The Continental Divide? Economic Exposure to Brexit in Regions and Countries on Both Sides of the Channel

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In this paper we employ the EU interregional extensions to the World Input-Output Database WIOD in order to assess the Brexit trade-related risks exposure of EU regions and member states. We develop an index of Brexit trade-related risks which reflects all of the complex global value chain patterns evident in UK-EU trade. Our findings demonstrate that UK regions are far more exposed than regions in other countries. Only the Republic of Ireland faces exposure levels similar to UK regions while the next most affected regions are in Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and France, in descending order. There is a significant imbalance in Brexit trade-related risks between the UK and the rest of Europe, and this imbalance may influence the outcomes of the negotiations between the UK and the EU.

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