
UK FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT FINLAND, LATVIA, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS TO DISCUSS BREXIT

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UK Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt starts on Tuesday his three-day visit to Finland, Latvia, Denmark and the Netherlands in order to discuss the United Kingdom's relationship with its European partners following its withdrawal from the European Union, the Foreign Office said in a statement.

"Mr Hunt will meet the Foreign Ministers of all four countries and outline the UK's determination to build a new relationship with Europe after Brexit which will offer a bright future that benefits all on our continent," the statement read.

The United Kingdom voted for withdrawing from the European Union in June 2016. The UK-EU Brexit negotiations started in 2017 and are set to be completed by late March 2019. The post-Brexit economic partnership between the two sides, namely, the customs arrangements, is challenging the negotiations.

"We share history and values with our partners in Europe ... I'm delighted to be visiting four close European partners this week to reiterate that these strong ties will not diminish once we leave the EU," Hunt was quoted as saying by the Foreign Office.

The minister added that the United Kingdom aimed at building a "deep and special partnership with the remaining member states."

Another UK official, the country's minister of state for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mark Field started his visit to Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines and Thailand earlier on Tuesday.

According to the poll that Sky Data conducted on July 20-23 among 1,466 people, 51 percent of respondents believe that Brexit will be "actively bad" for the country, and 50 percent welcome the idea of holding another referendum.

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