

Cross-Channel Institute Newsletter

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FOREWORD

Dear ,

Welcome to our Cross-Channel Institute newsletter!

This month the following points will be covered :

- Our next events, particularly the annual Rentrée Reception, our event *30 minutes with...* Guillaume Pepy, and the Franco-British Trade and Investment Awards Ceremony.
- Economic news, with British economic trends over the past few months, and the presentation of a new UK scheme to boost trade with developing countries.
- A selection of articles on Brexit and Covid19.
- The Franco-British key events of the year.



Françoise Rausch
Chair, Cross-Channel Institute
Committee

Best wishes,
Françoise Rausch.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

At the Ambassador's Residence

Rentrée Reception

On **Thursday 9th September**, 6.30pm - 8.30pm (Paris Time)

This year, the **Rentrée Reception** will be a significant opportunity for the Franco-British business community to meet the new Ambassador, **Menna Rawlings** and to meet up after well-deserved holidays, especially following the difficult health situation.

Invitations to come

30 Minutes with... Guillaume Pepy

Web-event

On **Tuesday, 21st September**, 8.15 am - 8.45 am (Paris Time)

Speaker: Guillaume Pepy, Chairman of Initiative France.

To register, click on the right.



[Register here](#)

Hybrid-event

Franco-British Trade and Investment Awards

On **Thursday 2nd December**, 6.30pm - 8.00pm (Paris Time)

The **Franco-British Trade & Investment Awards 2021** will celebrate French and UK business achievements during a challenging economic context.

Run as a collaboration between the **Department for International Trade** and the **Franco-British Chamber**, our Awards will champion the bilateral values that underpin the Franco-British economic relationship, as well as giving visibility and notoriety to companies that have excelled in the years 2020 and 2021.

Applications open for candidates from 13th September to 25th October.

EVENT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Web-event

Explore the Commonwealth Week

From **Monday 26th July to Friday 30th of July**



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With one year to go until the **Commonwealth Games 2022**, the **Department for International Trade** is organising a week of free virtual events to learn about opportunities for businesses in a range of Commonwealth markets.

Virtual 1:1 meetings with market and sector experts, peer to peer learning from Export Champions and market exploration webinars will be proposed during this event...

Read more on this event by clicking on the left.

ECONOMIC NEWS



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UK Trade Trend in May.

U.K. goods trade with the EU edged higher in May. Imports and exports both improved five months into the post-Brexit era.

Total exports of goods, excluding precious metals, increased 4.9% in May. That was driven by an 8% rise in exports to the EU, the latest data from the Office for National Statistics showed.

"The effect of new Brexit visa rules will only become fully apparent when people start traveling again, so in that sense, maybe the delta variant has pushed things back a little bit," said James Smith, an economist at ING.

Check out Bloomberg's monthly trade tracker by clicking on the left.



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BCC Trade update.

Last week, the UK government, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein signed an upgraded trade and co-operation agreement which includes:

- further tariff reductions on imports of prawns and white fish;
- a stronger reciprocal labour mobility scheme than in the EU-UK trade deal;
- further services market access;
- caps on mobile roaming charges; and
- mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

Read the BCC press comment on this subject by clicking on the left.



BCC Research: National Net Zero Survey.

As part of the national research programme, the BCC is currently conducting a **Net Zero** survey until 23rd July. The survey is covering what companies are doing to reduce their carbon consumption, barriers and preferred support, and other issues relating to the Coronavirus reopening process.

Please contact [David Bharier](#) if you would like to feed in to the objective-setting process for any of these research projects.



New UK scheme to drive trade with developing countries and boost jobs and growth.

The UK government has launched a consultation on new trade rules that will help countries lift themselves out of poverty - and help UK businesses and consumers at the same time.

The **Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS)** is a major opportunity to develop free and fair trade with developing countries. This system would apply to 70 countries and would include improvements such as reduced tariffs and simplified rules of origin requirements for countries exporting to the UK.

To read the entire consultation on the BCC website, click on the left.

COVID-19 & BREXIT NEWS



Working safely during Coronavirus - guidance from Step 4.

The UK government has published the newly updated **working safety guidance** to support businesses in England through Step 4 of the roadmap. From Step 4, legal restrictions are lifted, all businesses can open and the government is no longer instructing people to work from home.

Businesses still have a legal duty to manage health and safety risks. You must carry out a health and safety risk assessment, including the risk of Coronavirus, and take reasonable steps to mitigate the risks you identify.

Click on the left to read more about Working Safely guidance on the BCC website.



Freedom Day celebrated in England, with end of most COVID-19 restrictions.

Monday marked the end of laws mandating the wearing of masks and the enforcement of social distancing in England, with the last remaining closed businesses, such as nightclubs, reopening. Doctors and scientists have voiced concerns over the rise in COVID-19 infections as people across England ditched masks and social distancing on what has been dubbed **"Freedom Day"**.

But Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged caution as coronavirus case numbers continue to rise.

To read the entire article on the ABC website, click on the left.

DATE TO REMEMBER



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COP 26 in Glasgow from 1-12 November 2021

The 26th annual UN Climate Conference under the UK Presidency and in partnership with Italy will take place this year in Glasgow from 1-12 November 2021, after being cancelled in 2020 due to the covid outbreak.

The UK government is working on five campaigns for COP26:

- Adaptation and resilience
- Nature
- Energy transition
- Clean road transport
- Finance

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