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Working with Europe and the EU – A New Context

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The UK and EU Policy Processes –
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1. Priorities and Perspectives

- a) The UK context. What has changed and what hasn't.
- b) Compare to the EU context.
- c) What that means for immediate UK priorities:
 - i) Russia / Ukraine
 - ii) Windsor Framework
 - iii) Gibraltar
- d) Bilateralism: Europe is more than the EU
 - i) Migration
 - ii) Driving Licenses / touring performers
 - iii) How: EPC, summitry etc. Limitations
- e) What might be possible in the future?

Committee Structure

Partnership Council

UK minister co-chair | Meets at least once a year
 Makes binding decisions (including amendments), and non-binding recommendations | Can discuss any dispute or issue
 Delegate functions to the Trade Partnership Committee or specialised committees | Create or dissolve committees

Trade Partnership Committee

Duties given to it by the PC, including making decisions
 Can be co-chaired by a UK minister or official
 Supervise the committees below | Supervise working groups
 Explore ways of preventing or solving trade difficulties

Goods

Customs cooperation and
rules of origin SC

SPS

TBT

Services, Investment and
digital trade

Intellectual property

Public Procurement

Regulatory cooperation

LPF for OFC and
Sustainable Development

Administrative cooperation
in VAT and recovery of
taxes and duties

Role in
supervising in
certain areas

Energy

Aviation safety

Social security coordination

Law enforcement and
judicial cooperation

Civil society forum

Parliamentary Partnership
Assembly

Air Transport

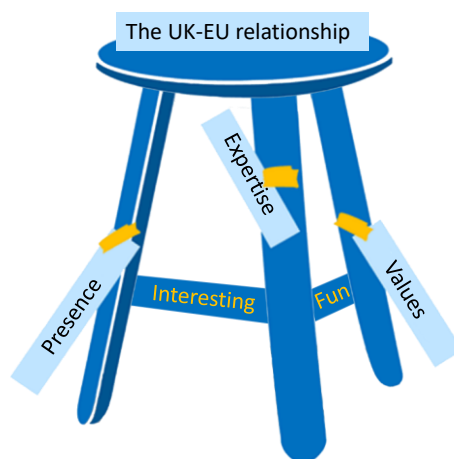
Road Transport

Fisheries

Union programmes

2. Co-ordination of UKG Positions

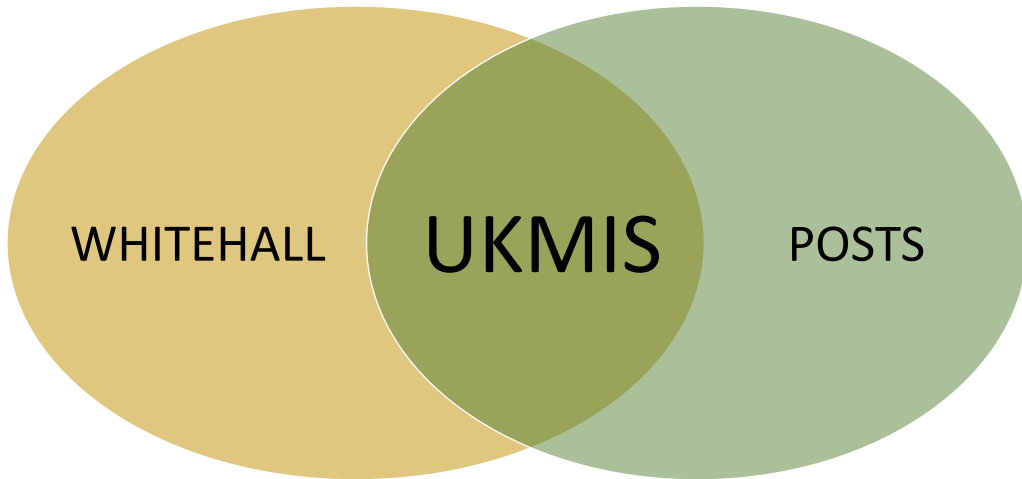
- How this has worked in the past
- How this currently works
- What would an ideal system look like in the future
 - Proper Consideration of primary issue
 - Consideration of cross cutting implications and prioritisation
 - Ministerial and Prime Ministerial Endorsement
- What that means for teams working on European Policy



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In 2022, and looking ahead to 2025, we will focus on:

1. Promoting the UK and its values with European partners, institutions and other stakeholders in Brussels and across the EU.
2. Developing a positive, mutually beneficial relationship for the UK with the EU covering trade, technology, climate change, health, economic growth, foreign policy, security and defence.
3. Protecting the UK's interests in Europe and around the world through effective, impactful influencing, campaigning and diplomacy across the EU institutions.
4. Supporting British people and businesses working, travelling and living in the EU, and helping forge connections between UK and EU stakeholders, working with FCDO Posts across Europe.
5. Providing honest and engaging insight and analysis into EU policies, politics and strategy to partners across government and the FCDO network.

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