

## DANIEL FASQUELLE ORGANISED A BREXIT WORKSHOP WITH MICHEL BARNIER IN LE TOUQUET

### FISHERIES AND MIGRATION TACKLED

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The originality of this conference is distinguished by the high quality of the high-level speakers, but above all by the almost equitable participation of French and British speakers, even if the gender parity deserves to be improved.

The conference revolved around four roundtables, the following topics, moderated by Franco-British journalist Alex Taylor (France Inter) While France is preparing to assume the French presidency within the EU, for the year 2022, Michel Barnier, European Commissioner, who was the chief negotiator of the European Union, among others for Brexit, issued a impactful speech, proposing six pragmatic and optimistic proposals as to "Beyond Brexit and by drawing lessons, there is the urgency of a new start, for the European Union, Health, Recovery, Digital, Social, ion , Geopolitics "[7], during the conference kick off.

On the other hand, the UK is the host country of the G7 next May, Daniel Fasquelle, Mayor of Le Touquet, the host and organizer of the conference, made the closing speech, announcing that this first and one of a kind, in France and Europe, is only the first and gives an appointment every year, in this Palais des Congres du Touquet for "Brexit is a slow violent poison and .." and the poison could undermine the European Union. So there needs to be an antidote, and this meeting today may be one! It takes a lot of goodwill, dialogue and discussion at the same time, "[7]concluded Daniel Fasquelle, at the origin of this conference.

### MICHEL BARNIER ATTENDED DELIVERED A REMARKABLE AND PRAGMATIC INTRODUCTORY SPEECH -IN PRESENCE-OVER POST BREXIT-----

Michel Barnier, EU chief negotiator for Brexit since 2016, gave an introductory speech at the BREXIT: DIVORCE OR NEW START colloquium, on April 16, 2021, at the Palais des Congres du Touquet, organized by the mayor of Touquet, Daniel Fasquelle. Michel Barnier, as European Commissioner and shared with us his vision of the consequences of Brexit but also his projections, which he wants to be optimistic and constructive towards the EU and France. Michel Barnier, who was also French Minister of Agriculture, was able to press the contours and issues of the sensitive subject of fishing, in British waters, to French fishermen, now subject to a post Brexit license, and endow the commercial and socio-professional, have a strong impact for the two countries, UK and France. Michel

Barnier as French Minister of Foreign Affairs was also able to share with us these concerns and perspectives regarding the migratory problem on the French side, with regard to migrants whose notion of firmness as a couple of humanity must be understood. We were able to hear these words during an interview, which we publish, in the next article.

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