

Britain after Brexit

Now some of the dust¹ has settled on² the long and arduous³ path to the UK leaving the European Union (Brexit), Janet Sandford takes stock⁴ and asks if Brits are better or worse off as a result.

While some people are still pinching themselves⁵ if the UK really has left the European Union, analysts are assessing the impact on the economy, labour market⁶ and a lot of the population. Brexit might be considered⁷ a 'big bang'⁸ in British politics but was in fact the culmination of 40 years of unease⁹ with European membership. Below, is a timeline¹⁰ of the critical events before and after Brexit.

A Tortuous Timeline

Britain to join the European Economic Community on January 1st, 1973.

¹ dust *dast* kurz, pył

² to settle on *tu*: *sejti* on *tu*: opadać

³ arduous *'ardzunas* znuđny, męczyący

⁴ to take stock *tu* tejk stok rozważać szczegółowo

⁵ to pinch oneself *tu* pynł wan'self szczytać się

⁶ to assess sth *tu* a'ses 'samtyn oceniał coś

⁷ impact on sth *'impakt* on 'samtyn wpływ na coś

⁸ labour market *'letba*łt *'markt* rynek pracy

⁹ considered *kan'side*łt *du* uważany

¹⁰ 'big bang' *'big* 'baŋg *tu*: ważne wydarzenie, wydarzenie o dużym znaczeniu

¹¹ unease *an'iz* niepokój

¹² timeline *'taimla*in porządek chronologiczny, oś czasu

¹³ the European Economic Community *tu* 'jear'pian 'i:kanomik ke'mjunneł Europejska Wspólnota Gospodarcza (EWG), Wspólnota Europejska (WE)

¹⁴ the Treaty of Rome *tu* 'tri:tu av ro:m traktaty rzymskie

¹⁵ to apply *tu* e'plai aplikować, ubiegać się

¹⁶ to join *tu* dżin dołączać

¹⁷ to reject *tu* r'đekt odrzucać

¹⁸ to harbour sth *tu* 'haba:łt *'samtyn* *tu*: żywić coś

¹⁹ deep-seated *'di:p* 'si:đd głęboko zakorzeniony

²⁰ hostility *h'ostla*łt wrogość

²¹ pan-European *pa:n* 'jear'pian paneuropejski

²² Common Agricultural Policy *'koman* 'a:gr'kal'faj:łal

²³ Subsidy *'sabsa*łi subwencja, dotacja

²⁴ to replace sth *tu* r'płes 'samtbedi zastąpić kogoś

²⁵ to pave the way for sth *tu* pe:iv 'du wei fa:łt *'samtyn* utworować drogę czemuś

²⁶ Treaty of Accession *'tri:tu av ek'se:łn* Traktat Akcesyjny

1962 – The Common Agricultural Policy²² was created providing price guarantees and agricultural subsidies²³ (particularly beneficial to French farmers). 1972/3 – President Pompidou re-placed²⁴ de Gaulle in 1969 paving the way for the Conservative Party, pro-European British Prime Minister Edward Heath to sign the Treaty of Accession²⁶ in 1972 and

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