

Brexit newsletter for migrants

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This is the first Brexit newsletter for British citizens in the Netherlands, issued by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND). In the newsletter you will read various newsfacts. Next issues will be published depending on developments.

Information letter for most British citizens in the Netherlands

Early in 2019, on behalf of the Dutch government, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) will send an information letter by post to many of the British citizens who live in the Netherlands. If you wish to receive this letter, you must be correctly registered in the Personal Records Database (BRP) of the Dutch municipality where you live. In the information letter you will read more about the way in which the IND will provide for a decent solution for your residence in the Netherlands after 29 March 2019. Please visit our [website](#) frequently for updates.



The IND

The IND assesses all applications from foreign nationals who want to live in the Netherlands or want to become Dutch citizens. On our website under [About the IND](#) you can read more. You can also watch our [corporate film](#).

British star in IND photoshoot on Brexit

On Saturday 27 October the Erasmus Bridge in Rotterdam was the setting for a photo and video shoot to prepare for an IND social media campaign about Brexit. Eight British living in the Netherlands starred in this shoot.



Brexit communication is necessary because EU citizens do not need to report to the IND. Therefore, the IND and their website are not well known to them. Since British citizens will no longer be EU citizens as of 29 March 2019, most British in the Netherlands will become clients of the IND. The IND aims to provide the correct information about Brexit also using social media. Starting in December we will use the photos and videos from our Rotterdam photoshoot. We expect our campaign to increase web awareness for our Brexit page.

Peter Theakston is one of the figureheads in the photoshoot.

[Watch](#) how he stays informed about Brexit.

Visitors open Brexit meetings pleased with IND presence

In November, the British embassy organised a number of information evenings for British citizens in four major Dutch cities. During these 'outreach events', participants received up-to-date information about the Brexit negotiations. They also had the opportunity to ask questions to various officials in a forum.



Embassy, IND and other Dutch organisations in forum

In addition to a delegation from the British embassy, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the local expat centre and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service were also present to provide information. The last two meetings took place on 20 November in Eindhoven and 29 November in Maastricht. Betty Sieperda participated in the forum on behalf of the IND. As project leader, she coordinates all preparations to ensure that the IND is ready as of 29 March 2019 to provide for a decent solution for the residence of British citizens in the Netherlands.

IND's role in meetings of British embassy

Betty explains the role of the IND during these evenings: "The IND likes to do this, because we think it is very important to inform 'our' British well about Brexit and to explain that the Dutch government is doing everything possible to achieve a decent solution for those British living in the Netherlands."

British visitors to the information evenings are generally positive about the role of the IND. "I hear from British that they are happy with the clear information on the Brexit page on the website of the IND and with our presence at the information evenings," explains Betty. "Unfortunately, at the meetings we can not remove all worries because there is still a lot of uncertainty. After all, as long as the Brexit deal has not been signed by both the British and European parliament, nothing is definitive. We can only promise to keep everyone well informed."

Throughout the meetings many questions were asked. Do you have questions on Brexit? Here are a few online sources where you can find quite a few questions and answers concerning Brexit:

- <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/brexit/vraag-en-antwoord> (Dutch)
- <https://www.government.nl/topics/brexit/question-and-answer> (English)
- https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/2018-11-26_ga_citizens_rights_en.pdf (English)

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