



CEPS-British Council Lunchtime Policy Dialogue: The future of EU-UK long term partnership

In March 2017, the United Kingdom invoked Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union, effectively starting the process of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. This has raised the need to explore how the UK can continue its partnership with the EU institutions and EU Member States, in order to preserve mutual benefits of 40 years of close cooperation. In this *Lunchtime Policy Dialogue Series*, co-organised by CEPS and the British Council, the challenges such a change entails, the obstacles to maintain a fruitful cooperation and, more importantly, how to maintain an effective EU-UK partnership will be discussed. The *Lunchtime Policy Dialogues* will focus on three areas of collaboration: Science and Research, Education, and External Aid.

The future of EU-UK partnership in Science and Research

In the first *Lunchtime Policy Dialogue*, the focus will be on the future relations between the EU and the UK in the area of Research and Science. The departure of the UK from the EU may affect the possibility and/or the modalities of UK research institutes and universities to participate in EU-funded schemes, such as Horizon2020 and FP9. This would have not just budgetary consequences but it may also have an impact of the quality of future EU collaborative research projects.

In addition to eligibility, substantial challenges for future collaborative efforts between UK and EU research institutions, are likely to emerge from obstacles to the mobility of researchers (both EU researchers in the UK and vice versa), procurement, research ethics frameworks, but also competitiveness, intellectual property, access to data and other resources.

What are the challenges for future long-term EU-UK collaboration in the area of research? What are the options available, for both the EU as well as the UK, in terms of research collaboration? These are the questions which will be discussed during the first Lunchtime Policy Dialogue.



Agenda
13 December: 13.15 – 14.30
Conference Room
CEPS
Place du Congrès 1, B-1000 Brussels

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| 12.30 – 13.15 | Light Lunch |
| 13.15 – 13.25 | Introduction of the Lunchtime Policy Dialogues
Karel Lannoo , <i>Chief Executive Officer, CEPS</i>
Daniel Korbel , <i>Head of Science Global Team, British Council</i> |
| 13.25 – 13.55 | The future of EU-UK partnership in Science and Research
Moderator/Chair: Cinzia Alcidi , <i>Senior Research Fellow, CEPS</i>

Speakers:
Peter Mason , <i>Policy Manager EU Research & Innovation, Universities UK</i>
Beth Thompson , <i>Head of UK & EU Policy, Wellcome Trust</i>
Thomas Jørgensen , <i>Senior Policy Coordinator, European University Association</i> |
| 13.55 – 14.25 | Questions from the audience |
| 14.25 – 14.30 | Concluding Remarks |

