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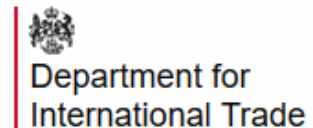


Special Event One/20 - Roundtable Discussion with Mr Graham Stuart MP Minister for Exports (*formerly Minister for Investment*) at the Department for International Trade



Mr Graham Stuart MP

On Monday, 24 February 2020, the **GIUK Board and Advisory Council** had a **Roundtable Discussion** with **Mr Graham Stuart MP** to talk about **post Brexit transition, productivity and skills** in the Department for International Trade at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.



Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Present were: Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, GIUK, Ms Sharon Davies, DHL, Cllr Simon Flunder, GIUK, Mr Laurence Grubb, GIUK, Mr Uwe Hanneck, GIUK, Mr Rhys Jarvis, GIUK, Mr Clemens Richter, CMR, Mr Franz Smet, ACI, Mr Jim Ward, Boehringer Ingelheim (representing Mr Uday Bose) and Mr Oliver Schramm, Minister at the German Embassy.

We shared our concerns about post Brexit transition with the Minister. For example, the Prime Minister ruled out alignment of any kind with EU rules for the future. Non alignment would add to the regulatory burden on many businesses. The Prime Minister also said that the UK will restore full sovereign control over borders and immigration. We want at the least the red tape around the future movement of labour kept to a minimum.

We also need better productivity and skills in this country and would therefore propose to introduce something like the German Dual Vocational Training System into the UK.

The Minister replied that the UK wants a friendly and constructive relationship with the EU in future as outlined in the revised political declaration. This gave us some reassurance.



Participants at the meeting