

Given the results of the General Election, it appears likely that the UK will be leaving the EU with a Withdrawal Agreement on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

While five million of us – EU citizens in the UK and British citizens in the EU - will lose our current rights, this at least means that most of those rights will be safeguarded in the Withdrawal Agreement. We will have avoided the no-deal catastrophe that has been keeping us up at night.

Both groups however will focus in the next weeks on the details of how that Withdrawal Agreement is implemented, both in the UK and in the EU Member States.

In particular, we will challenge the UK and other Member States on their decision to make our status dependent on an application – where a failure to apply in time would mean losing our lawful status. We will renew our campaign for both the UK and all the EU27 to automatically guarantee our rights instead of criminalising people who fail to apply, and to provide us with physical evidence of our status by means of a simple registration system.

Beyond that, once the UK has left the EU we will remind negotiators on both sides, as they start their negotiations about the future UK/EU trade relationship, about the issues that are missing from the Withdrawal Agreement and which were postponed to those negotiations. These issues are critical for our members and include continuing free movement for British citizens who have made their home in the EU.

Finally, and just as importantly, we stand as ever against those in the UK who abuse us for their political ends. We will challenge their use of xenophobic rhetoric which stirs up anti-immigration sentiment, and which flies in the face of all the evidence set out in the Government's own MAC report on EEA migration.