

The Brexit End Game Deal or No Deal

A rough diagram
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Diagram is chronologically organised

Thickness of arrows corresponds to accumulated
probability that a route will be followed. Number
(like 0.3) on each arrow is the probability only for
that node.

Dotted lines: probability too low to be able to
assess, or route does not impact overall probability
and is for information purposes.

Orange boxes at the bottom are outcomes, with
accumulated probabilities for each.

Probabilities are based on voting data where
available, educated guesses where not. Any errors
are the responsibility of the author.

Sat 5 Dec, evening
Phone call between
Johnson and von der
Leyen, no obvious
progress

Sun 6 Dec
Talks between Frost and
Barnier in Brussels

Mon 7 Dec, early
Barnier confirms to
Ambassadors that fishing
issue is not solved

Mon 7 Dec, pm, Brussels
At the same time in BXL Michael
Gove meets Maroš Šefčovič (Joint
Ctee) that might be able to agree
something under the WA and NI
Protocol to mean UK Government
can drop controversial clauses in IM
and Finance Bills

Mon 7 Dec, pm, London
Lords Amendments to the Internal
Market Bill are in House of
Commons - Government indicates it
intends to fight amendments,
reinserts clauses that contravene
WA and NI Protocol

(This is now priced in - and is not
critical - because of the simultaneous
meeting in Brussels of Joint
Committee)

Mon 7 Dec, evening
No news or negative news
from the Joint Committee, and
no news or negative news from
ongoing Barnier-Frost talks

Mon 7 Dec, evening
Positive news from the
Joint Committee, and possibly
also further positive news from
ongoing Barnier-Frost talks

Mon 7 Dec, evening
Johnson speaks to von der Leyen
once more - with mood pre phone
call being generally **pessimistic**

Mon 7 Dec, evening
Johnson speaks to von der Leyen
once more - with mood pre phone
call being generally **optimistic**

Mon 7 Dec, evening
Conclusion of call is that main 3
issues remain outstanding

Mon 7 Dec, evening
Conclusion of call is that solid
progress is being made, even if not
everything resolved

The final push has failed
Talks will not formally end, but
intensive effort to achieve a
breakthrough is scaled back

The final push is working
Talks will intensify and continue,
with a conclusion expected mid-week

Tue 8 Dec
Finance Bill is tabled in the House of
Commons, and clauses that threaten
the WA and NI Protocol **are**
included

Tue 8 Dec
Finance Bill is tabled in the House of
Commons, but because of progress
at Joint Committee EU side remains
calm

Negotiations do not formally break
down, but both sides acknowledge a
Deal by the end of the year is
impossible, and so the UK will face
at least a period of No Deal
74%

A Deal is still possible, and focus
then moves to how to ratify it by the
end of the year
26%