

Higher Education and Research Sector:

An outline of the EU-UK future relationship, January 2021

<p>Staff / Students</p>	<p>EU freedom of movement replaced by new UK immigration regime for incoming staff and students. EU member state immigration regimes apply to outgoing staff/students.</p> <p>Automatic recognition of professional qualifications ceases, but with framework for individual recognition agreements later.</p>	<p>Reciprocal visa free arrangements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term business travel for specified activities, including some research, meetings, and conferences. • Some establishment/short-term business activities. <p>Reciprocal social security and healthcare arrangements.</p>	<p>Citizens' rights preserved for EEA/UK nationals and their families resident in the UK/EEA by 31 December 2020.</p> <p>Reciprocal rights continue for UK and Irish citizens in each other's countries.</p> <p>Other EEA students to lose UK "home" fee status and financial support for courses starting from 1 August 2021.</p> <p>For outbound UK students, Turing scheme to replace EU Erasmus scheme. No UK inbound equivalent.</p>	
<p>Research / funding programmes</p>	<p>UK associate membership of Horizon Europe and some other EU research programmes agreed in principle.</p>			
<p>Trade / cooperation</p>	<p>Tariff and quota free trade for goods/construction materials, but new formalities/checks apply between EU and UK, and rules of origin apply.</p> <p>Various UK grace periods for incoming EU goods.</p> <p>Access agreements for transport and fisheries.</p>	<p>New UK internal market and formalities/checks between Northern Ireland and Great Britain, with some grace periods for incoming GB goods.</p>	<p>Limited EU-UK agreement on rules for future trade in services and establishing an EU/UK presence.</p> <p>No agreement yet on equivalence of UK financial services.</p>	<p>EU-UK cooperation on matters including health security, energy, telecoms, digital trade, registered intellectual property rights, access to procurement, law enforcement and criminal justice.</p>
<p>Frameworks / data flows</p>	<p>EEA to UK personal data flows: 4-6 month extension of data flows to enable EU adequacy determination, failing which organisations need GDPR compliant data transfer mechanisms in place.</p> <p>UK to EEA data flows unaffected, but some documents /agreements may need updating.</p>	<p>Complex UK legislation to enable continued functioning of many EU-derived laws and rights in UK law, with some amendments and exceptions.</p>		<p>"Level playing field" agreement on competition, state aid, employment rights and environmental protection.</p>

