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29/06/2 016	Meeting / with MEPs	Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament	Scotland 's place in Europe, following the results of the UK Referen dum on EU member ship	Reference: Annex B and <a href="https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/T
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29/06/2 016	Meeting / with MEPs	Gianni Pittella MEP, President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats	Scotland 's place in Europe, following the results of the UK Referen dum on EU member ship	Reference: Annex B and <a href="https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/T
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29/06/2 016	Meeting / with MEPs	Manfred Weber MEP, Leader of the European People's Party	Scotland 's place in Europe, following	Reference: Annex B and <a href="https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/T
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			the results of the UK Referendum on EU membership	
29/06/2016	Meeting / with MEPs	Guy Verhofstadt MEP, leader of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)	Scotland's place in Europe, following the results of the UK Referendum on EU membership	Reference: Annex B and https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/Topics/International/Europe/Case-Studies/MinisterialVisits2016
29/06/2016	Meeting / with MEPs	Philippe Lamberts & Rebecca Harms MEP, co-chairs of the Greens–European Free Alliance group	Scotland's place in Europe, following the results of the UK Referendum on EU	Reference: Annex B and https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/Topics/International/Europe/Case-Studies/MinisterialVisits2016

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29/06/2016	Meeting / with MEPs	Scotland's representatives of the European Parliament	Scotland's place in Europe, following the results of the UK Referendum on EU membership	Reference: Annex B and https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/Topics/International/Europe/Case-Studies/MinisterialVisits2016
29/06/2016	Meeting	Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission	Scotland's place in Europe, following the results of the UK Referendum on EU membership	Reference: https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180129163606/http://www.gov.scot/Topics/International/Europe/Case-Studies/MinisterialVisits2016
13/07/2017	Meeting	Michel Barnier - Chief EU Negotiator, Article 50 Task Force	Scotland's place in Europe	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/foi-17-01647/
28/05/2018	Meeting / Meeting	Michel Barnier	Scotland's Place	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-europe-2018/

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28/05/2018	Meeting / Meeting	Judge Ian Forrester	Scotland's Place in Europe	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-europe-2018/
11/06/2019	Meeting / Meeting	Michel Barnier	Scotland's Place in Europe	Reference: Annex C and https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-within-europe-2019/
11/06/2019	Meeting / Meeting	Scotland's representatives of the European Parliament	Scotland's Place in Europe	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-within-europe-2019/
11/06/2019	Meeting / Meeting	Bas Eickhout, Leader of Greens Group	Scotland's Place in Europe	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-within-europe-2019/
11/06/2019	Meeting / Meeting	Commissioner Julian King, Security Union	Scotland's Place in Europe	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-within-europe-2019/
11/06/2019	Meeting / Meeting	Jean-Claude Juncker and Michel Barnier	Scotland's Place in Europe	Reference: https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-visits-within-europe-2019/

**NOTES OF MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
MARTIN SCHULZ, PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

The **First Minister** set out the detailed position of Scotland after the EU referendum the previous week and that the vote in Scotland had produced a result where she felt it would be undemocratic for Scotland as a nation to be forced to leave the EU. She explained what Scotland was seeking to achieve i.e. to remain within the EU and wanted to ensure that all options for achieving this would remain open and that she was not seeking commitments at this time. She sought the President's views on the role of the European Parliament in the negotiations.

President Schulz explained that [Redacted]

President Schulz expected that [Redacted]

President Schulz expressed [Redacted]

[Redacted]

The **First Minister** concluded by emphasising that we are in uncharted territory and that she hoped that as the process developed an open mind can be kept to ensure that options for Scotland are not closed off. President Schulz indicated a willingness to keep in touch and would be happy to make a visit to Scotland and speak to young people at a Scottish University in the near future.

MEETING WITH GIANNI PITELLA, GROUP LEADER OF S&D

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Mr Pitella expressed [Redacted]

MEETING WITH MANFRED WEBER, GROUP LEADER OF EPP

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Mr Weber set out his view that [Redacted]

MEETING WITH GUY VERHOFSTADT, GROUP LEADER OF ALDE

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Mr Verhofstadt expressed the view that [Redacted]

MEETING WITH REBECCA HARMS AND PHILIPPE LAMBERTS, JOINT GROUP LEADERS OF GREEN & EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE

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Ms Harms and Mr Lamberts were interested [Redacted].

MEETING WITH SCOTTISH MEPs – IAN DUNCAN, IAN HUDGHTON, DAVID MARTIN, ALYN SMITH AND CATHERINE STIHLER

The **First Minister** explained the purpose of the visit and the positive responses she had received from those she had met in the European Parliament. During the discussion it was noted that everyone was willing to work together to protect Scotland's position and the importance of keeping all options open at this time.

Minutes of the meeting

Brussels 11 June 2019

Participants:

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland
Ewan Crawford, Special Advisor to the First Minister
Mike Neilson, Director of the Scottish Government Office to the EU

European Commission. TF50:

Michel Barnier Chief Negotiator



Michel Barnier met Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon at her request to discuss the state of play of negotiations between the EU and the UK, as well as the latest political developments in the UK.

Main points made by First Minister Sturgeon:

- Concerns in the light of recent statements from Conservative leadership contestants, which have significantly increased the risk of a no deal.
- She reiterated the Scottish Government's position with regard to EU exit. Her opposition to the deal stems primarily from the unacceptability of being forced to leave the EU with no clarity on what the future relationship would be.
- Taking note of the EU27's firm resolve not to reopen the Withdrawal Agreement, she asked whether there had been any consideration of modifying the backstop, in particular with a time limit or a timetable.
- Overall, she reaffirmed her government and the Scottish National Party's official position in favour of remaining in the European Union.