
DIVIDED AND RUNNING OUT OF TIME: WHY THE EU-UK TRADE TALKS HAVE STALLED, AGAIN

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23 June will mark the fourth anniversary of the UK's decision to leave the EU. But while the UK has officially been out of the bloc since 31 January, the talks on future relations underscore how little has changed in those years.

After a week of 40 different videoconferences broke up on Friday (24 April), a frustrated Michel Barnier accused London of running down the clock on talks.

With just two more full negotiating rounds before a crunch summit in June, long-running disagreements on the European Court of Justice, and whether the UK should be bound by EU legislation have stalled talks, leaving the UK as close as ever to trading with the EU on WTO terms in 2021 – even with the social and economic damage of the coronavirus pandemic looming large.

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