

EP Steering group calls for WA negotiations to intensify, Wednesday 4 October 2018

The [Brexit Steering group](#) chaired By [Guy Verhofstadt](#) followed with particular attention the speech given this morning by the UK Prime Minister at the Conservative Party Conference.

Now that the Conference is over it is imperative, given the very short deadlines, that negotiations intensify in order to finalise the Withdrawal Agreement to include a workable and legally operational backstop for the Ireland/Northern Ireland border in line with the Joint Report of last December.

The BSG insisted that without such a backstop, the European Parliament would not be in a position to give its consent to the Withdrawal Agreement.

The BSG reiterates its full support for the Chief Negotiator and his negotiating strategy.