

# Brexit: focus on arrangement for business

Ceemet, representing the European tech & industry employers, releases a statement with a call on the EU Council of ministers and UK negotiators to focus on agreeing an early, time limited, transitional arrangement for business in the on-going negotiations between the EU and the UK.

**Brussels, 16 October 2017** - Companies across the continent want decision-makers to ensure a clear and meaningful transition agreement is achieved before the end of the year, to avoid damaging complex and integrated supply chains and export activity. The integrity of the single market, single market membership and the commitment to agreed freedoms should be considered as an optimal model for that time limited period.

Ceemet believes that we must ensure that negotiations on UK exit deliver a “*reasonable deal in reasonable time*” for all European manufacturers. Ceemet urges for a minimal disruption for business, employers and employees in Europe. A smooth Brexit could be ensured by:

- A time limited transitional period, reducing the risk of economic shocks;
- Maintain free and frictionless trade, avoiding tariff and non-tariff barriers to the movement of goods and ensuring the integrity of the single market;
- Enable people to move freely across borders to support complex supply chains and address the sectors skills gap;
- A single regulatory environment, supported by mutual recognition and regulatory cooperation;
- Consultation of industry is essential in ensuring negotiation deliver a deal which works for manufacturers across Europe and in the UK.

Ceemet’s Director General, Uwe Combüchen, states that “*Companies across the continent want to see swift progress on transitional arrangements to avoid unintended consequences and economic collateral damage arising from a failure to agree an orderly exit.*”

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## About Ceemet

Ceemet represents the metal, engineering and technology-based industry employers in Europe, covering sectors such as metal goods, mechanical engineering, electronics, ICT, vehicle and transport manufacturing.

Member organisations represent 200,000 companies in Europe, providing over 17 million direct and 35 million indirect jobs.

Ceemet is a recognised European social partner at the industrial sector level, promoting global competitiveness for European industry through consultation and social dialogue.

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