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# The Brexit interview: Andrew Whitehead, senior partner and head of energy, Shakespeare Martineau

The clock is ticking on the Brexit negotiations, but the UK and European Union have made startlingly little progress on a new relationship before the UK exits the bloc in March 2019. With the future of UK-European energy trading hanging in the balance, big questions remain on whether the UK can retain unrestricted access to European energy markets and vice versa. Meanwhile, the UK must find a way to shore up its energy security in the face of tightening supply margins, all the while reducing emissions and keeping energy costs as low as possible.

In this exclusive interview, Andrew Whitehead, senior partner and head of energy at UK law firm Shakespeare Martineau explains to Gas Matters why he believes that both sides now have significantly less than a year to hammer out a 'soft' Brexit, without which the energy sector could be thrown into tumult.



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