



6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **AIB renews 3-year sponsorship of DCU Brexit Institute**

The DCU Brexit Institute has today welcomed the renewal of its AIB sponsorship, with a three-year agreement which will last until 2024.

AIB will continue as official sponsors alongside Grant Thornton and GSK Stockmann, enabling the institute to focus its research and engagement on Europe and its economic recovery post-Brexit.

The DCU Brexit Institute, since its establishment in 2017, has firmly positioned itself as a leading platform for documenting and debating developments in relations between the UK and EU. Comprising experts from a number of faculties and schools at Dublin City University, connecting them with specialists in Ireland, the EU and beyond, it continues to analyse the major legal, political and economic challenges raised by the withdrawal of the UK from the EU and the future of Europe.

Welcoming the announcement, Prof **Federico Fabbrini**, Director of the DCU Brexit Institute and Professor of European Law at the School of Law & Government, DCU, said:

*"The renewal of AIB's sponsorship in the midst of an ongoing pandemic is the confirmation of the international reputation of the Brexit Institute as a thought leader on European affairs.*

*In little over three years since its establishment, the Brexit Institute has become a key source of research, policy and engagement on Brexit and the future of the EU, and AIB renewed support allows us to push further our work onto new cutting-edge topics, such as Next Generation EU and the rebuilding of Europe after the pandemic."*

**Mary Whitelaw, AIB Director of Corporate Affairs, Strategy and Sustainability said:**

*"Brexit has brought many challenges to Irish businesses, including associated trade frictions, as well as presenting new opportunities for expansion. AIB is committed to backing our customers, and the Brexit Institute is a perfect example of how research, engagement and information can aid Irish businesses, policy makers and society as we all adapt to this new environment."*

**Professor Daire Keogh, President of DCU, commented:**

“I warmly welcome AIB’s continued support for the DCU Brexit Institute. The decision to extend this sponsorship is a ringing endorsement of the quality of the Brexit Institute’s research and analysis. The Institute’s work, and its EU-wide collaborations, are more important than ever, as Europe comes to terms with this seismic event and its after-shocks.”

**ENDS**