What impact the Article 50 negotiations have had upon your / organisation to date?

The Fringe is the world's largest performing arts festival and prides itself on being a global showcase for the UK and in 2017 for a total of 65 countries around the world. We have always had a strong European footprint at the Fringe both on our stages and in our Festival workforce. We believe that any additional bureaucracy or cost to the free movement of European artists or Festival workers would be detrimental and would diminish our reputation and content.

The lack of certainty over the nature of a final deal has created uncertainty for the Fringe Society as an organisation, and for all of the many stakeholders and partners that make the Fringe happen each year, from participants, programmers and industry to venues, international media and overseas governments.

What preparations, if any, are being made by your business / organisation for the range of scenarios which may result from the Article 50 negotiations?

It has been difficult and challenging for the Fringe Society to prepare due to the lack of detail from the UK Government on tangible outcomes from the negotiations.

What you consider the impact of a no-deal outcome would be for your business / organisation?

It will extend the level of uncertainty and hamper our efforts to engage meaningfully with our European stakeholders. Without a clear deal and a way forward, it will be difficult to reassure our stakeholders that they will be able to access the Fringe (and the UK more generally) as easily as before, and that we are able to support them in the same way pre-BREXIT. Particularly in areas of migration, workforce, visas, skills, etc.

To what extent, the guidance issued by the European Commission and UK Government has been helpful in helping you to prepare for the UK's withdrawal from the EU?

We have received no clear signposting to this guidance, but given the lack of clarity under point 2, it has not proved useful to date.

What further support or guidance you consider the Scottish Government, UK Government and / or European Commission should be providing to enable individuals, businesses and organisations in Scotland to prepare for the UK’s withdrawal from the EU?

It is important that a clear deal is delivered and clearly communicated so that organisations are able to embark on full planning and contingencies. At present, the number of different proposals on the table make it difficult to determine what the UK’s withdrawal from the EU will look like.