

UK & Lugano : the final no

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On 1 July 2021, Switzerland, which is the depository of the Lugano Convention 2007, notified the Parties to the Convention of the EU's refusal to give its consent to the UK's accession to the Convention. The notification is available on the website of the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs in several languages. It states the EU is not 'in a position to give its consent to invite the United Kingdom to accede to the Lugano Convention', quoting the note verbale received by the depository from the EU on 28 June 2021.

This is the final chord in the consideration of the UK's after-Brexit application to accede to the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, Lugano, 2007. As previously reported on [conflictoflaws](#) (inter alia), the accession to the Convention is subject to the consent of all the current Parties. The EU's refusal was expected, since the European Commission gave a negative advice to the European Parliament. Noteworthy is perhaps that the Convention does not limit the number of attempts a State can make to accede to the Convention. This means (theoretically) the UK can apply again in the future.