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# Spain hires 1,700 new public workers to focus on Brexit issues



**T**he Spanish government approved yesterday a decree to hire 1,735 new public workers to deal with the consequences of Brexit, particularly in the areas of border and customs control.

The Socialist government wants the majority of these workers to be hired before 29 March regardless of whether or not Britain reaches an agreement with the bloc on leaving the European Union.

“The administration currently has the necessary means to deal with the relations’ framework after Britain’s exit from the European Union, but has to strengthen the availability of public workers in certain sectors,” the Madrid government said in a statement after its weekly meeting.

Spain aims to have more workers in airports and ports as well as to strengthen phytosanitary controls on imports and exports, and its assistance to the estimated 300,000 Britons living in the Iberian country, including many retirees.

There are also 33,000 residents in Gibraltar, the British outpost on the southern tip of Spain.

Gibraltarans, whose economy depends on an open border with Spain, voted overwhelmingly to remain in the EU in Britain’s 2016 referendum, but are due to leave the bloc anyway.

## Barclays to shift some credit and equity derivatives sales jobs to Paris, say sources

**B**arclays is shifting some jobs in its London-based credit and equity derivatives sales teams to Paris as it reorganises its operations ahead of Brexit, two sources familiar with the matter said.

Last month the bank warned staff in charge of credit and equity derivatives sales for the Nordics that their jobs would be relocated to Paris by the end of March, giving them just

two months’ notice, one of the sources said. A spokesman for Barclays declined to comment.

The likelihood of a no-deal Brexit has increased substantially since British Prime Minister Theresa May’s plan for maintaining ties with the EU was rejected on 15 Jan. by the UK parliament as well as by many politicians in her own Conservative Party.

Many financial institutions have started putting Brexit contingency plans into action and moving staff to newly leased offices in Paris, Frankfurt, Dublin and other financial hubs on the continent.

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