Brexit & Construction

State of UK Construction

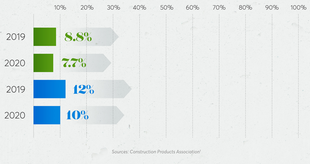
Construction output expected to rise

Source: Construction Products Association[1]

Less than **50%** of UK construction firms report being prepared for Brexit

Source: Building.co.uk[2]

While construction in office and retail are predicted to decline, construction in infrastructure and harbours is expected to increase



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Supplies & Stockpiling

62% of building supplies and components in the UK are delivered by the EU

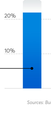
Sources: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy[1]

From **2** days to **10** days

Predicted time increase of timber from Sweden to UK due to new custom processes

Sources: Building.co.uk[2]

22% increase in the price of Spanish slate



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20% increase in the price of imported timber

20% increase in warehouse construction in 2018

A further **10%** rise is predicted in 2019-2020 due to stockpiling

Sources: Construction Products Association[1]

Labour Impact

7% of UK construction labourers are EU nationals

but in London, it's closer to **28%**

Sources: Office for National Statistics[1]

Around **40%** of UK construction firms report having no strategy to offset labour shortage

More than **40%** say Brexit will have a big impact on their ability to recruit from the EU

Sources: Building.co.uk[2]

Steps to Reduce the Risk of Brexit

- Plan for an increase in supply and labour costs
- Adopt lean processes to maximise supplies and reduce waste
- Improve labour productivity with the use of construction software
- Invest in training for the labour you have available
- Consider offsite construction
- Negotiate "Brexit clauses" for construction contracts

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