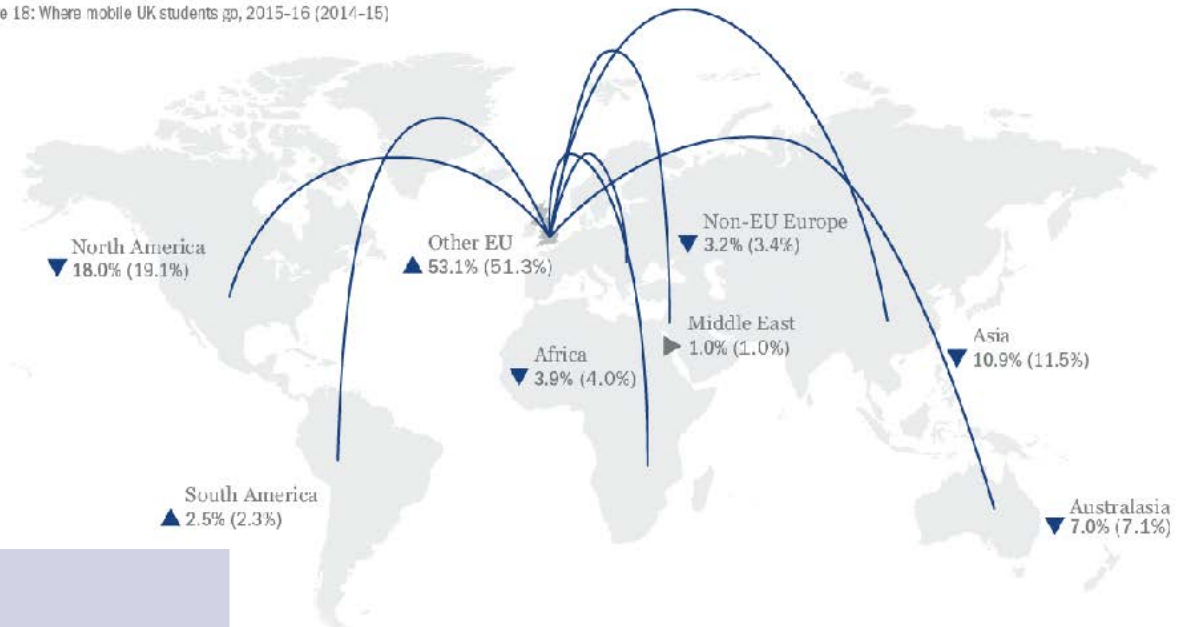


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The UK is the second most popular destination in the world for international students.

# REDUCED OUTWARD MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

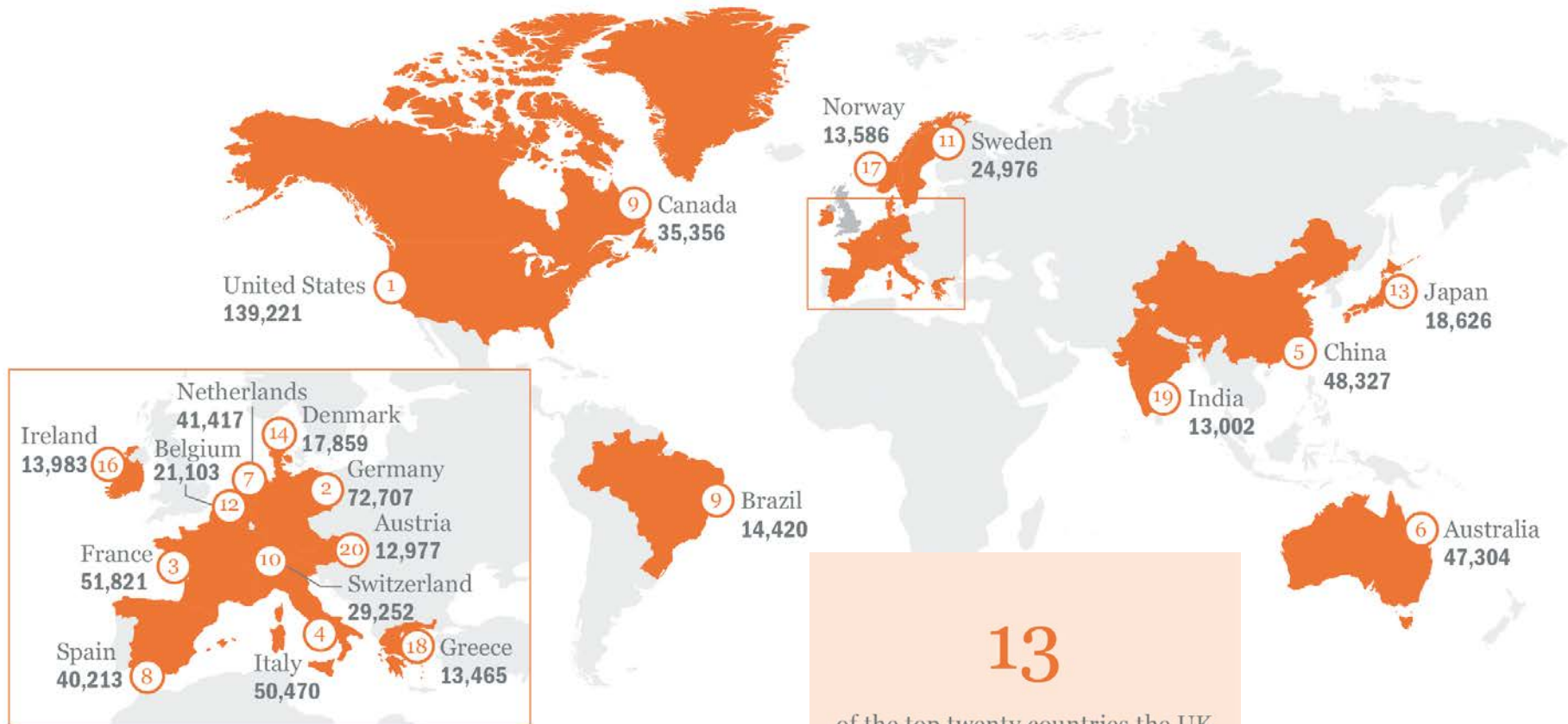
Figure 18: Where mobile UK students go, 2015-16 (2014-15)



# 53.1%

The percentage of students undertaking a period abroad through Erasmus+.

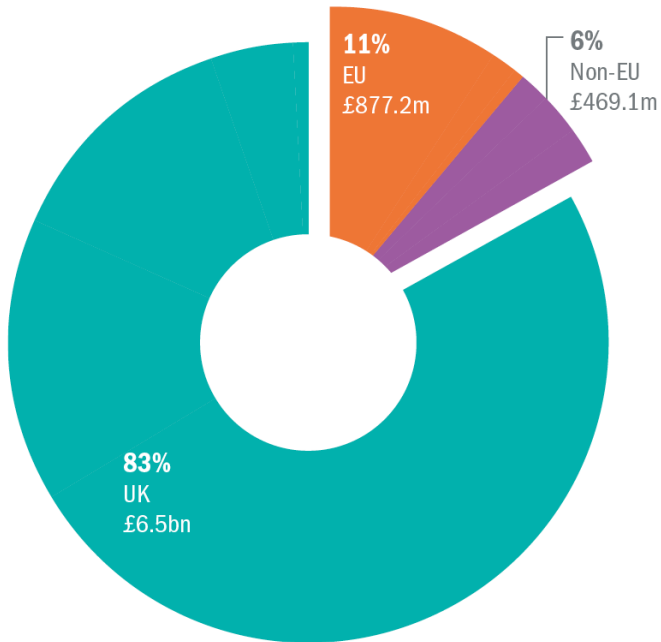
# EUROPEAN RESEARCH COLLABORATION



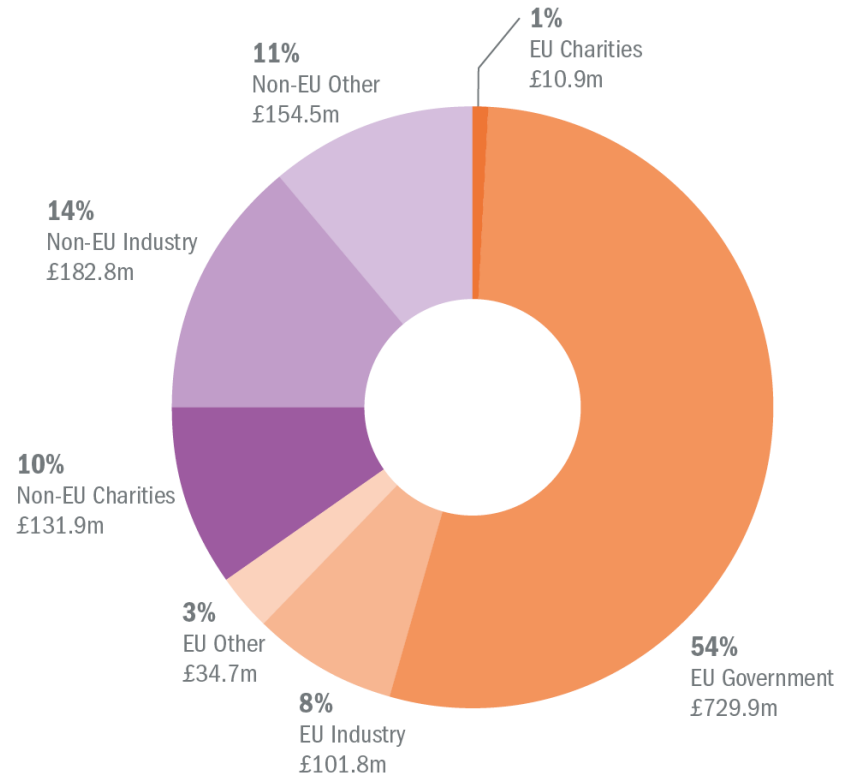
**13**  
of the top twenty countries the UK  
collaborates with on co-authored  
publications are in Europe.

# FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Total research funding by source, 2016-17



International research funding by source (EU and non-EU), 2016-17



# SECURING AN EFFECTIVE POST-EXIT SETTLEMENT FOR UNIVERSITIES

## Post-Exit Settlement

### UK-EU Relationship

Full association to  
Horizon Europe

Access to Erasmus

Continued MRPQ

EIB

### Domestic Policy Reform

Immigration system  
allows to attract global  
talent

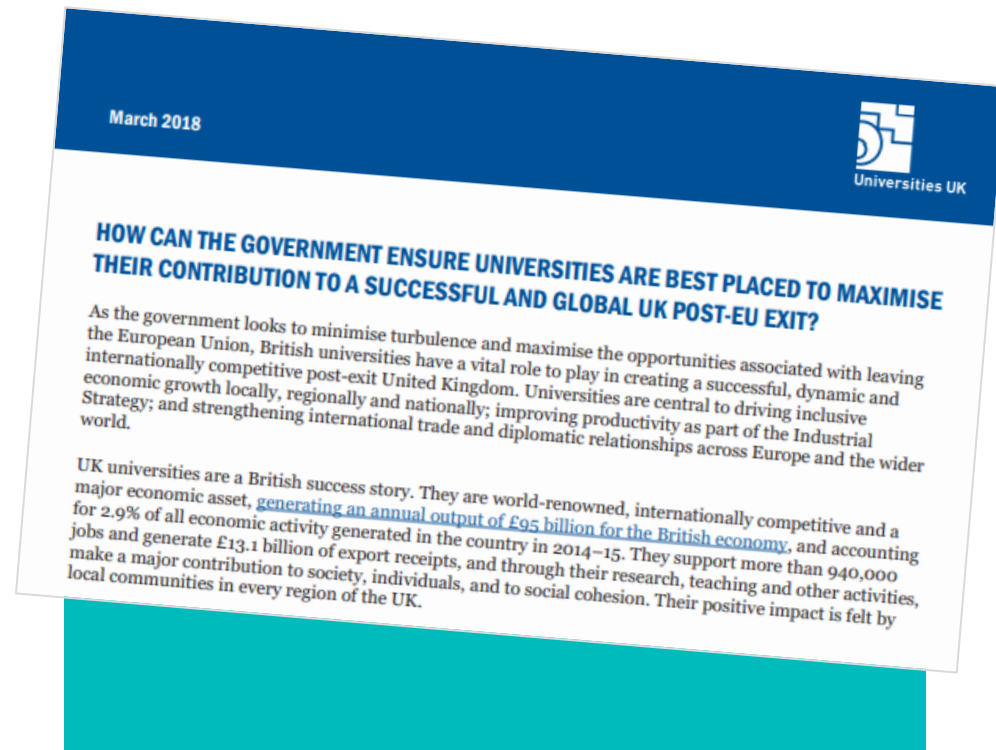
Enhancing support for  
IRC & outward  
student mobility

Regulatory standards

UK shared prosperity  
fund

# WHAT THE HE&R SECTOR STILL NEEDS

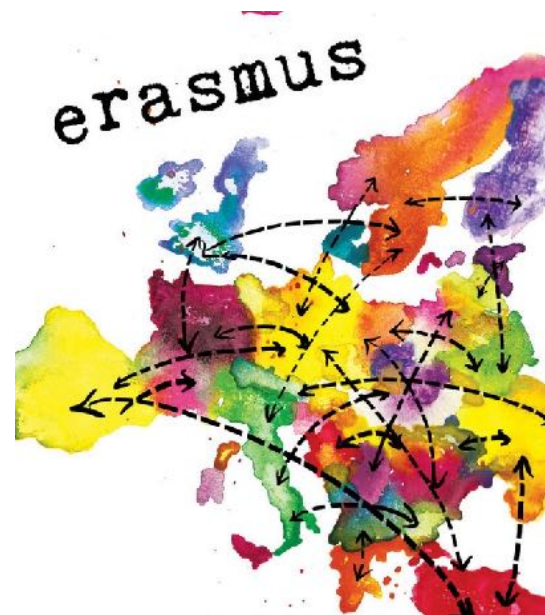
- **Enshrine the Withdrawal Agreement into law**
  - Citizen's rights
  - MFF commitments
- **Student fees 2020/2021**
- **Informed immigration policy**
- **Full association to Horizon Europe and Erasmus**







# EU LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS



**The four freedoms are not a criteria to participate**

# TIMELINE – WHAT IS COMING UP ON THE BREXIT AGENDA?

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## Now until agreement on Withdrawal

- Informal European Council Summit 19-20 Sept 2018
- European Council 18-19 Oct 2018
- European Council 18 November 2018
- European Council 13-14 Dec 2018

## Ratification period

- The Withdrawal Agreement will need to be approved by the UK House of Commons and ratified in all EU MS in time for 29 March 2019 (exit date)

## Implementation Period

- From Withdrawal until 31 December 2020

**THANK YOU**