BREXIT

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What is Brexit?

Brexit is how was named the referendum held on 23rd June 2016 in the United Kingdom to ask the citizens if they wanted to stay in the European Union or to leave. The word is formed by the union of Bretain and exit.





Causes of Brexit

- The European Union was born under the name of European Economic Comunity in 1957 without the UK.
- UK joined the group in 1973 only for economic reasons. Thats why they didn't sign the Maastricht Treaty and didn't adopt the Euro as their currency. They weren't part of the Schengen Area neither.
- The raise of the extrem right on 2014. They put on the forefront of the political plan the topic, and the first minister David Cameron ended up calling a referendum on 2016.





Results of the voting

The referendum was positive for the exit of the EU in a tied result.

The youngest part of the population voted to remain in the EU, while the eldest voted for the independence.

Different results in each nation of the UK. In Scotland a 62% voted to remain in the EU, while only a 46,6% in England.

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18-24	64%	24%
25-49	45%	39%
50-64	35%	49%
65+	33%	58%







2016

UK citizens decided to leave the EU and the Brexit was stablished to be finish on March 2019, but was on the 31st of January 2020 when the Withdrawal Agreement was signed by the EU and the UK.

2020

The transition period started: no more participations of UK in democratic institutions of the EU. European laws remained effective in the UK while both parts negotiated the conditions.

2021

End of the transition period: a thousand-page document signed in December 2020 stablished the final conditions of the Brexit. Measures like the end of the freedom of movement or custom controls.







Consequences for society

No movement freedom

Since the 1st of October 2021, to cross the English Channel you must need the passport.

For short stances any documentation is required. But you'll need a visa for long stays or work reasons.

Changes to the Erasmus program (Ireland an exception).

Visa and permissions

To work at the UK: job offer for more than 28.000€ per year and be able to speak English.

For Britons in Europe: meet the requirements of the immigration system of the country in which they are going to settle.

Goods and services

Both parts agreed not to impose added prices to the flow of goods to avoid raising prices, but there are new controls on the borders.

Emergency medical assistance during tourist trips for Britons and Europeans in both territories.

Current Situation

Economy

The Brexit has had a negative impact on the British economy. It is expected that it will be a 4% lower than if they had remained in the EU

Sanity and education

The National Healthcare System has become worse. Fewer nurses hired and less specialized doctors.

In education, less than half of the European students that where studying in the UK before the Brexit because of the high rates.

Migration

The government have freedom to decide its own policies, but they haven't had the expected results. European immigration has fallen, but more people from the outside of the EU has arrived at the country.



The future of the country was decided by people who will not be there to life the consequences.



