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# WE CAN VOTE

- British citizens will be able to exercise their democratic right in the local elections in May despite the Brexit process.
- Thousands of Britons will be eligible to vote in the Balearics.



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*Palma.*—Britain is currently finalising an agreement on voting rights with the Spanish government which should mean that British nationals living in Spain will be able to vote in the local elections in May. It had been feared that thousands of British citizens would be unable to vote because Britain is expected to leave the European Union in March and the elections are in May. But this is not the case. “The Spanish Electoral Census Office has confirmed

that British nationals currently remain eligible to register to vote in the next local elections which will be held in May 2019. “If you wish to vote in those elections you must declare your intention to vote before the deadline of 30 January 2019. As your right to vote in local elections will not automatically continue once the UK leaves the EU, the Spanish Electoral Census Office has said UK nationals will remain on the voting register until the end of March

2019. “However, as part of the preparations for the UK’s exit from the EU, the UK government is seeking a bilateral agreement with Spain and, if agreed before March 2019, it would allow you to remain registered to vote past this date. Discussions with the Spanish Government are underway and, as and when further information is available on the progress of a bilateral agreement, we will update you,” the British Embassy said in a statement yesterday.

# BRITAIN IN DEADLOCK

● Crisis talks but no political unity.

**B**ritain’s last-minute scramble to shape its exit from the EU, its biggest policy upheaval in half a century, hit the rocks yesterday as Prime Minister Theresa May and opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn dug in their heels for competing visions.

After May’s two-year attempt to forge an amicable divorce with an independent trade pol-

icy was crushed by parliament in the biggest defeat for a British leader in modern history, May asked party leaders to forget self-interest to find a solution.

Yet there was little sign yesterday that either of the two major parties - which together hold 88 percent of the 650 seats in parliament - were prepared to compromise on key demands.

Corbyn said May had sent Britain hurtling towards the cliff edge of a sudden exit on 29 March with no transition period, and urged her to ditch her “red lines”. But he repeated his own condition for talks: a pledge to block a no-deal Brexit.

“The government confirmed that she would not take ‘no-deal’ off the table,” Corbyn said in a speech in Hastings.

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