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*none*

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## **ITEMS DEBATED**

### **Brexit**

The Council, in an EU27 format, was informed by the Commission's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, of the progress made so far in the negotiations with the UK after six rounds of talks. The delegations of the 27 member states took note of the state of play. Ministers also started preparations for the European Council (Article 50) of December 2017 with a discussion on the annotated draft agenda for the summit ([XT 21093/17](#)).

### **In the margins of the meeting**

#### ***– Agencies***

In the margins of the meeting of the General Affairs Council (Article 50), ministers selected the new seats for the two EU agencies currently based in the UK which need to be relocated in the context of Brexit. Amsterdam (The Netherlands) was selected as the new location for the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and Paris (France) for the European Banking Authority (EBA).

Press releases:

[European Medicines Agency to be relocated to Amsterdam, the Netherlands](#)

[European Banking Authority to be relocated to Paris, France](#)

The selection took place in accordance with the procedure endorsed by the EU27 heads of state or government on 22 June 2017.

[Procedure leading up to a decision on the relocation of the European Medicines Agency and the European Banking Authority in the context of the UK's withdrawal from the Union, 22/06/2017](#)

The Commission will prepare legislative proposals reflecting the vote for adoption under the ordinary legislative procedure with the involvement of the European Parliament. The Council and the Commission are committed to ensuring that these legislative proposals are processed as quickly as possible in view of the urgency of the matter.

[Relocation of the UK-based EU agencies](#)

**OTHER ITEMS APPROVED**

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