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No appetite to transfer UK-crisis in the EU

Detlef Seif, Deputy EU-Spokesman and rapporteur for Brexit of Angela Merkel's parliamentary group (CDU) warns the politicians of the United Kingdom not to waste any more time and cause a no-deal-Brexit by accident.

Detlef Seif: "The discussion in the United Kingdom has created the impression that a lot of options for action are possible. But only three options exist: To agree to the deal that is on the table, to revoke the withdrawal-notification, or to delay the exiting-day. We must urge our British friends that a delay is only possible if the UK takes part in the European Parliament elections."

The last possible day to announce a public election, April 12th, is a red line and a deadline. A proposal to delay the day of Brexit is only possible until this date.

Detlef Seif: "If the UK were not to take part in the elections, this would generate an immense amount of uncertainty in the EU and its institutions. Even if you don't question the validity of the election, 73 British MPs would be lacking in the constitutive session of the European Parliament. The Parliament would not be able to elect the European Commission President. Therefore, neither the new Commission nor the European Parliament would be able to start their work as lawmakers.

We have no appetite to transfer the internal UK-crisis and deadlock to the EU and the other 27 member states."

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Picture:

Detlef Seif maintains contact with British politics. On 26.02.2019 he was last for talks in Downing Street.

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