



# INTER-CHAMBER DIALOGUE ON BREXIT

## Berlin and London Chambers of Commerce and Industry

The Marriott Hotel County Hall, London | Tuesday 11 December 2018

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) has been delighted to host a visit to our great city by our colleagues from Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Today's seminar follows on from our welcome dinner last night.

Our Chambers have forged a new 'Inter-Chamber Dialogue on Brexit' to gauge the concerns, hopes and expectations of the thousands of member businesses we represent, in both our capital cities, about the process of the UK exiting the EU. The seminar is the beginning of a dialogue that we will develop up to, through, and beyond, Brexit.

There is no doubt that there will be impacts on businesses arising after next March. The question is to what extent these will have an effect on trade and commerce between London and Berlin, Britain and Germany. Today we unveil polling from both cities to give a sense of business thinking. We then will have stimulating discussion from a range of speakers. There is much to consider and, certainly, no one has all the answers, but today we come together to compare experiences and commit to exploring practical solutions.

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TIME	SEMINAR
8.30am	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
9.00am	<b>Seminar begins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening comments from Colin Stanbridge, Chief Executive, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Jan Eder, Chief Executive, Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> </ul>
9.10am	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to London from the Deputy Mayor; Rajesh Agrawal</li> </ul>
9.15am	<b>Session One</b> <b>Presentation of survey of business views in both cities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oliver Wright – ComRes (London)</li> <li>Michael Geißler – Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry member (Berlin)</li> </ul>
9.30am	
	<b>Discussion Panel – ‘Polling reactions, hopes &amp; concerns’</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicky Pryce – Centre for Economics &amp; Business Research</li> <li>Dr Ulrich Hoppe – German-British Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>Mark Jenkinson – LCCI member (Siemens)</li> <li>Michael Geißler – Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry member (Berliner Energieagentur GmbH)</li> </ul>
10.50am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.20am	<b>Session Two</b> <b>‘Does the Withdrawal Agreement offer a practical pathway to a productive future trading relationship?’</b> <b>Brexit and the future trade relationship - A view from the City</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catherine McGuinness – City of London Corporation</li> </ul>
11.35am	
	<b>Workshop of chamber members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A London business view – Chris Yarsley, Policy Manager, Freight Transport Association</li> <li>A Berlin business view – Dr. Stefan Neumann, Head of Commercial Law, Zalando SE</li> <li>Summaries from table rapporteurs</li> </ul>
12.50pm	<b>Conclusions and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seminar Chair Andrew Carter reflection on main points</li> </ul>
12.55pm	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement from Colin Stanbridge, Chief Executive, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Jan Eder, Chief Executive, Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> </ul>
1.00pm	Seminar ends