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Stay Calm and Keep Brexiting! UK's General Election – Implications for the EU and the UK

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The UK's General Election on 4 July could mark the end of an era in UK politics, following a period dominated by Brexit, high levels of political and economic turmoil, the pandemic, war in Ukraine and a rapid succession of Prime Ministers from David Cameron to Rishi Sunak.

However, one political thread has emerged intact – the commitment of British politicians in both the Conservative and Labour camps not to fundamentally revisit relations with the EU. Labour Party leader Keir Starmer has stated a commitment to keeping Britain outside of both the EU Customs Union and the Single Market.

Join us as we discuss whether the UK General Election can therefore lead to a new thaw in relations between London and Brussels? What are the constraints upon a Labour-led government when it comes to European policy? Does the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) offer potential as a basis for deepening the commercial relationship? Surely, the EU and the UK should work more closely together in areas like security and defence?

PROGRAMME

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| 11:15 | Registration and coffee |
| 11:30 | Welcome remarks: Tomi Huhtanen , Executive Director, Martens Centre |
| 11:40 | Panel Discussion
Tim Bale , Professor, Queen Mary University
Jannike Wachowiak , Researcher, UK in a Changing Europe
Luigi Sciazziari , Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform
Moderated by:
Eoin Drea , Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre |
| 12:30 | Q&A |
| 12:45 | End of discussion and light lunch |

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