



UK-EU negotiations remain on knife-edge

British and EU negotiators have embarked on two weeks of intense negotiations to try and resolve the present impasse as a way of securing a new trading relationship.

The negotiations, which have been ongoing since the UK formally left the EU on 31 January 2020, have often been acrimonious with major sticking points on fishing rights, the UK's relationship with the European Court of Justice and the so called "level-playing field".

The talks between the UK's Chief Negotiator, Lord Frost, and Michel Barnier for the EU were suspended last week following the Prime Minister's refusal to restart negotiations unless there was greater compromise from the EU. However, indications from Brussels sought to allay UK fears and this last round of negotiations are likely to come to an end in two weeks time.

But the prospects for a deal remain on a knife-edge. The negotiators themselves have gone into, what is called, "submarine" mode, meaning that little information is likely to be available to the public until an agreement is reached or the talks collapse.

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