

# Between Brexit and a new .eu Regulation

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# Brexit: 28 March 2018, Notice by EC

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*“As of the withdrawal date, undertakings and organisations that are established in the United Kingdom but not in the EU and natural persons who reside in the United Kingdom will no longer be eligible to register .eu domain names or, if they are .eu registrants, to renew .eu domain names registered before the withdrawal date.”*

# Brexit: 10 April 2018 official communication from the EC to EURid

*“The revocation of existing holders’ rights and the prohibition for registrars from processing any more requests for registrations or renewals for .eu domain names whose holders are no longer eligible must be prepared so that the necessary measures are effective as from 1 January 2021 or, in case that there were no withdrawal agreement in force before 30 March 2019, as from 30 March 2019.”*

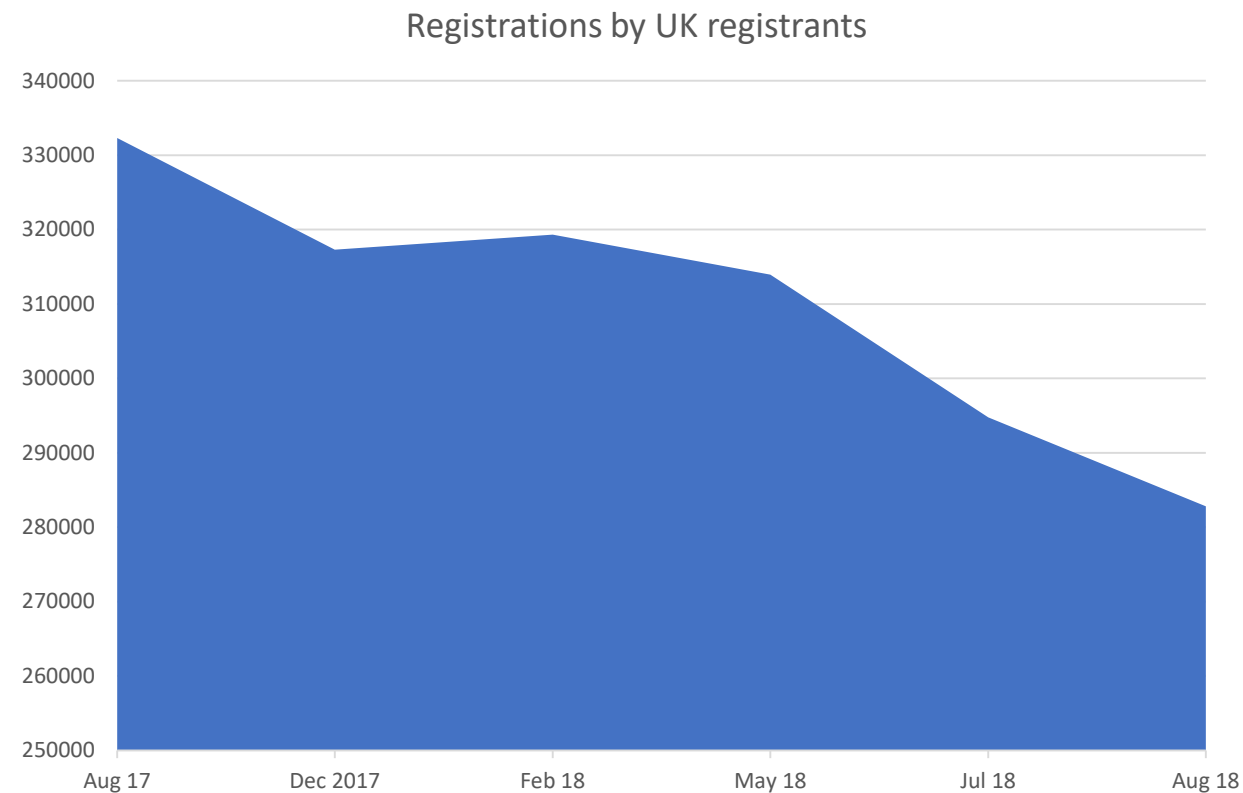
# EURid's reaction

- We drafted a high-level plan to implement various possible domain name revocation scenario(s)
- But...
- It seems there will be only one scenario

# Support from industry

- Comments by eco (Association of the internet industry) on BREXIT and the draft new .eu Regulation  
(submitted to EC, co-signed by more than 20 eco members)
- Letter by EURid's Registrar Advisory Board to the EC
- Individual letters from registrars to the EC

# Impact on .eu in the UK so far

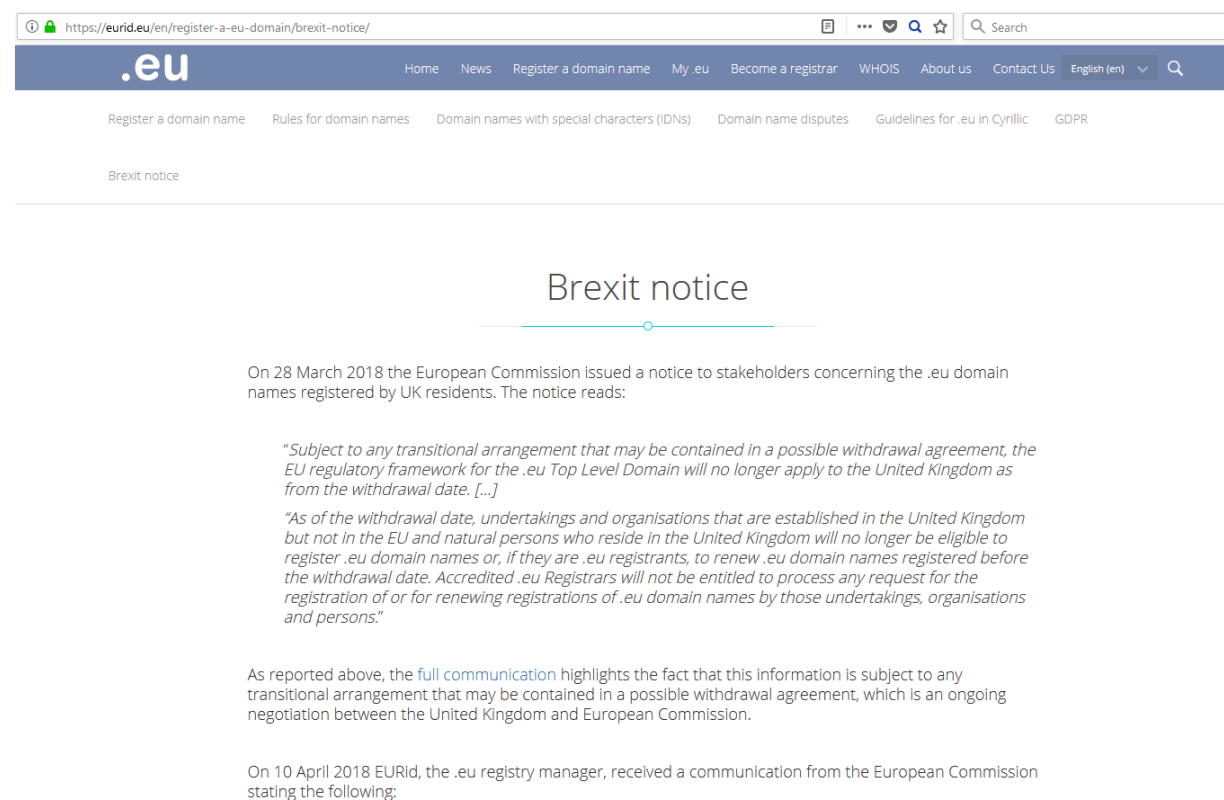


Between Aug 2017 and Aug 2018: decrease by -15% (50k)

# Stay updated!

Dedicated BREXIT page:

<https://eurid.eu/en/register-a-eu-domain/brexit-notice/>



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the .eu website's Brexit notice page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://eurid.eu/en/register-a-eu-domain/brexit-notice/>. The website's navigation menu includes links for Home, News, Register a domain name, My .eu, Become a registrar, WHOIS, About us, Contact Us, and English (en). Below the navigation menu, there are links for Register a domain name, Rules for domain names, Domain names with special characters (IDNs), Domain name disputes, Guidelines for .eu in Cyrillic, and GDPR. The main content area features a heading "Brexit notice" and a sub-heading "Brexit notice". The text on the page reads: "On 28 March 2018 the European Commission issued a notice to stakeholders concerning the .eu domain names registered by UK residents. The notice reads: *“Subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement, the EU regulatory framework for the .eu Top Level Domain will no longer apply to the United Kingdom as from the withdrawal date. [...] “As of the withdrawal date, undertakings and organisations that are established in the United Kingdom but not in the EU and natural persons who reside in the United Kingdom will no longer be eligible to register .eu domain names or, if they are .eu registrants, to renew .eu domain names registered before the withdrawal date. Accredited .eu Registrars will not be entitled to process any request for the registration of or for renewing registrations of .eu domain names by those undertakings, organisations and persons.”* As reported above, the full communication highlights the fact that this information is subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement, which is an ongoing negotiation between the United Kingdom and European Commission. On 10 April 2018 EURid, the .eu registry manager, received a communication from the European Commission stating the following:

# REFIT of the .eu Regulation(s)

- The European Commission proposed a new regulatory framework for the .eu top level domain in April 2018
  - It is based on the results of the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) review of the .eu and several consultations;
  - It introduces some changes, such as adding the citizenship eligibility criteria for EU/EEA individuals wishing to register a .eu domain name.
- The legislative process is ongoing
  - The EC expects to have the regulation approved by the end of 2018;
  - Once approved, the EC will decide about the entry into force date.



# The new .eu Regulation

- Some important elements:
  - The new Regulation main objective is to provide the .eu with a lighter regulatory framework. Will the new text succeed to achieve it?
  - The new Regulation will repeal the current Regulations when entering into force
  - The new Regulation might be seen from governments as the model to follow
  - The new Regulation is somehow linked to the management of the Brexit

# Thank you!

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