



Cooperative Accords

The Government's future relationship White Paper outlines the UK's vision for a principled, pragmatic and practical Brexit that will enable businesses, civil society and citizens to thrive. Below is a summary of key points on cooperative accords. You can find the full text of the White Paper at www.gov.uk/dexeu.

Overview: What's new in the White Paper?

- It is in both the UK's and EU's interest to continue to exchange expertise and knowledge in the fields of innovation, education, culture, creativity, international development and defence capabilities.
- The UK has been at the forefront of such collaboration, which has improved the lives of citizens across the world.
- The White Paper Cooperative Accords chapter outlines a framework for **continued partnership** including:
 - an ambitious science and innovation pact with the EU, building on the 'Framework for the UK-EU Partnership: Science, Research and Innovation' published by DExEU in May 2018.
 - a UK-EU culture and education accord that supports education, civil society, sport and the creative and cultural industries, in both the UK and the EU.
 - Overseas development assistance and international action accord; defence research and capability development accord and space accord.



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Science and innovation

- The Government recognises that research and innovation are vital to prosperity, security and wellbeing and wishes the UK to continue to play its role in making Europe a base for pioneering research.
- The White Paper proposes a science and innovation accord which:
 - Provides for UK participation in EU research funding programmes, including but not limited to, Horizon Europe, and Euratom R & T.
 - Ensures continued UK participation in EU networks and infrastructures that are of benefit to both UK and EU research, including European Reference Networks and European Research Infrastructure Consortia.
- As the Prime Minister set out in her speech on science and modern Industrial Strategy in May 2018, the UK will continue to remain open to the brightest and best researchers.

Culture and education

- The White Paper sets out a UK-EU culture and education accord with four key areas:
 - potential continued participation in EU programmes where mutually beneficial;
 - temporary movement of goods for major events and ongoing cooperation, in accordance with our wider proposals on goods;
 - protection of cultural property through the EU's framework for the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from a member state and;
 - a statement of continued cooperation, engagement and collaboration with EU cultural and educational events, groups and fora.

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Other accords covered in the White Paper

- Our departure from the UK will not change our commitment to our collaborative work that improves the lives of citizens globally. The White Paper outlines accords where we wish to continue our cooperation:
 - **Overseas development assistance and international action accord** - UK participation in EU development programmes and instruments; and EU external spending programmes.
 - **Defence research and capability development** - involvement in research and development of EU defence programmes
 - **Space** - we wish to participate and continue dialogue in EU strategic space projects

Participation in EU programmes

- It is in the best interests of both the EU and the UK to continue to collaborate to **achieve our common goals**.
- We want to continue working together in ways that promote the **long-term economic development** and **security** of our continent including participating in EU programmes, such as those that promote science, education, culture and mutual security, external relations spending, development and humanitarian aid.
- In addition to those covered by the accords, the UK also wants to consider participation in other EU programmes. For example, the UK welcomes the European Commission's agreement to our proposal that there should be a joint future PEACE programme to support reconciliation and a shared future in Northern Ireland.



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Mobility

- Freedom of movement is not a specific requirement of programme participation. Countries like Ukraine, Israel and Tunisia have all associated to the Framework Programmes without signing up to full freedom of movement.
- Our proposal for a framework for mobility sets out our ambition to discuss how to **facilitate temporary mobility** of scientists and researchers so that they can continue to collaborate on world-leading projects.
- The UK also proposes a **UK-EU youth mobility scheme** to ensure that young people can continue to enjoy the social, cultural and educational benefits of living in each other's countries.

