

EU-UK Future relationship – Ceemet 'no-deal' planning overview: Portugal

A track record of speaking up for employers

Since 2016 Ceemet and all its members [have been campaigning](#) for the best deal for manufacturers and ensured that they are in the most informed position to advise the industry on the EU-UK Future Relationship and its impacts.

Despite various calls to negotiators to exclude a 'no-deal scenario, [the last one dates from 21 October 2020](#), 'the signs point towards that direction.

Hence, Ceemet and its members provide [an overview of the 'no-deal' planning](#) that are being made in the member countries with the links directing to the relevant pages. This document provides additional information for one country.

Country specific information Portugal

1. Government sources

In its Plan, the Government announced a set of measures in order to assist Portuguese companies to prepare for the withdrawal of the UK, including:

- Holding information sessions with businesses in sectors not yet covered by the Agency for Investment and External Commerce of Portugal (AICEP) seminars;
- Publishing informative pieces in the UK specialized press;
- The organization of a second high-profile economic forum in London;
- Setting up "Brexit Helpdesks" in AICEP Export Shops;
- Setting up a Contact Centre and AICEP's Digital Service tool to provide support and clarification on implementing measures related to Brexit;
- Consultations with entrepreneurial, commercial and industrial associations.

The Government also plans several measures to attract investment and to promote Portugal in the British market, in particular the creation of "Brexit Helpdesks" in the existing one-stop legal registration offices (*Espaços Empresas*) in Portugal for UK companies wishing to relocate their headquarters or open subsidiaries in Portugal.

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- Ceemet represents the metal, engineering and technology-based industry employers in Europe.
- Member organisations represent 200,000 companies in Europe, providing over 17 million direct and 35 million indirect jobs.
- Ceemet is a recognised European social partner at the industrial sector level, promoting global competitiveness for European industry through consultation and social dialogue.