



## **Brexit Guidance for Scottish Social enterprises that are trading or working internationally**

The International Social Enterprise Observatory is working with Scottish Government, its Enterprise agencies and Scottish Development International (SDI) to minimise Brexit impact for Scotland's social enterprises. The starting point for social enterprises seeking information about Brexit is <https://www.prepareforbrexit.scot/contact>. Scotland's enterprise and skills agencies are urging all businesses in Scotland to continue to actively prepare for changes taking place from 1 January 2021 following the EU transition (Brexit) period. The trading relationship between the UK and the rest of the EU changed when the UK voted to end its participation in the EU's Single Market and Customs Union. There are two potential outcomes when the transition phase ends. The UK will either leave the EU with a deal, or without. The deadline for this decision is 31 December 2020. And no matter the outcome, the changes are likely to impact businesses, including social enterprises.

Please note the following;

- **The Brexit Helpline** – queries from import and export documentation, tariffs, VAT to logistics **Email:** [www.prepareforbrexit.scot/contact](mailto:www.prepareforbrexit.scot/contact) **Telephone:** 0300 303 0661
- Browsing our [Brexit A - Z](#) for all the information you need to prepare businesses for 1 January 2021
- A 10 point [Brexit Checklist](#) which aims to assist Scottish businesses in preparing for these changes and will help them to plan and prioritise what actions they need to take now.
- **A self-service directory** - [How will Brexit impact your supply chain?](#) which can help companies prepare for supply chain disruption caused by Brexit, and those companies looking to replace suppliers due to the impact of COVID-19. It's a **FREE** service and includes searching a range of web and subscription databases to help companies find the suppliers you need.
- Accessing the latest [Brexit webinars](#) including a list of webinars and videos hosted by SE and partners – IoE, Chambers of Commerce, BEIS, Defra, HMRC and DIT
- [Support for export and customs documentation](#) from getting support on how to deal with customs, export documentation support via your local

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chamber in Scotland and via **HMRC's Customs Grant Scheme** where organisations can apply for funding to reimburse a number of costs associated with increasing their capacity and enhancing their ability to complete customs declarations, ahead of the new rules from January 2021.

- **HMRC Customs Grant Scheme** - if a business completes customs declarations they can [apply for funding](#) towards the following areas:
  - Training that helps businesses to complete customs declarations and processes
  - Hiring new staff to help businesses complete customs declarations
  - IT improvements to help businesses complete customs declarations more efficiently
  - **Recently launched (Nov 2020) – companies can access support for:**
    - **Co-funded training project** - business can access up to 2 million euros of funding for a new training project where they co-invest
    - **Trader training** - Traders who are new to customs and who don't plan to complete their own declarations can apply for grants of up to £1,000 per organisation to support the cost of basic customs training.
- [Signing-up](#) to receive the latest email updates on EU Transition (Brexit) guidance and support for businesses in Scotland
- [Brexit Transition Toolkit](#) - expert guidance and support to help new and existing businesses prepare for changes that will follow the EU transition period (Brexit)

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