

Coast to Capital Growth Hub

Coast to Capital Support Stakeholder Update

This is the latest update of the support that Coast to Capital LEP and the Coast to Capital Growth Hub Team are providing to businesses in response to the [COVID-19](#) pandemic, as well as the post [UK Transition](#) from the EU.

Support for Businesses

Over the past three months, our small but highly dedicated Growth Hub team of advisers have been working with delivery partners to deliver a range of Post Brexit Transition services. Business support engagement currently includes:

- Reaching out to **over 1,400 businesses** and undertaking **over 300 Brexit Risk Assessments** – via [Blueberry Marketing](#)
- Providing **specialist 1-2-1 Brexit Transition Advice to over 50 SMEs** – via [Newable](#)
- **Contacting over 200 unique companies** and completing **over 35 risk / impact assessment surveys** – via membership organisations

Post Brexit Transition Support

Growth Relationship Managers

Our Growth Relationship Managers continue to provide businesses with 1-2-1 post-Brexit transition support.

Spectrum Photographic Production Director, Klair Bird said:

"We thought we were prepared for Brexit but after January 1st we were pretty lost with regards to how the new rules applied to us and what changes we needed to make.

When we found the Coast to Capital Growth Hub we were able to ask specific questions and could not have been happier with the information and advice we received from Growth Relationship Manager Carolyn Bentley. It was a great help to speak to somebody face to face on a video meeting. We have also received additional follow up information that will help us ensure we are doing things right."

Business can complete this [enquiry form](#), from which a member of the team will then be in touch.

KPMG Webinars

Coast to Capital are also working with Enterprise M3 and Thames Valley Berkshire to work with KPMG to deliver the following three specialist high profile webinars covering the key topic areas related to Post EU transition.

1. Post EU Transition Overview – 11 March - [Registration here](#)

This will be the first in a three-part series of Brexit webinars, which will provide a focused, bite-sized overview of 'the deal'. We will be outlining the key principles of the deal, discussing what it means for business and where KPMG will be providing the most support to customers. KPMG will identify 15 key facets to Brexit, how they interlink and will advise on how they may impact your business.

2. VAT and Customs – 17 March - [Registration here](#)

For the second session in our Brexit series, we'll be providing an overview of the key customs and VAT considerations for cross-border trade. We'll run through some of the common questions we've been asked, with a particular focus on the origin and application of the UK/EU trade agreement.

The session will provide examples of import documentation requirements, the application of incoterms, why complete and correct documentation matters and other helpful pointers on how to generally manage customs compliance. We'll provide you with insights into the use of customs reliefs and other procedures that may be a benefit to your business. We'll look at how to spot these opportunities in a commercial situation and what the next steps are.

3. Legal Considerations and Wrap Up – 31 March - [Registration here](#)

Join us for our final session in our Brexit series as we hone in on product regulation, currently the biggest issue for UK imports. We'll also be discussing legal and regulatory updates, data protection and how to navigate immigration in a post-Brexit UK amid a global pandemic.

We'll go over the common client issues on legal and regulatory aspects, and what to watch out for over the next year with the shifting sands on regulatory/tax. There will also be conversation surrounding EU nationals moving to the UK, UK nationals moving to Europe and what commuters can expect.

Please share with your networks as appropriate.

Newable

Coast to Capital LEP is offering businesses in the area a tailored support service from experienced business advisers delivered by Newable.

The advisers can help businesses find answers to specific post EU transition questions as well as reviewing the impact these changes may have on businesses

and help develop an action plan. They can provide 1:2:1 guidance and advice on challenges and opportunities in the following areas:

- Importing and exporting
- Regulations and standards
- Workforce and people
- Business and legal requirements
- Energy and climate
- Public procurement, IP and UK EU Funding

Businesses can get in touch via email at EUTransition@newable.co.uk

Brighton Chamber - EU Transition and Exporting Support

- Webinars with a panel of experts
- Your questions answered sessions
- Expert leaders in peer to peer support groups

If appropriate, Brighton Chamber will refer businesses to organisations who can further support business needs.

Further information can be found online [here](#).

Gatwick Diamond Business and Company Connector Ltd - Support

- Brexit Transition Events
- Advice and guidance on numerous Brexit related topics

Further information can be found online [here](#).

Grow Global - EU E-Commerce Support

- Help diagnose business current online trading activities with the EU and support you with any immediate concerns
- Review your online presence
- Provide 1-2-1 advice
- Create a personalised EU Transition E-commerce Action Plan for businesses

Further information can be found online [here](#).

Surrey Chambers - EU Business Readiness Support

- EU Transition Helpline
- Brexit Transition webinars
- Question and answer sessions

- 1-2-1 advice

If appropriate, Surrey Chambers will refer businesses to organisations who can further support business needs.

Further information can be found online [here](#).

[Worthing and Adur Chamber of Commerce - EU Business Readiness Support](#)

- Brexit Transition webinars
- Expert Hour sessions

Further information can be found online [here](#).

Information - Coast to Capital Growth Hub Portal

The Growth Hub Team continue to maintain the [COVID-19](#) and [UK Transition](#) section of the Growth Hub Portal with links to available support. We continue to collate partner information and place it in our COVID-19 Business Support [area](#) of the Coast to Capital Growth Hub.

The new design makes it even easier for businesses to access a number support services for the sector and location that businesses may operate in, including:

- Brexit Transition
- COVID-19
- Funding and Grants
- Growth Champions
- Growth Relationship Managers
- Peer Networks
- Employment and Skills

View our new Growth Hub Portal online [here](#) – please do share with your networks as you feel necessary.

We also regularly update our [event pages](#) on the Growth Hub website to include information from membership organisations, the private sector and business support providers.

We remain keen to work in partnership with business support organisations to deliver a coordinated range of activity during these challenging times.

- If you want to discuss any collaborations please contact [Lou Williams](#) in the first instance.
- If there are any updates, or you want to submit new content, for the portal please contact [Ivy Silverton](#).

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