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Brexit – The Future for Border Businesses

More than 300 businesses attended a major cross border conference focused on Brexit – The Future for Border Businesses, in the Carrickdale Hotel, Co. Louth on Wednesday the 13th March 2019.

At the conference, Helen McEntee TD, Minister of State for European Affairs dispelled any suggestion of a hard border and committed her government's support for border businesses:

"The Irish Government is not planning for, thinking about or will allow a hard border."

Reflecting on the publication of the UK government's position on tariffs in a no deal scenario the Minister said:

"Both the UK and Irish Government have obligations as co-guarantors of the Good Friday Agreement, an international binding agreement."

The conference was a cross border partnership between Dundalk Chamber of Commerce and Newry & Mourne Chamber of Commerce and Trade. Businesses were provided with a range of practical advice and support on issues such as tax, customs, transport and logistics, as well as HR issues.

Speaking at the conference, Chief Executive Officer of Newry Chamber, Colm Shannon said:

"The conference demonstrated the cross cooperation that exists at a local level between the Chambers in Newry and Dundalk. Irrespective of the outcome of Brexit we are determined to continue to work together to support our businesses and improve the local economy."

PRO of Dundalk Chamber Paddy Malone said the line up of speakers on the day was excellent and they covered so many issues which are relevant to all businesses today.

The conference was supported by Louth County Council, Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Louth Enterprise Office Louth and Intertradelreland.

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