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Northern Ireland and Brexit

Limits and Opportunities for a New Relationship with the EU

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Brexit:

Key Challenges for Northern Ireland

- Respecting the vote
- The border ... ‘the border will not become an impediment to the movement of people, goods and services’
- The Common Travel Area
- The Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

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Can Northern Ireland's interests be accommodated within a new UK-EU relationship?



The prospects for a bespoke relationship for the UK ...

EU Principles

- prioritisation of own internal integration
- safeguard own decision-making autonomy
- any relationship must be based on 'a balance of benefits and obligations

Principles in Practice ... and Options

- European Economic Area (e.g. Norway)
- Bilateralism (Switzerland)
- Stabilization and Association Agreements (Western Balkans)
- Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (e.g. Ukraine)
- Association with a Customs Union (Turkey)
- Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (Canada)

Inseparability of the four freedoms: free movement of goods, services, capital and people?

... and a bespoke status for Northern Ireland

- Reverse Greenland ... Dalriada
- Hard Border Britain
- Precedents for extraterritorial differentiation ... and bespoke regional arrangements
- Precedents for territorial differentiation within ... and at the borders of the EU

The Challenge for Northern Ireland

- Establish priorities for a post-Brexit UK-EU relationship
- Identify how these can be accommodated in:
(i) withdrawal arrangements and (ii) the new UK-EU relationship
- Identify options for bespoke arrangements
- The need for creative thinking



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