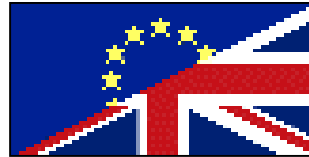


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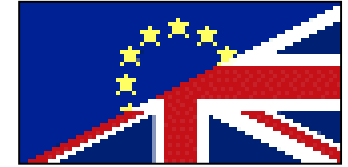
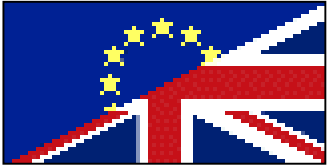
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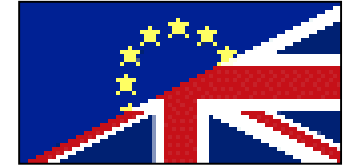
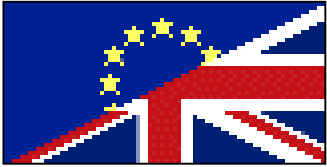
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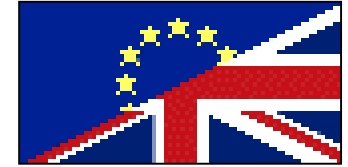
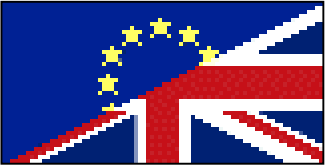


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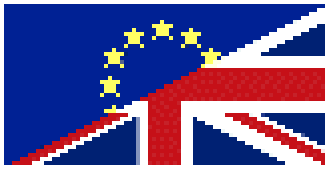
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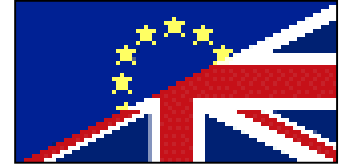
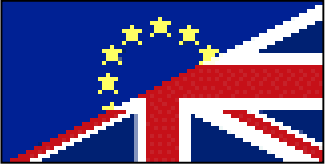
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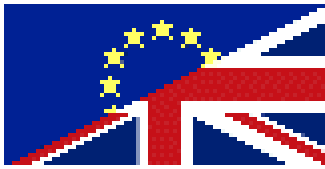




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# Review of the Balances of Competences



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## Review of the balance of competences

From: Foreign & Commonwealth Office  
First published: 12 December 2012  
Last updated: 18 December 2014, see all updates  
Part of: Review of the balance of competences, Compliance with European Union laws and regulation and Europe

The review of the balance of competences will be an audit of what the EU does and how it affects the UK.

The UK government carried out a review of the EU's competences, which the Foreign Secretary launched in July 2012. This was an audit of what the EU does and how it affected the UK. It was seen as important that Britain had a clear sense of how its national interests interacted with the EU's roles, particularly at a time of great change for the EU.

Government departments consulted Parliament and its committees, business, the devolved administrations, and civil society to look in depth at how the EU's competences (the power to act in particular areas conferred on it by the EU Treaties) worked in practice.

The UK's European partners and the EU institutions were also invited to contribute evidence to the review, and it also examined issues that were of interest across the EU, seeking to improve understanding and engagement.

UK Government departments then reported on areas of competence and their findings were published in four waves between 2012 and 2014.

The House of Lords EU Committee and various commentators noted that the results of the Review were largely positive of EU membership

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12th Report of Session 2014-15

## The Review of the Balance of Competences between the UK and the EU

Ordered to be printed 17 March 2015 and published 25 March 2015

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London: The Stationery Office Limited  
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Briefing  
January 2016

The Balance of Competences Review in the United Kingdom, 2012-2014

Background

Against a backdrop of continuing and often intense political debate in the United Kingdom about its relationship with the rest of the European Union (EU), the [Coalition Agreement](#) of May 2010, underpinning the 2010-2015 Conservative-Liberal Democrat government, stated that the new administration would 'examine the balance of the EU's existing competences', in the context of an overall government commitment to 'ensure that there is no further transfer of sovereignty or powers' to the EU during that five-year parliamentary term. This process was taken forward in a formal 'Review of the Balance of Competences between the UK and the EU', which was launched in July 2012 and concluded in December 2014.

The UK government's official communication to the House of Commons and House of Lords to launch the Balance of Competences Review ([Committee Paper 8915](#)) used a broad definition of EU competence, covering 'everything deriving from EU law that affects what happens in the UK'. The review was to seek to examine all the areas where the Treaties gave the EU competence to act (see box below), and to audit what the EU did and how this affected the UK. The whole process would be 'comprehensive, well-informed and analytical', gathering evidence to help inform public debate. Whilst the review would be government-led, it would also involve outside experts, organisations and individuals who wished to feed in their views on the issues covered.

The competences of the European Union

The Treaty of Lisbon amended the Treaty on European Union and clarified the [division of competences](#) between the EU and Member States, introducing a precise classification of such competences for the first time. The Treaty sets out three main types of EU competence:

**Exclusive competence** (Article 3 TEU): The EU alone is able to legislate and adopt binding acts in these fields. The Member States' role is therefore limited to applying these acts, unless the Union authorises them to adopt certain acts themselves;

**Shared competence** (Article 4 TEU): The EU and Member States are authorised to adopt binding acts in these fields. However, Member States may exercise their competence only in so far as the EU has not exercised, or has decided not to exercise, its own competence;

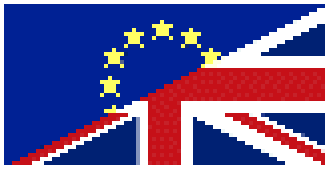
**Supporting competence** (Article 6 TEU): The EU can only intervene to support, coordinate or complement the action of Member States.

Individual UK government departments were tasked to lead the examination of competences falling within their own areas of responsibility, with the overall review being managed jointly by the [European and Commonwealth Office](#) (ECO) and [Cabinet Office](#). It was made clear from the outset that the review would not look to produce specific recommendations, prejudice future policy, or consider alternative models for

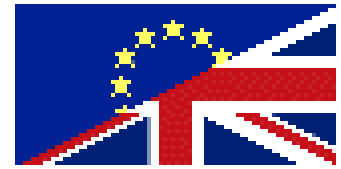
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# European Union Referendum Act 2015



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**European Union Referendum Act 2015**

**Type of Bill:** Government Bill  
**Sponsors:** Philip Hammond  
 Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
 Baroness Anelay of St Johns  
 Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

**Progress of the Bill**

Bill started in the House of Commons

House of Commons: 1 (First reading), 2 (Second reading), C (Committee stage), R (Report stage), 3 (Third reading)

House of Lords: 1 (First reading), 2 (Second reading), C (Committee stage), R (Report stage), 3 (Third reading)

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- RA Royal Assent (Minutes of Proceedings) 17 December, 2015 | 17.12.2015

Read debates on all stages of the European Union Referendum Act 2015

The European Union Referendum Act 2015 allows for the holding of a referendum in the United Kingdom and Gibraltar on whether the United Kingdom should remain a member of the European Union. The referendum should be held before the end of 2017.

The UK Prime Minister, David Cameron, announced on 23 January 2013 that if his party was elected to power following the next election expected in 2015, it would hold a referendum in the UK on European Union (EU) membership in the next Parliament.

Initially, a private members bill was introduced in 2013-14 by James Wharton, MP to allow for a referendum – it passed through the House of Commons but was defeated in the House of Lords in [January 2014](#).

A new private members bill was introduced in session 2014-15 by Robert Neill, MP and was adopted as an Act in [December 2015](#).

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**European Union (Referendum) Bill and the Parliament Acts**

Standard Note: SN/PC/6912  
 Last updated: 18 June 2014  
 Author: Richard Kelly  
 Section: Parliament and Constitution Centre

The *European Union (Referendum) Bill 2013-14*, a private Member's bill, provided for an in/out referendum on membership of the European Union to be held before the end of 2017. It was passed by the Commons in 2013-14 but not passed by the Lords.

During the debate on the Queen's Speech at the beginning of the 2014-15 Session, David Cameron, the Prime Minister, confirmed that he would support a bill to provide for an in/out referendum, if it were introduced in the current Session. Subject to certain conditions, such a bill could be presented for Royal Assent in accordance with the provisions of the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949.

Robert Neill, who was drawn third in the private Members' bill ballot, has given notice of his intention to introduce the *European Union (Referendum) Bill 2014-15*.

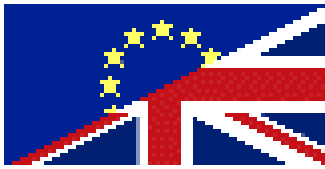
The Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949 allow public bills<sup>1</sup> other than money bills rejected by the House of Lords in one parliamentary session to be presented for Royal Assent in the following session if they are passed by the House of Commons and rejected again by the House of Lords. Section 2(3) of the 1911 Act states that for this purpose a bill is deemed to be rejected by the House of Lords "if it is not passed by that House either without amendment or with such amendments only as may be agreed to by both Houses". A number of conditions about timing apply to the process. The Parliament Acts do not apply to bills that extend the life of a Parliament, bills which originated in the House of Lords, private bills or provisional order bills.

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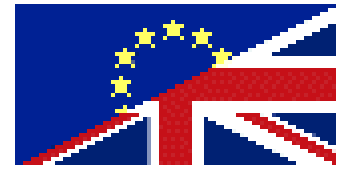
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**European Union Referendum Bill (HL Bill 60 of 2015-16)**

The *European Union Referendum Bill* is a government Bill which received first reading in the House of Commons on 8 September 2015. It received **second reading** in the Commons on 9 June 2015. The Bill completed its passage through the House of Commons on 7 September 2015. It makes provisions for a referendum on whether the UK should remain a member of the EU, a commitment included in the 2015 Conservative Party manifesto. The Bill provides for a referendum to be held on a date prior to the end of 2017. The electorate for the referendum would be the same as that for a general election—including Commonwealth citizens and citizens of the Republic of Ireland resident in the UK—with the addition of Members of the House of Lords and citizens of Gibraltar. The Bill also provides that elements of the regulatory framework set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 would apply to this referendum. A summary of the Bill, as introduced at first reading, has been published by the House of Commons Library, entitled [European Union Referendum Bill 2015-16](#).



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By Vaughne Miller

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Inquiry status: **open - accepting written submissions**

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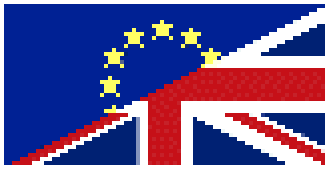
### Scope of the inquiry

The inquiry is exploring the vision for the future of the EU that the UK Government is seeking to realise through its current reform proposals, ahead of the referendum on UK membership to be held by the end of 2017. The Committee is assessing the extent to which there is consensus on the long-term direction of the EU, within the UK, the EU institutions and across the 28 EU Member States.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 November 2015

*Dear Donald,*

## A NEW SETTLEMENT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM IN A REFORMED EUROPEAN UNION

Thank you for inviting me to write setting out the areas where I am seeking reforms to address the concerns of the British people over our membership of the European Union.

As you said, the purpose of this letter is not to describe the precise means, or detailed legal proposals, for bringing the reforms we seek into effect. That is a matter for the negotiation, not least as there may, in each case, be different ways of achieving the same result.

I am grateful for the technical discussions that have taken place over the last few months and, as we move to the formal stage of negotiations, I welcome this opportunity to explain why these changes are needed and how I believe they can benefit all Member States. I am also making a speech today to update the British people on the process for the negotiation and how I intend to address their concerns.

I have been encouraged in many of my conversations with my fellow Heads of Government in recent months that there is wide understanding of the concerns



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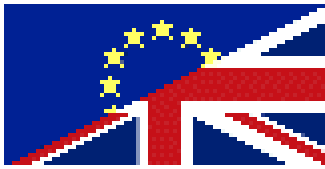


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## EU REFERENDUM

In my Statement to Parliament on Tuesday, I announced that there will be a clear government position after the conclusion of the EU negotiation and I also explained that, from that point, there will be a special arrangement to permit individual Ministers to take a different personal position from the official position of the Government. Having consulted the Cabinet Secretary, this letter sets out in more detail what this means in practice.

First, this arrangement will come into effect following a Cabinet discussion, after the negotiations have concluded with our EU partners. Until that point – when it will become clear whether a deal can be negotiated that delivers the objectives I have set out – all Ministers should continue to support the position set out in our Manifesto and say or do nothing that will undermine the Government's negotiating position. The Government's policy, explained in our Manifesto and discussed at Cabinet, is to negotiate a new settlement for Britain in the EU and then ask the British people in a referendum whether they want to stay in the EU on this reformed basis or not. As I have said many times, if the renegotiation is successful, the Government's position will be in favour of Britain remaining in a reformed EU. If the renegotiation is unsuccessful, then we rule nothing out. This referendum must take place by the end of 2017. I am grateful to all colleagues for the support provided to date.

Second, this wholly exceptional arrangement will apply only to the question of whether we should remain in the EU or leave. All other EU or EU-related business, including negotiations in or with all EU institutions and other Member States, and debates and votes in Parliament here on EU business will continue to be subject to the normal rules of collective responsibility and party discipline. This also of course applies to policy discussions within government. The existing machinery of government for making policy on EU business will continue to function in the normal way. In Parliament, the rules state that Ministers speak from the Front Bench, and when they do so they support government policy.

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**Davos 2016: Prime Minister's speech to the World Economic Forum**

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 Delivered on: 21 January 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
 Location: Davos, Switzerland  
 First published: 21 January 2016

David Cameron spoke at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on securing the future of Britain in a reformed European Union.

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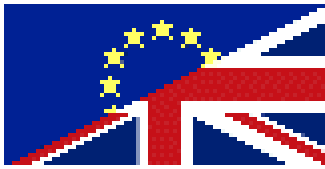


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## Letter by President Donald Tusk to the Members of the European Council on his proposal for a new settlement for the United Kingdom within the European Union

Keeping the unity of the European Union is the biggest challenge for all of us and so it is the key objective of my mandate. It is in this spirit that I put forward a proposal for a new settlement of the United Kingdom within the EU. To my mind it goes really far in addressing all the concerns raised by Prime Minister Cameron. The line I did not cross, however, were the principles on which the European project is founded.

I deeply believe that our community of interests is much stronger than what divides us. To be, or not to be together, that is the question which must be answered not only by the British people in a referendum, but also by the other 27 members of the EU in the next two weeks.

This has been a difficult process and there are still challenging negotiations ahead. Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed. I am convinced that the proposal is a good basis for a compromise. It could not have been drafted without the close and good cooperation of the European Commission. In order to facilitate this process the Commission also made political declarations that are included in this package.

Let me briefly refer to all the four baskets of the proposal.

**On economic governance**, the draft Decision of the Heads sets out principles to ensure mutual respect between the Member States taking part in further deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union and those which do not. By doing that we can pave the way for the further integration within the euro area while safeguarding the rights and competences of non-participating Member States.

The respect for these principles is backed up by a draft Decision establishing a mechanism that while giving necessary reassurances on the concerns of non-euro area Member States, cannot constitute a veto nor delay urgent decisions. The exact conditions for triggering this mechanism remain to be further discussed.

**On competitiveness**, the draft Decision of the Heads, together with a more detailed European Council Declaration and a draft Commission Declaration, will set out our commitment to increase efforts to enhance competitiveness. We will regularly assess progress in simplifying legislation and reducing burden on business so that red tape is cut.

**On sovereignty**, the proposed Decision of the Heads recognises that in light of the United Kingdom's special situation under the Treaties, it is not committed to further political integration. It also reinforces respect for subsidiarity, and I propose that the Member States discontinue the consideration of a draft legislative act where a number of national parliaments object to it on the grounds of subsidiarity, unless the concerns raised can be accommodated. The importance of respecting the opt-out regime of Protocols 21 and 22, as well as national security responsibilities is also underlined.

**On social benefits and free movement**, we need to fully respect the current treaties, in particular the principles of freedom of movement and non-discrimination. Therefore the proposed solution to address the UK concerns builds on the clarification of the interpretation of current rules, including a draft Commission Declaration on a number of issues relating to better fighting abuse of free movement.

The draft Decision of the Heads notes, in particular, the Commission's intention to propose changes to EU legislation as regards the export of child benefits and the creation of a safeguard mechanism to respond to exceptional situations of inflow of workers from other Member States. A draft Commission Declaration also relates to this mechanism. This approach, as well as the exact duration of the application of such a mechanism need to be further discussed at our level.

Most of the substance of this proposal takes the form of a legally binding Decision of the Heads of State or Governments. We should also be prepared to discuss the possible incorporation of the substance of a few elements covered by the Decision into the Treaties at the time of their next revision.

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**PM calls and Brussels meetings: 29 January 2015**

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
First published: 29 January 2016  
Part of: Denmark, France, Iran, Sweden and Syria


David Cameron had calls with various European leaders last night and this morning, and held meetings in Brussels today to discuss EU reform.

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**PM speech on EU reform: 2 February 2016**

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David Cameron spoke at Siemens headquarters on EU reform, after the publication of draft negotiating text by the European Council President.

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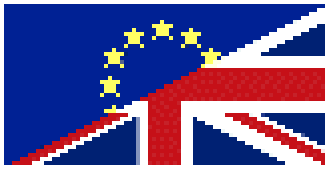
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By Vaughne Miller

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The UK Government has now wrapped up its EU renegotiation ahead of the referendum. Open Europe lays out its take on the renegotiation and sets this in the broader context of the UK's position in the EU and the upcoming referendum.

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### What's in the EU renegotiation deal?

The Prime Minister's renegotiation deal on the UK's European Union membership is a package of changes to EU rules. It was agreed by European leaders on 19 February 2016. There's been a great deal of speculation about whether the changes in the EU deal are significant and, separately, whether the deal itself will stick. As these are first and foremost legal questions, we've asked impartial legal experts from leading universities to answer them.

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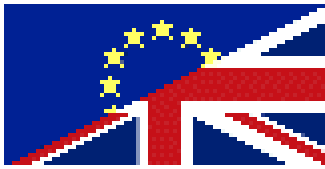
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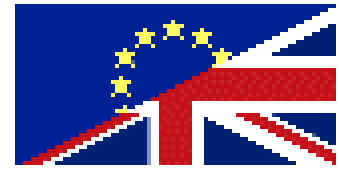
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## PM's statement following Cabinet meeting on EU settlement: 20 February 2016

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
Delivered on: 20 February 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
Location: Downing Street  
First published: 20 February 2016

The PM made a statement in Downing Street today following a Cabinet meeting on Britain's new settlement with the European Union.

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## PM Commons statement on EU reform and referendum: 22 February 2016

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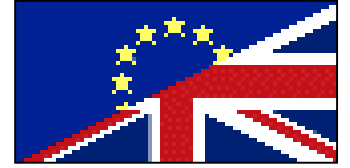
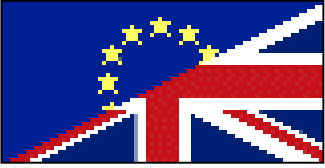
The Prime Minister made a statement in the House of Commons on the UK's new special status in the EU and the in-out referendum on 23 June.

+ UK Prime Minister David Cameron holds special Cabinet meeting, 20 February 2016 to report back on outcome of the [European Council, 18-19 February 2016](#). 23 June 2016 is announced as the date of the EU referendum.

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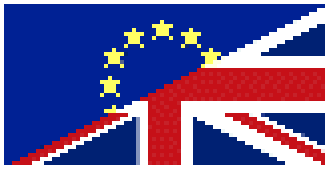
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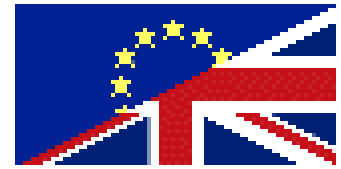
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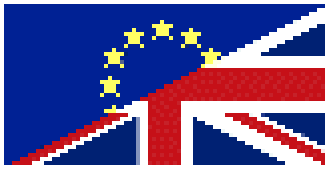
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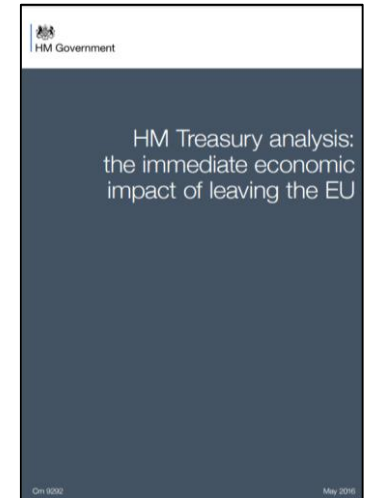
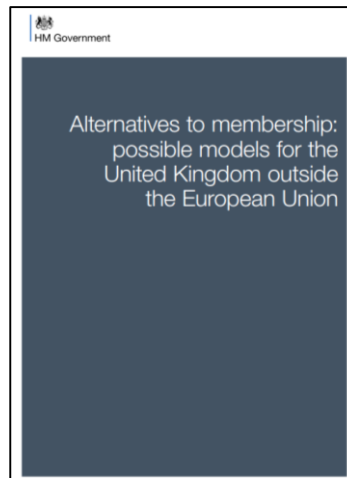
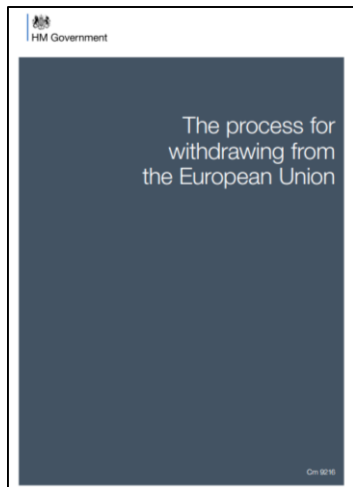
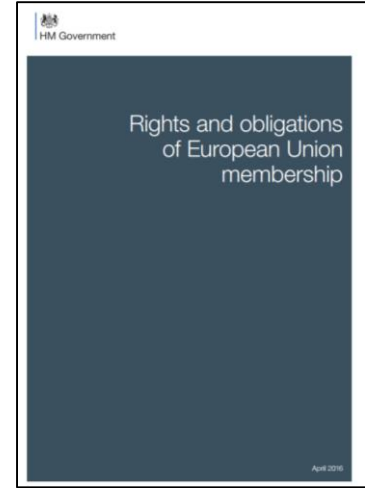
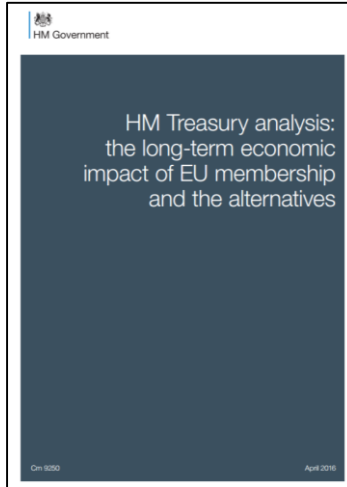
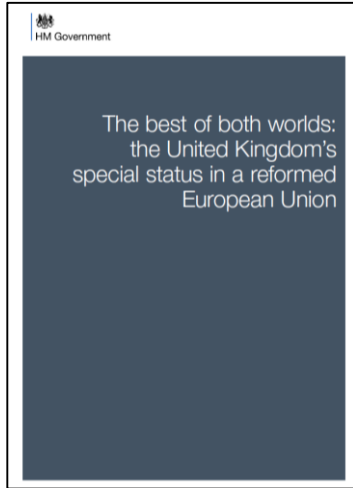
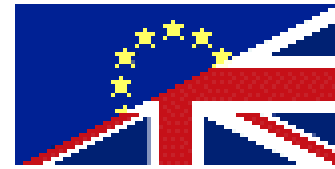
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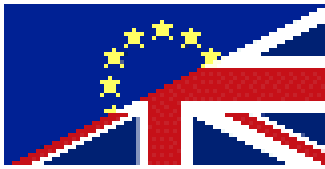
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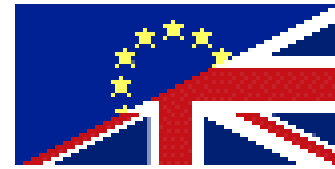
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BACKGROUND NOTE

## The impact of a sterling depreciation on the costs of a family shop on food, non-alcoholic drink, clothing and footwear

### The impact of a depreciation in the sterling exchange rate

1.1 A range of external studies have estimated that leaving the EU would lead to a fall in the value of the pound of 12% on average.

1.2 As shown in Table 1.A, HMT estimates that a 12% fall in the price of sterling would increase the cost of a typical food and drink shop for a household of 2 adults and 2 children by around £120 a year by 2018. The cost of clothing and footwear spending increases by almost £100 over the same period.

1.3 According to ONS statistics, an average 2 adult 2 child household spends £81.40 a week on food and non-alcoholic drink, and £38.20 a week on clothing and footwear.

1.4 An exchange rate depreciation would start to have an impact on the cost of imports relatively quickly, but the full effect would take some time to pass through. This analysis is based on a 2 year horizon, by which time most of the effect would have passed through to consumer prices.

Table 1.A: Impact of 12% depreciation of sterling on shop of a 2 adult 2 child household

	Annual spend in 2014 (£)	Annual spend 2 years after depreciation (£)	Change (£)	Per cent change (%)
<b>Food and drink</b>	4233	4355	123	2.9
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	1986	2085	98	5.0
<b>Total</b>	6219	6440	221	3.6

Source: ONS Family Spending 2015  
 (Note: totals may not sum due to rounding)

### Technical note on methodology

1.5 To estimate the impact of a sterling depreciation on the sub-components of the CPI, the sensitivity of the 11 CPI components that make up the food and non-alcoholic drinks category to changes in the exchange rate is estimated econometrically.<sup>1</sup> This is similar to the approach taken

<sup>1</sup> The food and non-alcoholic beverages component of the CPI is made up of: bread and cereals, meat, fish, milk, cheese and eggs, oils and fats, fruit, vegetables and potatoes, sugar and confectionery products, other food products, coffee, tea and cocoa and mineral water, soft drinks and juices.

## Regional output and house price impacts from leaving the EU

1.1 Analysis published by HM Treasury shows the impact that a vote to leave the EU would have on UK output and house prices. In the 'shock scenario', after two years, GDP would be around 3.6% lower and house prices would be 10% lower compared with a vote to remain in the EU. This note uses simple methodologies to provide estimates of the impacts at a regional level on the assumption that the regional effects are proportional to those at the UK level.

### Impact of a vote to leave the EU on regional Gross Value Added

1.2 The estimated impact on output (as measured by gross value added) for each region and country of the UK is shown in Table 1.A. The portion of GVA that cannot be assigned to regions (which is largely offshore economic activity such as oil and gas extraction) is also shown.

Table 1.A: Impact of leaving the EU on regional GVA after two years

Region/Country	£ billion
North East	-1.8
North West	-5.5
Yorkshire and The Humber	-3.9
East Midlands	-3.5
West Midlands	-4.2
East of England	-5.1
London	-13.4
South East	-8.8
South West	-4.4
Wales	-2.0
Scotland	-4.5
Northern Ireland	-1.3
(Cannot be assigned to regions)	-0.8
United Kingdom	-59.2

Expressed in terms of 2015 GVA in 2015 prices, rounded to the nearest £100 million.

### Methodology

1.3 In the shock scenario, a vote to leave the EU is estimated to lower UK GDP by 3.6% by Q2 2018 compared with a vote to remain in the EU.

1.4 The latest available regional accounts data<sup>1</sup> provides estimates of each region and country's share of total UK GVA (GVA is used as GDP data is not available at a regional level) but this data is only available for 2014. However an estimate for total UK GVA in 2015 is available. The

<sup>1</sup> HM Treasury analysis: the immediate impact of leaving the EU (May 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Regional Gross Value Added 2014 (December Approach), ONS (December 2015).



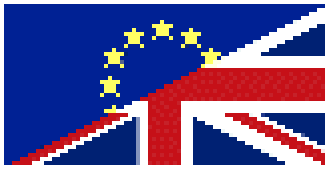
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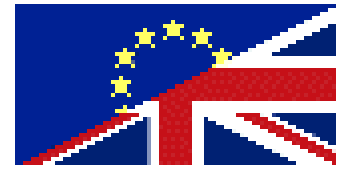
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## PM speech at O2 on the EU referendum: 23 February 2016

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 Location: O2 Headquarters, Slough  
 First published: 24 February 2016

The Prime Minister spoke on why the UK should stay in a reformed EU and answered questions from staff at the O2 headquarters in Slough.

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## PM speech at Vauxhall on the EU referendum: 10 March 2016

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The Prime Minister gave a speech setting out the economic arguments why the UK should remain in the European Union.

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Press release

## PM: Northern Ireland is better off in a reformed EU

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, The Rt Hon David Cameron MP and Northern Ireland Office  
 First published: 27 February 2016  
 Part of: Food and farming industry and Northern Ireland economy

The Prime Minister said that more than 60% of Northern Ireland's exports go to the EU, and around 40% of its investment comes from the EU.

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## PM speech at PwC on economic security in the EU: 5 April 2016

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 Delivered on: 5 April 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
 Location: PwC, Birmingham  
 First published: 6 April 2016  
 Part of: EU referendum, European single market, Employment and Exports and inward investment

The Prime Minister spoke on the UK's economic security within the EU and answered questions at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Birmingham.

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Speech

## Nicky Morgan: leaving the EU risks a lost generation

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## Home Secretary's speech on the UK, EU and our place in the world

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## PM speech on the UK's strength and security in the EU: 9 May 2016

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
 Delivered on: 9 May 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
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Prime Minister David Cameron set out what the UK's European Union membership means for British strength and security in the world.

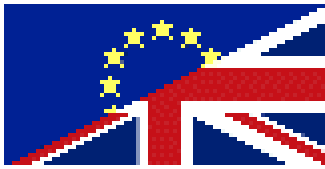
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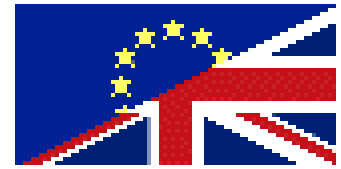
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## Leaving the EU's Single Market would be a 'one way ticket to a poorer Britain', warns Chancellor

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Part of: EU referendum

Chancellor joins Sir Vince Cable and Ed Balls to warn that leaving the EU's Single Market would be a 'one way ticket to a poorer Britain'.

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## PM World Economic Forum speech: economic facts for the UK remaining in the EU

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
Delivered on: 17 May 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
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The Prime Minister spoke at a World Economic Forum (WEF) event on the economic arguments for the UK remaining in a reformed European Union.

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## The case for Wales within a reformed EU

From: Wales Office and The Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP  
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## Chancellor: Leaving the EU would be a one way ticket to a poorer Britain

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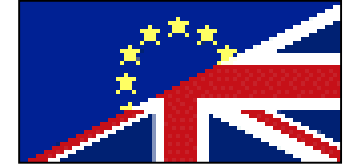
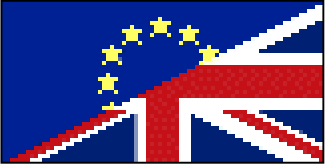
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## Financial Services key part of the Northern Powerhouse, says City minister

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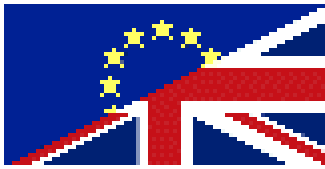


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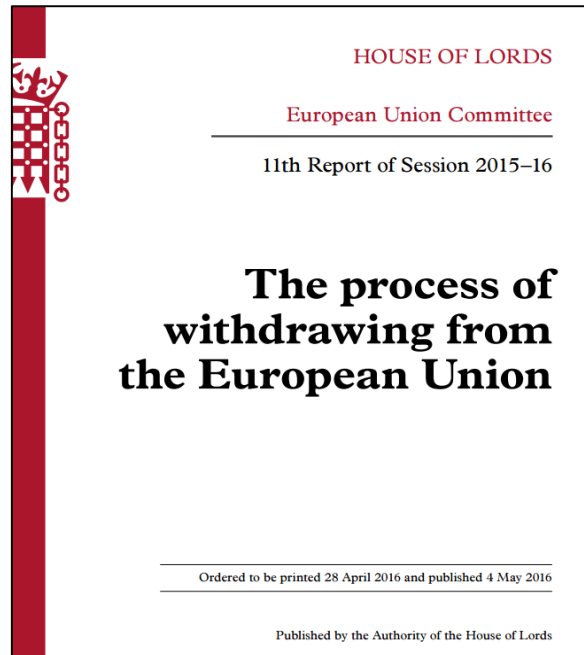
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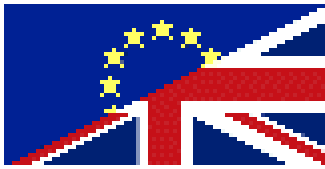
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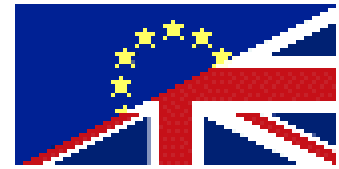
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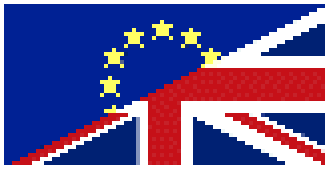
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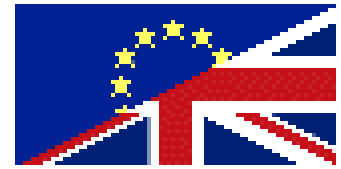
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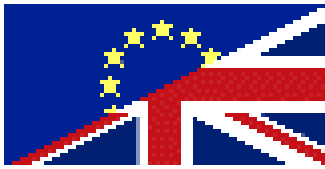
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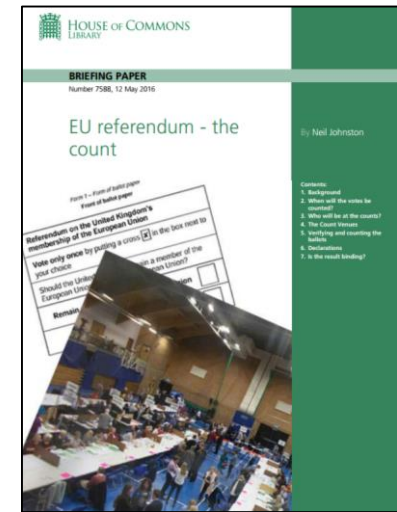
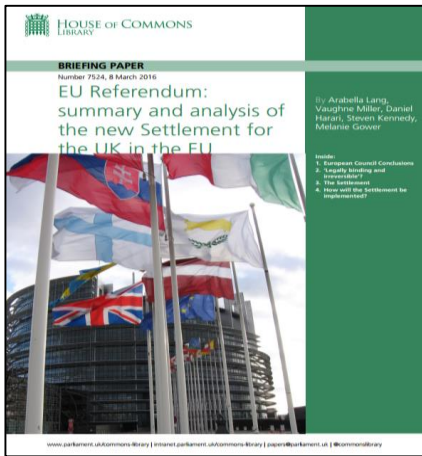
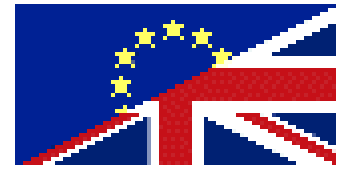
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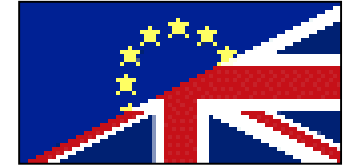
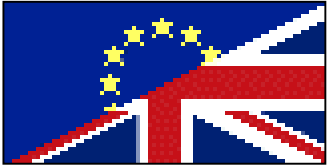
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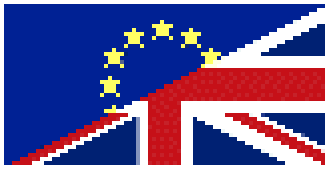


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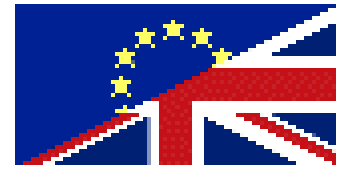
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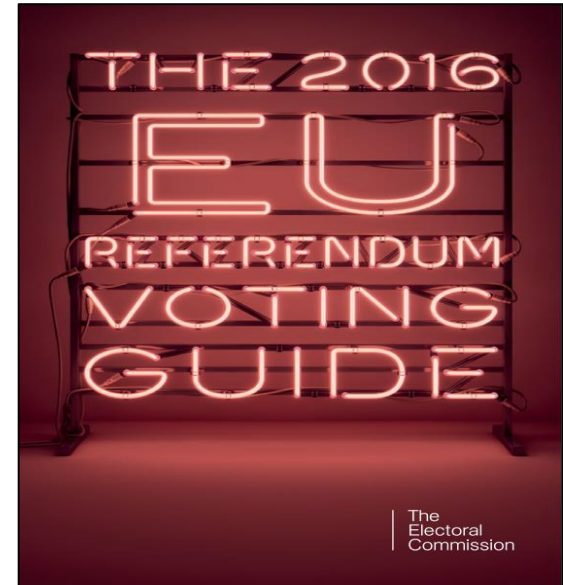
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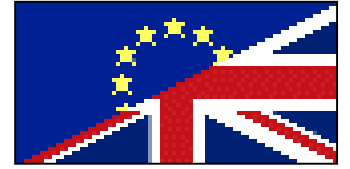
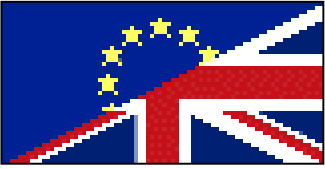
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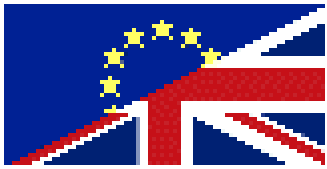


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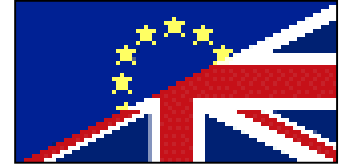
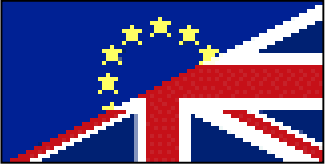
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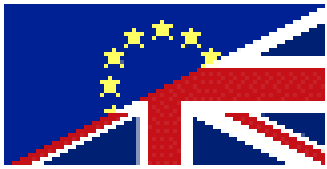
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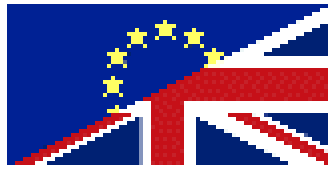
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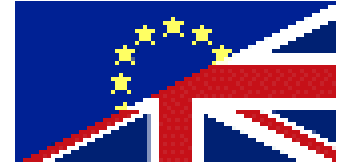
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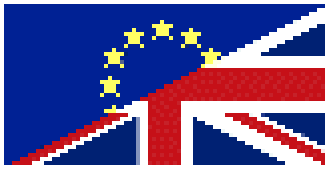
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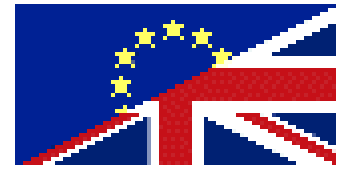
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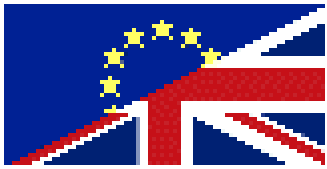


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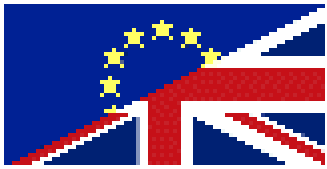




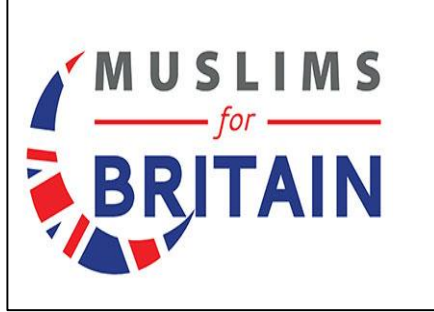
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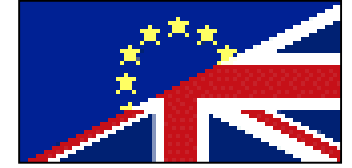
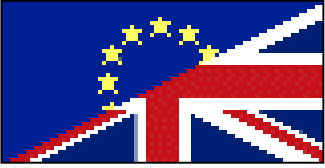
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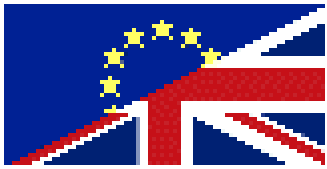
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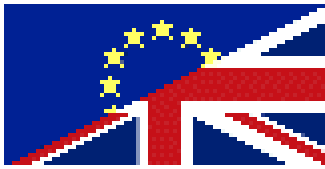
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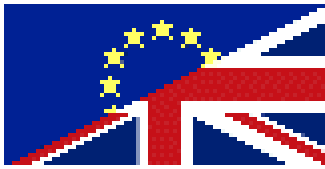
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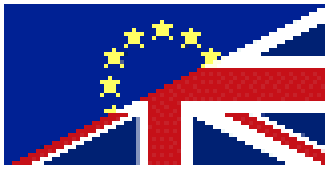
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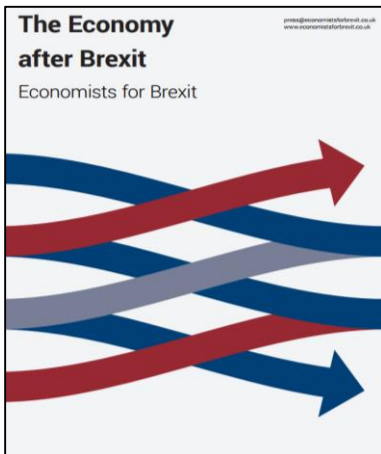
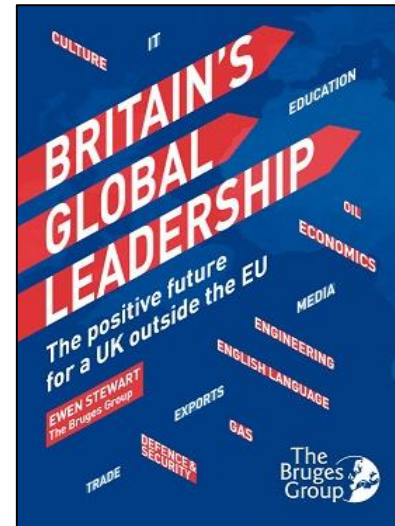
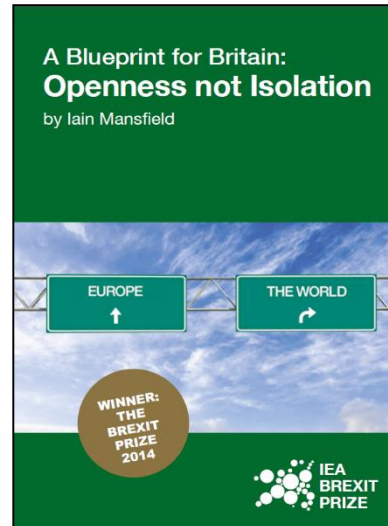
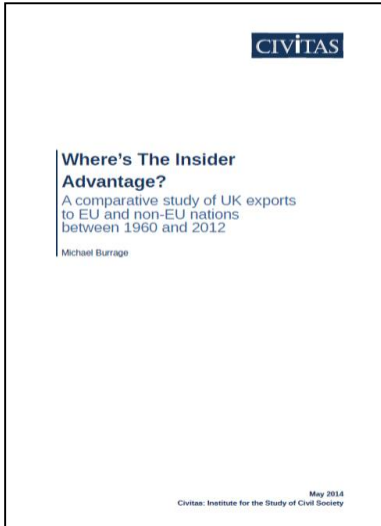
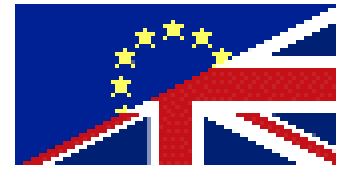
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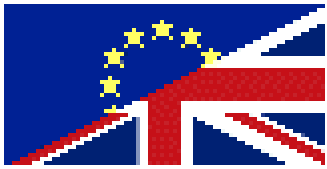


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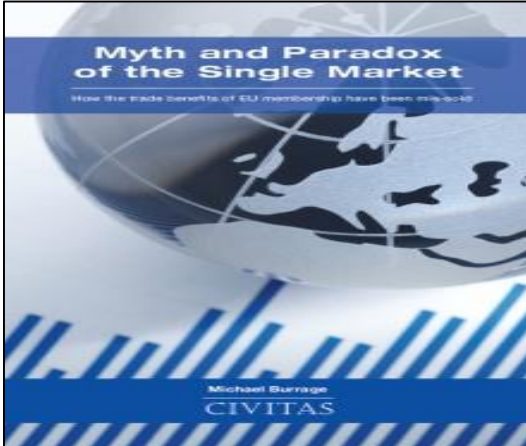
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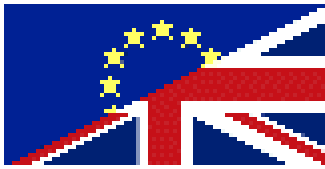


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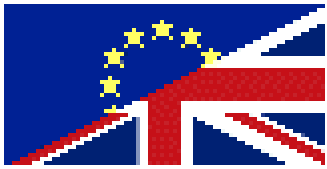
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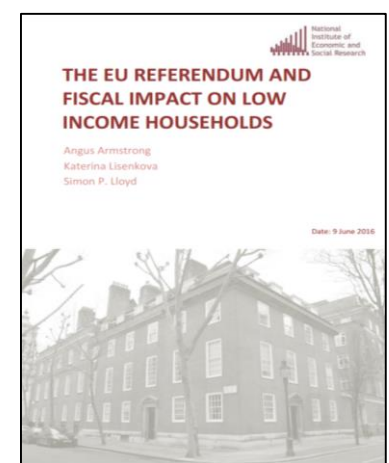
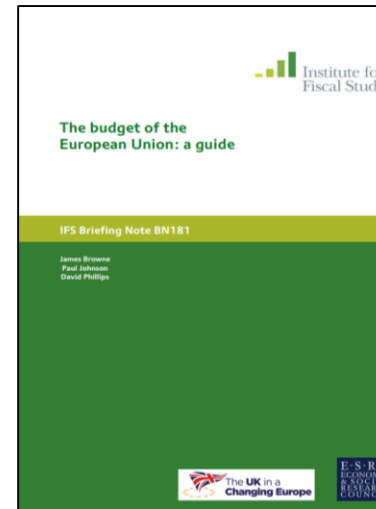
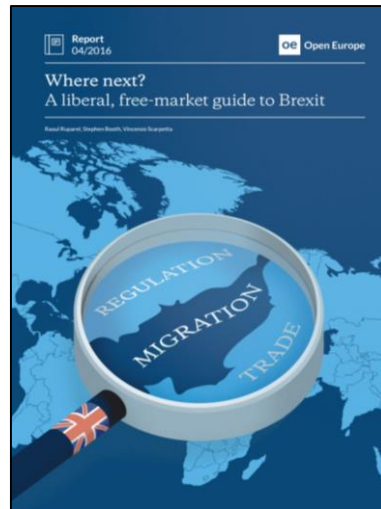
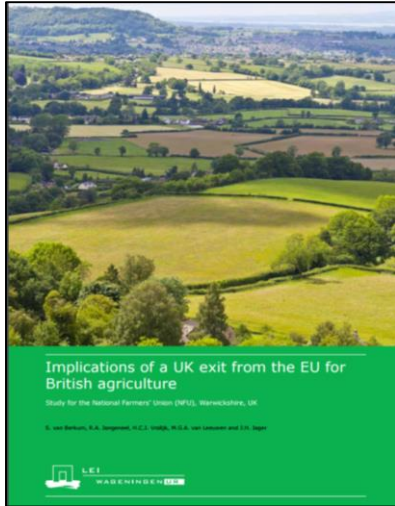
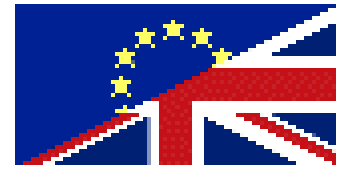
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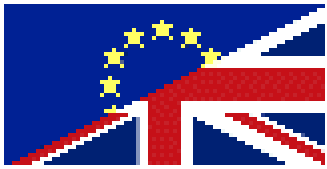




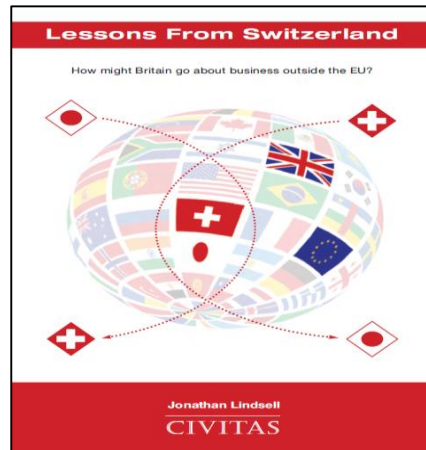
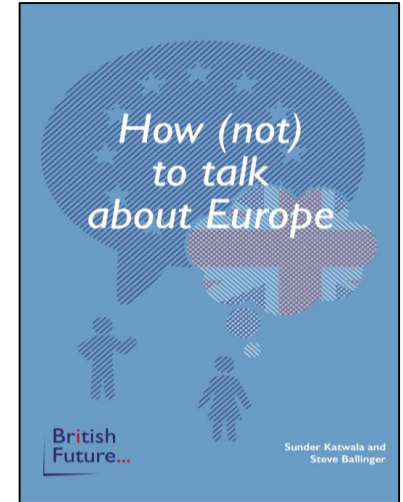
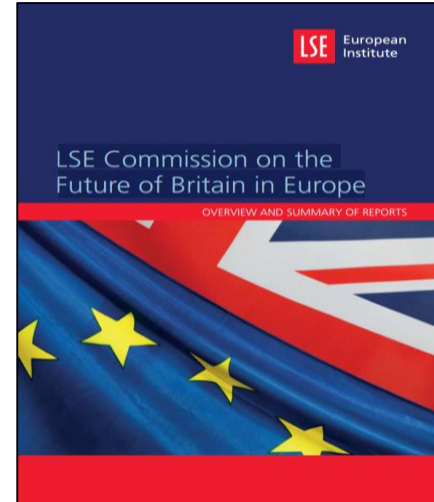
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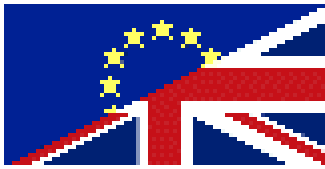
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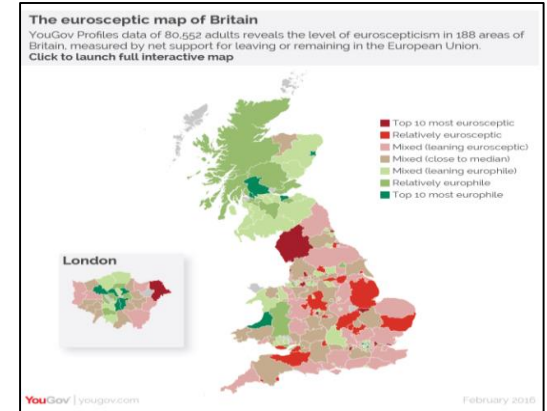
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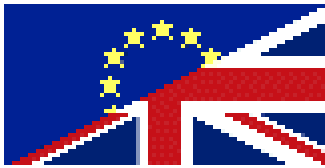
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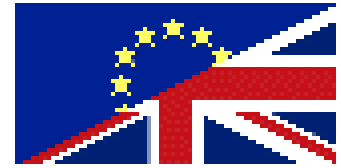
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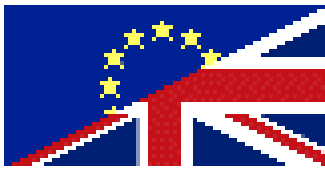




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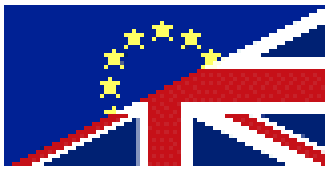
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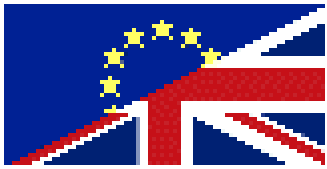
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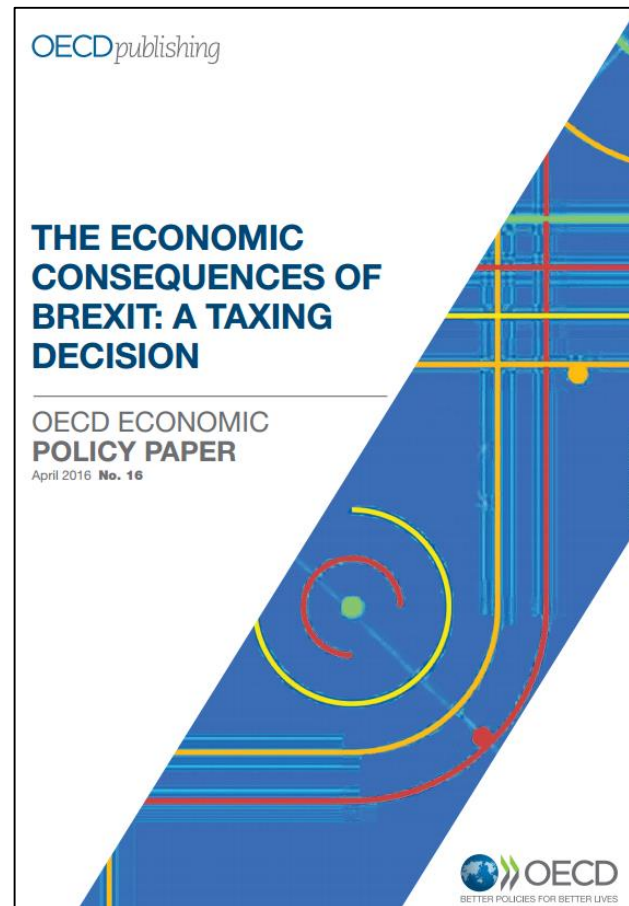
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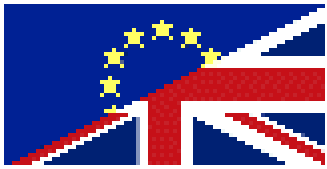




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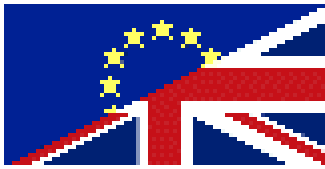
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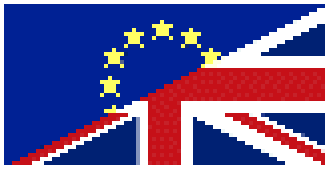
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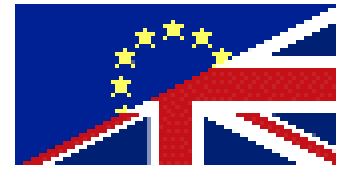


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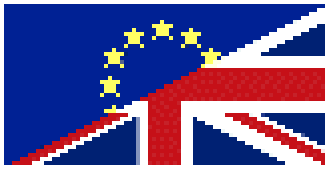
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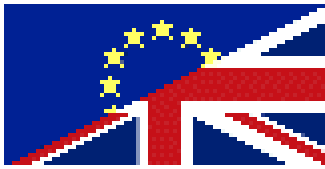
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Stefani Weiss and Steven Blockmans

No. 131 / February 2016

#### Abstract

Beyond the drama of the European Council summit of 18-19 February 2016, what became clear was the fundamental desire on the part of the leaders of all 28 EU member states to agree a deal on the British government's demands for a renegotiated settlement on the UK's relationship within the European Union. The deal has provided David Cameron with the political capital he needed to call a date for the in/out referendum and to lead a campaign for the UK to stay in the EU. Yet, for all the technical reforms packed into it, the deal is neither a crowd pleaser nor a vote winner. It does, however, mark a watershed acknowledgement that EU integration is not a one-directional process of 'ever closer union'. Different paths of integration are now open to member states that do not compel them towards a common destination. This deal will effectively lead to a legally binding recognition that the UK is not committed to further political integration in the EU.

In this Special Report, Stefani Weiss and Steven Blockmans analyse the substance of the "Decision of the Heads of State or Government, meeting within the European Council, concerning a New Settlement for the United Kingdom within the European Union" and shed light on its legal character. They do so by contextualising this EU deal to avoid Brexit, and draw on the conclusions reached in a simulation of European Council negotiations between representatives of think tanks in the European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN), conducted by CEPS and the Bertelsmann Stiftung in October 2015.



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Fabian Zuleeg

After some drama, the EU Summit produced the expected result: an agreement on the UK-EU relationship that broadly reflects the demands Prime Minister Cameron set out in his letter to President Tusk in November 2015. This reveals that no other EU leader wants to see the UK leave, given the political and economic costs this implies for the EU as a whole, especially in such a crises-dominated period.

As widely expected, David Cameron has now set the date for the in-out referendum for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June of this year. The reactions in the UK were predictable. The opponents of EU membership claim that the deal does not restore sovereignty to the UK and does not do enough to reduce migration numbers. The Conservative Party is split, with a significant part campaigning for a Brexit, including six Cabinet members and Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London. The media has been highly critical of the deal struck in Brussels, while most of the political establishment and big businesses is, more or less reluctantly, lining up behind the campaign to remain in the EU.

#### A domestic affair

With this deal, the rest of the EU did what it could to encourage a positive outcome of the referendum. Unless the deal unravels in some way, which is unlikely in this short timeframe, the focus of the debate will now be exclusively on the UK itself. The deal is unlikely to have a lot of resonance with the general public, with claims and counter-claims over its significance and impact cancelling each other out, but it provides the Yes campaign with the hook to argue that this is about staying in a reformed EU.

The debate in the UK will, most likely, focus on migration and economics. While opponents of EU membership will argue that only a Brexit can restore sovereignty and thus control over the UK's borders, the proponents of EU membership will focus on the inherent uncertainty of leaving the EU and the risk this might pose for growth and jobs.

Neither campaigns are likely to look at the fundamental question: in today's world, how do you deal with the kind of cross-border challenges that cannot be addressed at the national level? While the EU is certainly not perfect, it provides the only credible instrument for European countries. In other words, what is the alternative to EU membership?

#### An uncertain outcome

Referenda are difficult to predict, with momentum, internal – including the popularity of the Prime Minister – and external factors, such as migrant flows or the overall state of the EU, likely to have a significant effect. It will probably be a close-run affair, with no decisive majority emerging for either side. Much will hinge on participation: the silent majority is likely to be risk-averse, so if they vote, they are more likely to back the remain campaign.

There are going to be big regional differences, with Scotland likely to vote decisively to stay in, raising the spectrum of a new independence referendum if the overall vote backs Brexit. Much of Southern England is likely to be opposed to EU membership, with the exception of London, where participation is likely to be crucial. In the Midlands and the North of England, EU membership itself is not likely to be decisive, but migration could well be.

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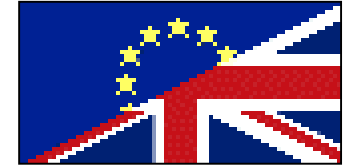
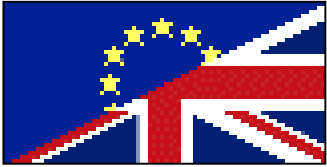


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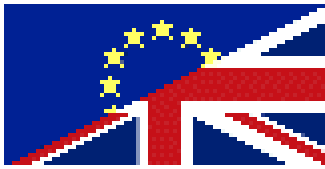




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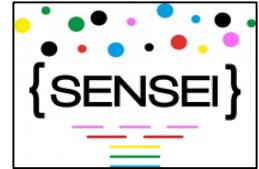
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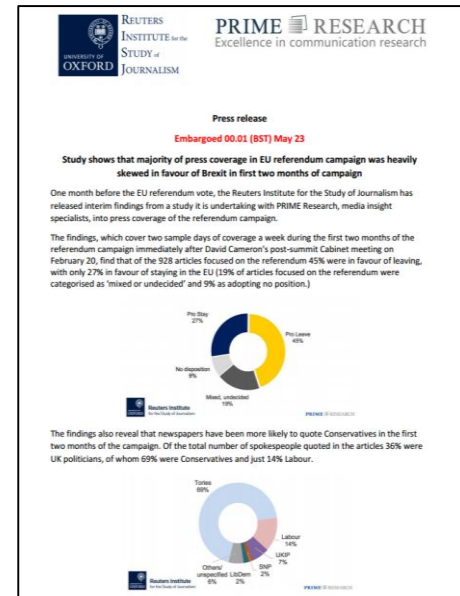
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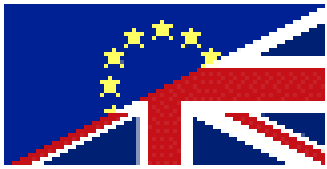


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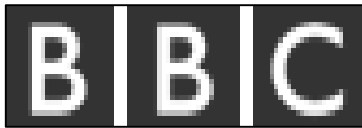
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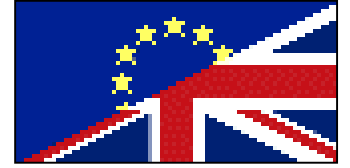
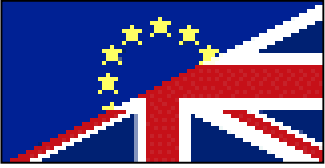


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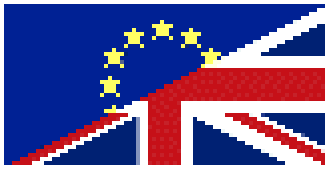
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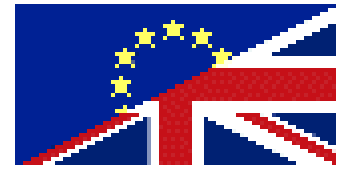
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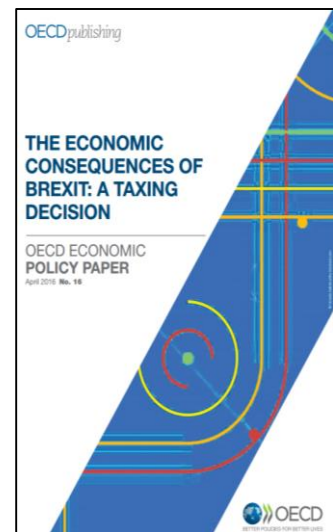
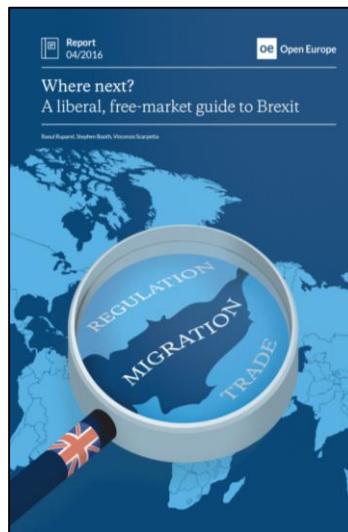
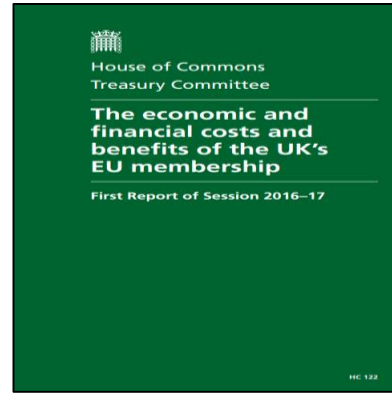
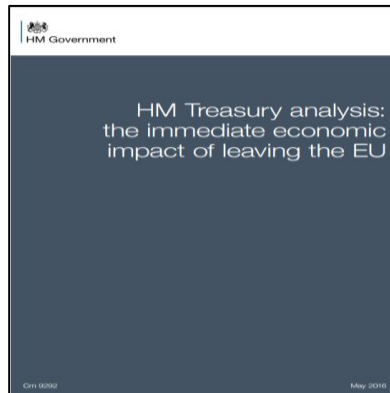
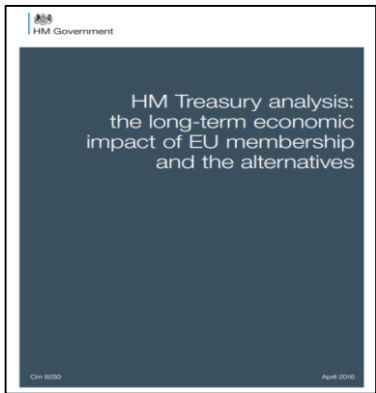
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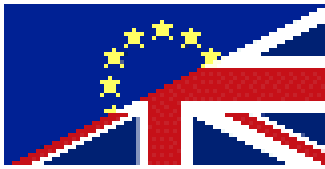


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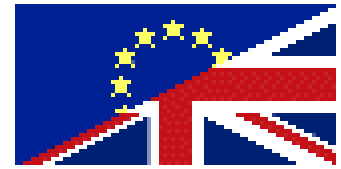
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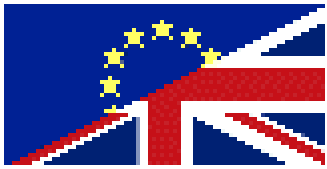
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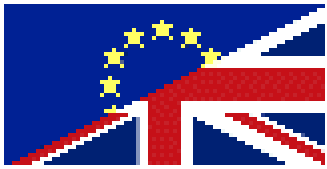
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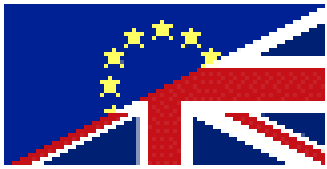


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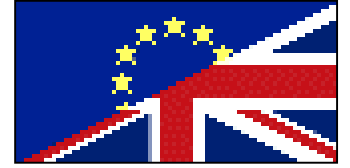
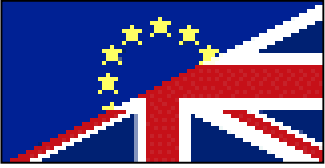
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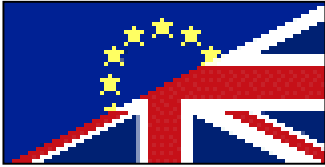
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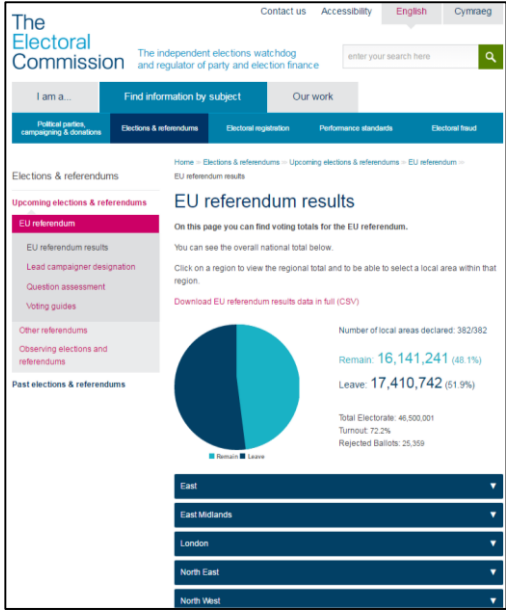
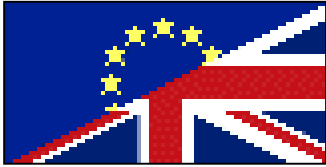
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### UK withdrawal from the EU – Next steps

The referendum held in the United Kingdom on 23 June on the question of whether to remain in, or leave, the European Union resulted in 51.9% of those voting (on a 71.8% turn-out) supporting withdrawal from the Union. Although, formally speaking, the referendum was consultative, the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, and his government had indicated clearly in advance that the outcome would be considered binding. In announcing his resignation, Cameron said that the UK would activate the procedure set out in Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) enabling a Member State to withdraw, but that this process would wait until his successor had been chosen (by October). In a resolution adopted at the conclusion of a special plenary session on 28 June, MEPs called on the UK government to instigate ‘a swift and coherent implementation of the withdrawal procedure’, to prevent ‘damaging uncertainty for everyone and to protect the Union’s integrity’.

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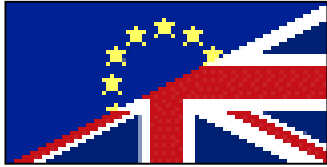
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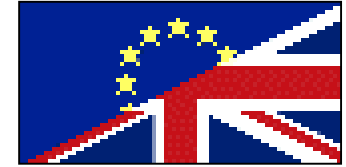
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**EU referendum outcome: PM statement, 24 June 2016**

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
 Delivered on: 24 June 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
 Location: Downing Street, London  
 First published: 24 June 2016  
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Prime Minister David Cameron made a statement in Downing Street on the outcome of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

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From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
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 Part of: EU referendum, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands and USA

Prime Minister David Cameron spoke to President Barack Obama and a number of European leaders following the outcome of the EU referendum.

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Prime Minister, David Cameron, is to make a statement in the House of Commons on Monday 27 June on the outcome of the EU referendum.

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Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne following the outcome of the EU referendum.

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An article by Secretary of State Sajid Javid on the result of the EU referendum. Originally published in The Sunday Times.

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**Implications of the EU referendum for the UK's international role**

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The Foreign Affairs Committee is holding a one-off evidence session on the implications of the vote to leave the EU for the UK's global role and for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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**PM Commons statement on the European Council: 29 June 2016**

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
 Delivered on: 29 June 2016  
 Location: House of Commons, Houses of Parliament  
 First published: 29 June 2016  
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Prime Minister David Cameron gave a statement in the House of Commons on yesterday's European Council.

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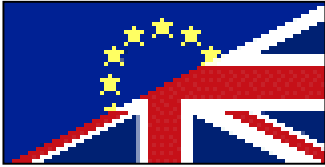
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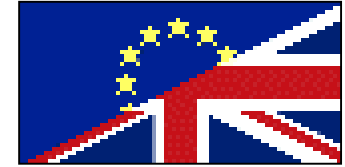
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 First published: 29 June 2016  
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Prime Minister David Cameron gave a statement and answered questions following the European Council meeting on 28 June 2016.

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## Joint statement by Schulz, Tusk, Rutte and Juncker on UK referendum outcome

[24-06-2016 - 12:57]

**EP President Martin Schulz, European Council President Donald Tusk and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte met Friday morning in Brussels at the invitation of EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. They discussed the outcome of the United Kingdom referendum and made the following joint statement:**

"In a free and democratic process, the British people have expressed their wish to leave the European Union. We regret this decision but respect it.

This is an unprecedented situation but we are united in our response. We will stand strong and uphold the EU's core values of promoting peace and the well-being of its peoples. The Union of 27 Member States will continue. The Union is the framework of our common political future. We are bound together by history, geography and common interests and will develop our cooperation on this basis. Together we will address our common challenge to generate growth, increase prosperity and ensure a safe and secure environment for our citizens. The institutions will play their full role in this endeavour.

We now expect the United Kingdom government to give effect to this decision of the British people as soon as possible, however painful that process may be. Any delay would unnecessarily prolong uncertainty. We have rules to deal with this in an orderly way. Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union sets out the procedure to be followed if a

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## ECB is closely monitoring financial markets

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ECB continues to fulfil its responsibilities to ensure price stability and financial stability in the euro area

Following the outcome of the UK referendum, the European Central Bank (ECB) is closely monitoring financial markets and is in close contact with other central banks.

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## MEPs call for swift Brexit to end uncertainty and for deep EU reform

[20-06-2016 - 12:54]

**The UK must respect the wish of a majority of its citizens, entirely, fully and as soon as possible, by officially withdrawing from the EU before any new relationship arrangements can be made, says the European Parliament in a resolution voted after an extraordinary plenary debate on Tuesday. MEPs also stress the urgent need for reforms to ensure that the EU lives up to its citizens' expectations.**

After a debate between Parliament's political group leaders, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and Dutch Minister Jeanine Hennis-Flasscheert, representing the EU Council's rotating presidency, Parliament voted a resolution on Wednesday after the UK referendum on 23 June, in which it was approved by 398 to 201, with 71 abstentions.

Parliament calls upon the UK government to respect its people's democratic decision with a swift and coherent implementation of the withdrawal procedure, i.e. by activating Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union so as to allow withdrawal negotiations to start as soon as possible.

To prevent damaging uncertainty for everyone and to protect the Union's integrity, the UK Prime Minister should notify the outcome of the referendum to the European Council of 28-29 June, in order to launch the withdrawal procedure and negotiations as soon as possible, urge MEPs.

MEPs recall that the European Parliament's consent for the withdrawal agreement and any future relationship is required under the Treaties, and that it must be fully involved at all stages of the various procedures.

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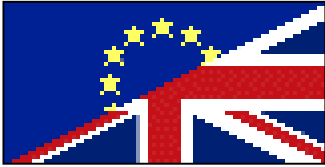
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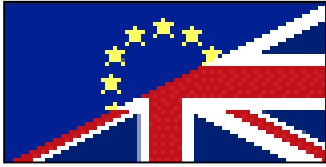
We, the Heads of State or Government of 27 Member States, as well as the Presidents of the European Council and the European Commission, deeply regret the outcome of the referendum in the UK but we respect the will expressed by a majority of the British people. Until the UK leaves the EU, EU law continues to apply to and within the UK, both when it comes to rights and obligations.

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By Vaughne Miller, Arabella Lang

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By Elise Uberoi

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**Financial services after the referendum**

By Timothy Edmonds

**1. Commentary on the referendum result**

The vote to leave the EU at an as yet unspecified date in the future has severe implications for the financial services sector, an economic sector which is critical to the UK economy. The degree of inter-linkage between the 'City' and the EU economies is substantial economically speaking and intricate in terms of the legislative interface.

This note brings together some immediate responses from relevant organisations. There is no intention to analyse the comments, merely to present what is available as it is published. The choice of material reflects what there was. Other material and commentaries can be found.

A fuller analysis of issues in a wide range of areas can be found in a previous Library Note – EU referendum: impact of an EU exit on the UK's policy areas.

All entries are dated 24 June unless otherwise stated. Other material will be added as it becomes available.

**The Bank of England**  
The Bank of England through the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) is responsible for financial stability in the United Kingdom.

The people of the United Kingdom have voted to leave the European Union.

Immediately, there will be a period of uncertainty and adjustment following this result. [...]

Some market and economic volatility can be expected as this process unfolds. But we are well prepared for this. The Treasury and the Bank of England have engaged in extensive contingency planning and the Chancellor and I have been in close contact, including through the night and this morning.

The Bank will not hesitate to take additional measures as required as those markets adjust and the UK economy moves forward.

These adjustments will be supported by a resilient UK financial system – one that the Bank of England has consistently strengthened over the last seven years.

The capital requirements of our largest banks are now ten times higher than before the crisis. The Bank of England has stress tested them against scenarios more severe than the country currently faces. As a result of these actions, UK banks have raised over £ 30bn of capital, and now have more than 1,000bn of high quality liquid assets.

Why does this matter?

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**Leaving the EU: Parliament's Role in the Process**

Following a vote in the referendum on 23 June 2016 in favour of the UK leaving the European Union, the Prime Minister said that this decision "must be accepted", adding that "Parliament will clearly have a role in making sure that we find the best way forward". Drawing on parliamentary material and recent legal and constitutional comment, this Library briefing examines what Parliament's role would be in the process of withdrawing from the European Union in several key areas.

**Invoking Article 50**—The Prime Minister has said it would be for his successor and his or her Cabinet to decide whether the House of Commons should have a vote on the decision to trigger Article 50, the formal process set out in the Treaty on European Union for member states to follow should they decide to leave the EU. Some legal commentators agree that prerogative powers would enable a Prime Minister to take this decision; some have suggested that Parliament could have a role, and others have gone further, arguing that prior parliamentary approval would be required before Article 50 could be invoked.

**Overseeing the Negotiation Process**—Formal negotiations between the UK and the European Union would not begin until the UK made a notification under Article 50 of its decision to withdraw from the EU. Parliament's involvement in overseeing or scrutinising such negotiations has not yet been set out in great detail. The chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee has called for Parliament to be "fully involved" in the process.

**Ratifying Agreements**—Parliament would have a statutory role in ratifying an eventual withdrawal agreement and any other international agreements arising from the negotiations if they were subject to the usual procedure for ratifying treaties. The House of Commons potentially has the power to block the ratification of a treaty indefinitely; the House of Lords does not. Under the terms of Article 50, the UK's membership would cease two years after it gave formal notification of its intention to leave, if no withdrawal agreement had come into force by that point, although the two-year period could be extended on the unanimous agreement of all EU member states.

**Repealing and Reviewing Domestic Legislation**—As part of the process of leaving the EU, decisions would need to be made about how to deal with existing domestic legislation passed to enable EU law to have effect in the UK, a process which the House of Lords European Union Committee has described as "domestic disentanglement from EU law". Parliament would have an important role to play in reviewing, repealing, amending and replacing legislation, a process which is predicted by many to be complex and time-consuming. Once the UK had formally triggered Article 50, its timescales would apply independently of Parliament approving domestic legislative changes associated with leaving the EU.

Nicola Newton  
30 June 2016  
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**Leaving the EU: How might people currently exercising free movement rights be affected?**

Published Monday, June 27, 2016

Many constituents are asking how leaving the EU would affect the immigration status and entitlements of British citizens currently living in other EU Member States, and EU citizens living in the UK.

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**Tax after the EU referendum**

By Antony Seely

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Compiled by Julie Gill and Tom Redburn

Subject specialist: Vaughne Miller

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**Brexit: how did the UK vote?**

The UK voted to leave the European Union on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. Leave won 52.0% of the vote across the UK, including 52.0% in England, 52.0% in Wales, 49.2% in Northern Ireland and 30.2% in Scotland. Remain won 48.0% of the vote across the UK, including 48.0% in England, 48.0% in Wales, 50.8% in Northern Ireland and 69.8% in Scotland. Remain won 100% of the vote across the 16 electoral regions, Scotland, Northern Ireland and London.

Early analysis suggests a strong correlation between the proportion of people who voted Leave and the proportion of people who voted for UKIP in the 2015 European Parliament elections. There was also a strong correlation between Remain votes and the proportion of people who voted for Labour. Leave votes were more heavily correlated with older age and age.

Support for Leave across the UK

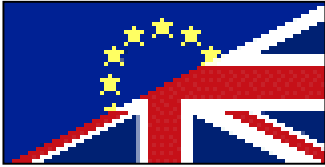
Remainers have pointed out that support for Remain was concentrated in London, Northern Ireland and Scotland. But not all electoral regions were equal. The more votes, the greater the impact on the national result. The chart below shows how each electoral region contributed to the national result.

The largest number of both Leave and Remain votes were cast in the South East of England.

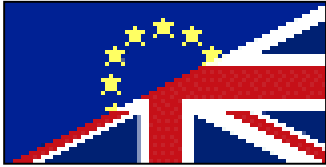
Maps of the national vote by electoral region

Electoral Region	Leave (%)	Remain (%)
South East	58.0	42.0
South West	52.0	48.0
East of England	52.0	48.0
East Midlands	52.0	48.0
West Midlands	52.0	48.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	52.0	48.0
North East	52.0	48.0
North West	52.0	48.0
London	59.0	41.0
Northern Ireland	52.0	48.0
Scotland	48.0	52.0





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Insight: Charles Grant  
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**Brexit: The Reality**

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Dr Robin Willett DMG  
Director, Chatham House

The politicians who will lead the UK out of the EU must guard against allowing a yawning gap to emerge between their political rhetoric and the realities facing Britain outside.

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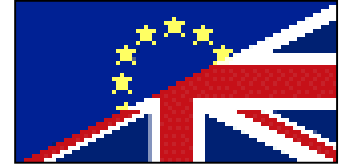
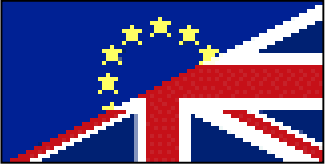
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**Brexit: a new beginning for the EU or the beginning of the end?**

Fabian Zuleeg and Janis A. Emmanouilidis

Despite all the evidence presented by a range of respected figures and institutions, and the paucity of the arguments on the Brexit side, which failed to set out the alternative to EU membership, the emotional appeal for 'independence' has won. This is a bad day for Europe. The Remain campaign has not connected with enough voters, with the perceived need to limit migration, the wish to make decisions independent of the EU and a vote against 'the establishment' all seemingly playing a role.

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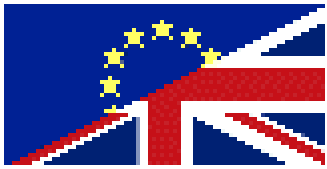


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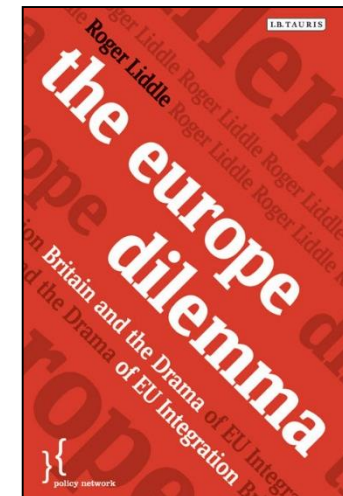
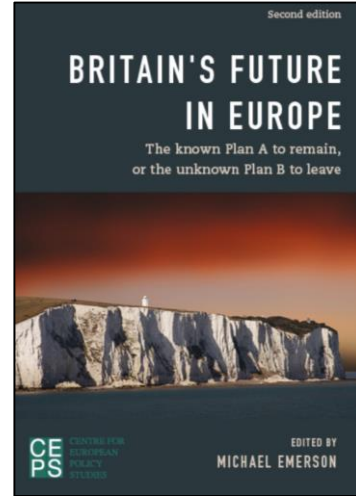
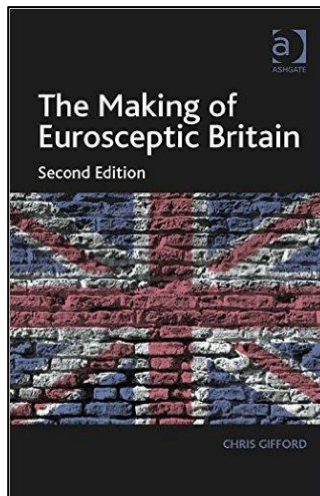
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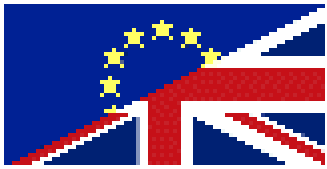




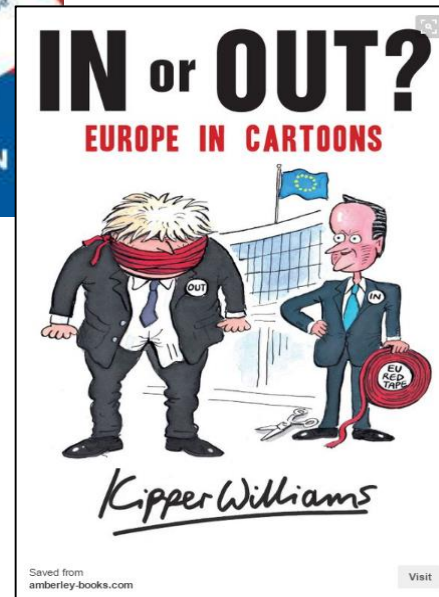
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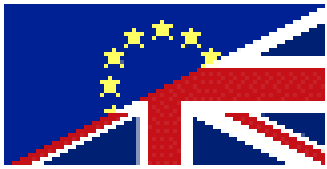
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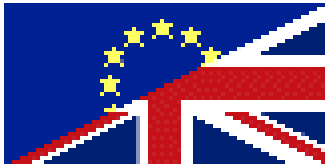
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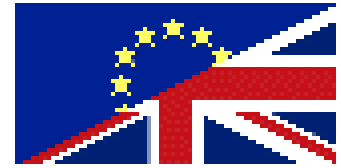


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