



1 **On the UK ratification referendum – support for a ratification referendum on the terms of**  
2 **the exit deal**

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5 The European Green Party continues to regret the decision of British voters (by a small majority) to  
6 leave the EU. We believe that this decision will have profound negative consequences on the  
7 populations of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Gibraltar, including the potential impacts of  
8 an EU/non-EU border in the latter two cases.

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10 The EGP notes the poor quality of debate during the European referendum campaign and the  
11 consequent chaotic nature of the UK government's negotiating strategy with the EU. The lack of  
12 leadership and the astonishing failures in terms of lack of information and transparency, towards  
13 both its own population and its partners in the EU is deeply disappointing. The continuing refusal to  
14 make public the content of detailed studies into the impact of Brexit is also a cause for concern.

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16 The EGP deplores the UK government's refusal to unequivocally guarantee meaningful protection  
17 from the outset for EU citizens in the UK, as well as for UK citizens in the EU. We condemn the use  
18 of these citizens as bargaining chips in the negotiations.

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20 The growing climate of mistrust, division and xenophobia in the UK is also deeply concerning and  
21 there must be far greater action on the part of the UK government to condemn hate crime and  
22 tackle all forms of racism, whether from politicians, the press or individuals.

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24 The EGP calls on the UK government to take action to protect communities made vulnerable by the  
25 vote, acknowledging that the vote has impacted both EU and non-EU citizens, and to celebrate the  
26 contributions they have made to the UK.

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28 The EGP supports the position that there now needs to be a public vote on the terms of the UK  
29 leaving the EU through a ratification referendum. The UK population must be able to make an  
30 informed decision between two possible futures: Brexit as defined by the exit negotiations, or  
31 continued membership of the EU.

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33 The EGP calls on the UK government to guarantee a ratification referendum – a first referendum  
34 on the terms of Brexit. This will give the people of the UK more, not less, democracy and must be  
35 carried out in an environment that is open, honest and transparent.