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## Citizens' rights far from a done deal, says Brexit Committee

Substantial issues "remain unsolved" for British citizens living in the EU and EU citizens living in the UK, a House of Commons select committee has warned.

The stark conclusion comes despite earlier assurances from the UK's former Brexit Secretary, David Davis, and EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier that the chapter of the draft Withdrawal Agreement on citizens' rights had been finalised.

In a report published today, the Committee on Exiting the European Union says that UK citizens living in other EU countries cannot be left in the dark as to how to secure their rights after Brexit.

"Citizens' Rights was one area of the Brexit negotiations marked as green in the March draft of the Withdrawal Agreement which implied that it was all sorted," the Chair of the Committee, Hilary Benn, said.

"But the evidence we have (Continued on page 2)



Pic: Nikolas Khurana

**RACE ACROSS EUROPE:** Long-distance cyclist Fritz Geer is pictured approaching the finish line at Europa Point last week, setting a record after cycling for 12 days from France to the Rock. This is the sixth year Gibraltar has hosted the finish of Europe's 'toughest' ultracycling event, with cyclists pedalling non-stop for some 3000 miles. See page 3.

## Rock's Bluefin anglers land 12 tonnes of tuna in three weeks

Gibraltar's sports fishermen caught 75 Bluefin tunas weighing a total of 12 tonnes in the space of just three weeks, including one enthusiast who caught over a tonne of the prized fish.

Data released to the Chronicle by the Department of the Environment showed that 47 out of the 162 anglers licensed to fish for Bluefin reported catches after the season opened on June 16 and before it was temporarily suspended on July 10.

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## Gibraltar and UK work on insurance regulatory alignment

The UK and Gibraltar Governments are pressing ahead with work to ensure post-Brexit regulatory alignment in the insurance sector, a key element of the commitment to continued UK market access for Gibraltar-based firms.

To this end, the UK Treasury and the Gibraltar Government have engaged Deloitte to work on a diagnostic assessment of the Gibraltarian insurance regulatory regime, against the benchmark of the UK regulatory regime.

"The work will help the two governments in ensuring alignment of regulatory outcomes in the insurance sector," a Gibraltar Government spokesman told the Chronicle.

"This will involve a new, modernised agreement on market access for Gibraltar to be introduced after 2020 and based on shared, high standards of regulation, and underpinned by information-sharing, transparency and regulatory co-operation," the spokesman explained. (Continued on page 2)



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# Record breaking year for the Race Across Europe



A British team broke the record for Race Across Europe cycling from France and finishing in Gibraltar in just over six days.

For the sixth year Gibraltar has hosted the finish of Europe's 'toughest' ultracycling event.

2018 has seen lots of firsts for the teams that reached Europa Point after cycling nearly 3000 miles non-stop to become record holders on the trans-European ultracycling event the Race Across Europe.

Three teams left Boulogne-sur-Mer in France over a three day period from July 1. They cy-

clered through France, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Italy and Spain non-stop to reach Gibraltar in record-breaking times.

The Race route is 2920 miles long and entrants can ride solo, in pairs or as teams of four, six or eight.

The first team to finish the 2018 Race Across Europe in a new overall course record were The Steve Prescott Foundation K3 Zadara Team from the UK.

This team of eight cyclists set a finishing time of 6 days, 19 hours and 7 minutes. The K3 Zadara team now hold both the overall

course record and the eight person team record.

Next to finish was Fritz Geers and his Ultrasportler team from Germany setting a record for the solo supported category at 12 days, 7 hrs and 5 mins. This category is for one cyclist who completes the course alone.

The third team to finish was that of Thomas Jaklitsch and

the sportcoaching.net team from Austria who were also competing in the solo supported category, finishing in an equally amazing time of 13 days, 12 hrs and 35 mins.

Also out on the course testing the route and reporting back on road conditions for the teams behind her was Jenny Lockett from the UK who rode from Boulogne-

sur-Mer to Europa Point solo and completely unsupported in 19 days. Ms Lockett helped to prove this year that it is possible, so in 2019 an unsupported solo and pairs category will be available to enter.

The team at the Race Across Europe are now looking forward to welcoming many more teams for the 2019 race.



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