

## Will Brexit save the UK Fishing Industry?

The Save Britain's Fish campaign has laid out an interesting assessment of the governments version of a transition deal (see below).

Brexit creates a golden opportunity to regain 70% of the UK's fisheries resources and rejuvenate a multi-billion pound industry for the nation – becoming as sustainable and successful as Norway, Iceland and Faroe.

Although 23rd June 2016 was a great and historic day it was merely a signal of intent – Brexit must now mean Brexit.

### Tied into a punitive transition by Njordr AB

"It's appropriate for those of us in the fishing industry to expect winter storms, we are used to them, but are our Government ready for the storm of their own making?" says John Ashworth.

What some commentators thought was the best news to end 2017 was that our Government managed to move the Brexit negotiations from phase one to two.

In reality it is to phase one and a half, because any notion of a transition (or implementation) period was not on the original agenda of Article 50 or Withdrawal.

The idea of a transition is an addition by government, and it is this proposal that will cause the storm when the full reality of what is proposed dawns on MPs and the

public.

The recommendations pouring out of the EU institutions for the proposed 21month transition are horrific; Continued payment, Continued ECJ judicial oversight, No representation and Acceptance of the entire EU *Acquis* (all EU law) in full.

Agreeing to this would see Britain officially 'leave' the EU at one second past 11pm on March 29th to then be back under EU law in a worse position at two seconds past 11pm as part of the new 'transition' deal.

For the fishing industry that would mean a continuation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) for another 21 months, or possibly forever, as the EU could look to dispute 'continuity of rights' with Britain having re-agreed to obey the CFP as part of a 'transition'.

Storms expose weaknesses, and for the Government it will be the weakness of their whole Brexit strategy of pursuing a transition as they try to obtain the fallacy of a 'deep and special relationship' with the EU, which Mrs May first eluded to in her Lancaster House speech.

Here Mrs May mentioned, *'The United Kingdom would seek to secure a new, deep and special partnership with the European Union'*.

This however begs the question what does Mrs May define as 'deep and special' and at what level is the starting point of this relationship based on? Is it;

a) An imitation of the present circumstances where a new relationship sees a continuation of

preferences conferred as a full EU member.

Or

b) Starting from ground zero with a clean sheet and building an entirely new relationship from there.

It's fair to say the electorate (with all the hype that has been created) think Mrs May is trudging towards an agreement similar to point (a). Whereas the reality of what the EU is offering is something closer to point (b).

The problem is that the British political class have convinced (or deluded) themselves that the EU is an economic project where continuation of a 'deep and special' relationship should be obtainable for everyone's best economic interests.

This is in stark contrast to the continental politicians pronouncements that the EU is a political project where the unity, integrity and solidarity of the project and the remaining 27 EU member States comes first.

For the European Union this is a political battle to save *'Le project'* not an economic one. The EU fears that being seen to give an 'escaping' member state 'deep and special' terms after having left would compromise the project.

This is why the EU has played an excruciating game of hardball thus far in negotiations – they are approaching it from securing the project – economic considerations come second.

It is this failure of understanding by

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the British political class (wilful or accidental), that so long as economics trumped all the EU would come to sensible terms, that has led to the current failure of approach.

Rather than accepting that there is no 'deep and special' partnership to be had and to crack on with provisions for the UK to leave with no deal, time was wasted expecting the EU to bow to economic pressure as 'Remainers' sought and hoped for continued close alignment.

As the government wasted time with this delusion, whilst being unprepared to seriously accept walking away, they have realised they needed more time and this is where the idea of a 'transition' period came from.

It is no wonder Barnier was delighted that the UK asked for a transitional period, it suits the EU very nicely, as the 'transition' is part of the deal AFTER the UK officially leaves

under Article 50 it is only in the EU's gift to give and on the EU's terms.

As the EU looks to protect the projects integrity the stringent and punitive terms the EU has laid down make clear Britain could find herself in a position of total subservience to the EU to gain a transition.

The EU will not budge an inch from their stringent terms, no matter how much the British political class will them to do so out of economic 'sense' or a feeling of how could the EU project treat its faithful adherents so.

The big question is what is the 'transition' for? What is the cost/benefit analysis? None it would seem.

As the EU has made pertinently clear a 'transition' is a period where the UK will be held in some sort of legal suspension, until we hit the end of the 'transition' whether a new deal is reached or not.

This is not an 'implementation'

period which sees a gentle unwinding towards a future 'deep and special' partnership.

Only some MP's understand what is being proposed and the legal context that will underpin it. Where we will have wasted 21 months for nothing and on 1st. January 2021 we could be no further forward despite political submission to the EU for the 'transition' after we left

Most MP's hide behind the idea that there will be a 'deep and special relationship' but that is clearly not what is on offer.

Brexit was about 'taking back control' yet what is proposed for a 'transition' is the polar opposite.

As this will go to the vote it is up to MP's to prove that they are prepared to fulfill the peoples expressed will as their elected representatives by taking back control and not signing up to a transition where the UK will be locked in to further subservience."

## Trans-Pacific Partnership

International trade secretary Liam Fox has not ruled out the UK joining a multi-national Pacific free trade zone after Brexit.

Ministers have held informal talks on joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Britain would be the first member of the trade agreement to NOT border the

Pacific Ocean or the South China Sea.

Mr Fox said the UK wanted to see how the TPP evolved after America's possible exit from it before making such a move.

Meanwhile, Daniel Hannan MEP recently pointed out in the *Daily Telegraph* Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, USA and Canada, are all

Pacific rim countries, common law based and English speaking. Australia has 27 years without a recession and New Zealand has enjoyed economic growth for 24 of the last 25 quarters.

In further food for thought, Hannan also reminds us that the flight from London to Beijing is shorter than from Sydney to Beijing!

## UK on the up and up

The UK's boat and yacht industry has seen revenues surge to their highest level since the financial crisis after the weaker pound has helped to drive up sales.

According to a report by the lobby group British Marine, sales rose by 3.4% to £3.1 billion in the year to April 2017. It also said that the depreciation of the pound since the EU referendum

has boosted the sector by making products cheaper for international buyers.

Overseas sales for UK marine manufacturers rose by 4.7% last year.

When it comes to manufacturing the UK output is expanding at its fastest rate since early 2008, after recording its 7th consecutive month of growth in November.

Renewable energy projects boats, aeroplanes and cars for export helped make output 3.9% higher in the three months to November 2017, than in 2016.

Furthermore, in the UK unemployment rate fell by 3,000 to 1.44 million in the three months to November according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

# Recommendations to UK government

Extract from "The Brexit Concordia" information sheet

After offering suggestions on what Brexit deals are currently under consideration a new organisation the Brexit Concordia makes these valid observations.

## Remember why you voted to leave!

- \* No to being ruled by Unelected Bureaucrats with their laws imposed on UK.
- \* NO to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) over-ruling UK Courts and Laws.
- \* NO to Uncontrolled Immigration.
- \* No to the Euro.
- \* NO to a European Super-states with all its trappings and EU army military police on our streets.

## What the Government must do now

Emergency Planning Powers for pre-Brexit essential preparations.<sup>1</sup>

Import/Export Essentials (both sides of the Channel):

Adequate Extra Lorry waiting areas near all ports;<sup>1</sup>

Accelerated check-in for compliant lorries;<sup>2</sup>

More Custom Officers in the UK and EU Channel Ports to expedite Roll-on Roll-off operations;<sup>2</sup>

New essential Electronic systems for Ro-Ro control;<sup>3</sup>

Improved Electronic system for Containerised trade (CHIEF) in 2018 not 2020!<sup>4</sup>

Ensure the British Standards Institution (BSI) remains a full member of European Standards Organisations when we leave and thus influence standard-setting.<sup>3</sup>

Establish a National system acceptable to the EU for verifying the certification-of-comformity for EU-bound goods, and Recruit Inspectors to oversee this.<sup>3</sup>

New UK Fisheries Laws & Regulations & immediately leave the Common Fisheries Policy.<sup>5</sup>

Procure Ten Fisheries and Border Protection vessels.<sup>5</sup>

Legislation to require *prime facie* evidence tested in UK court before any

Extradition, with immediate effect.

Not Agree to any measure which impairs any of our British historic conventions and institutions which have made us one of the Greatest Countries the World has ever seen.<sup>6</sup>

## Say:

YES to being governed by your own ELECTED Parliament (even if you do not agree with a specific one)

YES to our own Independent Judiciary and Common Law

YES to a free United Kingdom

Write, email or speak to your MP demanding a proper Brexit and a good deal for our UK fisherman.

## NOTES:

The EU Commission's attitude to Brexit is in breach of both WTO rules and EU Treaties (which talk of mutual co-operation and respect) and is specifically contrary to Article-50 of the Lisbon Treaty which states: "the Union shall negotiate and conclude an agreement with that State, setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal, *taking account of the framework for its future relationship with the Union*" (writers italics); that is, the agreement cannot be finalised until a framework for a trade deal is agreed.

The EU's stance, and in particular that of the Dublin government, is in direct contravention of United Nations *Declaration on the Principles of International Law...* (2625-XXV 1970) which states that no State may encourage the use of economic, political or any other measures *to coerce another state* - in order to attain from it, the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights - and to secure from it advantages of any kind (writers italics). The fact is, when we are OUT the NI/S Ireland border will be like a UK port.

EFTA (European Free Trade Area) was set up by the British in 1960. It does not aim for political integration, it does not issue legislation nor is it a customs union (which requires conformity & same tariffs in all states). It has existing Free Trade Agreements with 26 states

including Canada. It provides for nearly all of the features of EU membership, but... EFTA now includes provisions for the free movement of people under EU *Directive 2004/38* which gives only very limited means of control or expulsion.

Remain Voters please read Mr Cameron's moderate reformist speech at Chatham House ([www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-speech-on-europe](http://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-speech-on-europe)) if you want to understand why even euro-moderates voted leave after his failed re-negotiation in 2015; then read The Five Presidents' Report *The Fundamental Laws of the EU* [www.spinelligroup.eu](http://www.spinelligroup.eu) - spells it all out in black and white

'The EU is the old Soviet Union in Western clothes'; Mikhail Gorbachev ex President USSR. 'The EU is a reincarnation of the of the former Soviet Union'; Pravda 4/11/2009

*Maastricht* (Article-42) established the mechanism for a European Army, the *Treaty of Velsen* (Oct 2007) the creation of EUROGENDFOR - a multinational armed police force with military status; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European\\_Gendarmerie\\_Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Gendarmerie_Force).

1) Without emergency powers, planning will take too long and never happen; extra holding-space will be needed!

2) Like Containers, lorries from Certified Manufacturers and Authorised Operators with the correct paperwork can then be fast-tracked and only subject to limited Inspection for EU compliance.

3) It is essential that we have an adequate recognized system for certifying compliance with EU standards; certification is regulated by the EU, but the standards themselves are not, they are independent and but Europe-wide.

4) Currently about 2% of goods, lorries or containers are manually checked by customs. There is no current electronic system for registered and checking lorries, and the one for containers (CHIEF) is already overloaded.

5) [www.ffl.org.uk](http://www.ffl.org.uk) a non political pressure group of fishermen.

6) 'The most successful nation in the history of the world'; J Hawkins (2009) ISBN: 978-1-4490-5682-7.

# Can the UK learn from Russia?

Rodney Atkinson

Russia may have many qualities not desired by the west, but looking at the economic performance of Russia over the last year, Atkinson possess an interesting economic question!

“Russia has had a good 2017, despite western sanctions, military provocations by NATO and the EU and the costs of the successful interventions in Syria. Interest rates have been cut and yet still provide a good real rate of return (about 5%) for Russians. The country’s budget deficit is estimated to be less than 1% (the UK is about 3%) The country’s gold and foreign exchange reserves are up 30%. The economy has come out of recession with four successive quarters of growth, inflation has come down to 2.9% which is a near record low for Russia.

Russia, under attack from the West – and the aggressive but weak British Foreign Secretary – has shown generosity of spirit to the British in this deep mid winter. Despite the anti Russian sanctions a Russian tanker Christophe de Margerie has brought the first delivery of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the UK. Because of a crack in a 42 year old pipeline bringing gas from North Sea fields we in Britain are critically short of gas.

The second irony of this delivery from Russia on whom we apply sanctions is that it comes from the Yamal LNG project in the Russian Arctic where TOTAL is a 20% partner. TOTAL is a a French company and France is also applying sanctions on Russia.

Having suffered from the collapse in the oil price the Russian economy and the Russian Treasury has recovered with oil tax revenues now accounting for only about 39% of all revenues and of course a significant rise in the oil price during 2017 has benefitted the economy as a whole. Russia has increased oil extraction in the Arctic region by more than 20% in the first half of 2017 in comparison to the same

period last year, with the total output amounting to 13.6 million tonnes.

2017 was a post soviet record for grain production and record grain exports have been achieved.

Foreign investors are taking a very positive view of Russia. Based on the data of the holdings of 126 funds with combined assets of \$300bn in emerging markets, 72.8 per cent are now overweight on Russia, compared with only 60 per cent with an outsize position in India. One Swiss fund manager said:

*‘I was publicly critical of investing in Russia. I have covered Russia for 25 years and this is the most I have had,’ he said.*

The accountancy firm PwC released a report in late 2017 with growth forecasts to 2050 for 32 of the world’s largest economies. They predict that:

*‘Japan ,Germany and GB just cling on to their top ten positions at No 8,9 and 10 while China and India are No 1 and 2 and Russia stays at No 6.’*

Compared to the other major EU economies France (12th) and Italy (21st) Russia is expected to do well. The EU will continue its historical decline – so the UK has made the right choice to leave but has made the wrong choice to make an enemy of Russia. Maybe that is because the British PEOPLE decided to leave the EU while the British POLITICAL CLASS decided to attack Russia.

Russian social statistics also greatly improved, with a better birth rate and lower mortality rate. Life expectancy is up. Capital investment rose 4%.

We know that Russia is now above the USA in the world table for tackling business corruption – and what a year Germany and France have had for showing the corrupt practices of their industries!

The future is likely to be politically stable with Vladimir Putin enjoying his customary 80% rating and no credible alternative policies or political figures capable of gathering support.

There is no substitute (especially in

this era of fake western news media) than the reports from those who actually live in Russia and a friend who lives in Novosibirsk sent the following about a trip to Moscow:

*I was travelling on the Metro with a Russian friend last night. He is a student at university in his fourth year in Moscow, originally from a closed town near Krasnoyarsk. As we were going down the escalator at Belarus Station he asked me if I had noticed how much cleaner and safer Moscow had become in the past few years? – i.e. the four years he has been in Moscow.*

*I hadn’t really thought about it but realise now how true this is. Of course, it IS much safer than it was 14 years ago when first I came. But the amount of litter that used to be on the streets and in the metro was very great even a few years ago. Now it is clean and without any graffiti or litter. There are also far, far fewer beggars in the streets and there are major construction works....*

Vladimir Putin’s highest priorities today are infrastructure and health care and of course (since the corrupt Yeltsin years when the West built up the corporatist systems which have served us so badly in the West) the perennial fight against big business corruption and the political machinations of the Oligarchs created by western advisers. Many of those oligarchs fled to the West with their ill-gotten gains, in particular London.

With the repayment of \$152m to Bosnia, Russia has now paid off the last outstanding debt of the old Communist Soviet Union. Unlike the former Republics which became independent after the USSR broke up and were relieved of their share of Soviet debt, Russia took that debt on and has been repaying it over the years.

Russia’s external debt is tiny and is yet another reason why the western sanctions are having so little effect.

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## Russia compared to the UK

There is of course much to be done in Russian politics and economics – but the important thing is that the country and its economy are moving in the right direction. The recovery has been remarkable. If we compare Russia with the UK we see:

- \* A strong Christian revival
- \* The rule of the will of the vast majority

\* Strong family based moral leadership

- \* encouragement of small business
- \* very low personal taxes
- \* immigrant control
- \* good capital investment
- \* good savings rate
- \* good return on savings
- \* strong defence (at very low cost compared to USA)

- \* a successful foreign policy

On all these criteria the UK is failing disastrously and both the Government and the official opposition are disliked intensely. Many Brits might well consider, as they flee a heavily indebted country with internal disruption from mass migrations and Islamic extremism, that Russia might by comparison be a good prospect!"

*Further information:*

[www.freenations.org.uk](http://www.freenations.org.uk)

## Italy's upcoming election

What is going to happen in Italy now it has been confirmed that the centre-left parliament led by Paolo Gentiloni's has been dissolved by the Italian president?

The election is to be held on the 4th March and could in theory mark the return of the former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi as the leader of the centre-right Forza Italia party to the centre of power. However, he could not become prime minister due to his conviction for tax fraud.

How this will effect the upcoming EU summit in Brussels on March 22nd

could be of significant interest to the UK considering the Brexit situation.

At the March summit amongst the items to be discussed are; the single market, defence, trade and the digital economy in terms of taxation.

The current polls in Italy appear to show that there is likely to be no outright winner and therefore some kind of coalition will be required.

Currently there appears to be little appetite amongst the parties for any kind of coalition so that any agreement could take some considerable time. This could result in Italy having to

attending the EU summit with Gentiloni as a weak caretaker prime minister.

According to Paolo Gentiloni Italy could handle a period of uncertainty.

"We must not dramatise the risk of instability, we are quite inoculated against it".

The other large parties include the Democratic Party led by Renzi, the populist party the Five Star Movement led by Luigi Di Maio - a party that has previously promised a referendum on Italy's eurozone membership.

## ECJ rules over Article 50

Many UK politicians keep saying that the UK can change its mind about going ahead with Article 50 which it triggered in June 2016 regarding leaving the EU.

Meanwhile, a European Parliament committee ordered a legal analysis as to whether the UK could by itself revoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty.

As one might have expected the result of the report stated that a

"hypothetical right of revocation" of Article 50 can only be examined by the court, which has "exclusive right to interpret the treaty" that court is the European Court of Justice (ECJ).

Yet again our elected politicians are unaware of the influence of the ECJ.

Then we get to the proposed transition deal in which pro-Europeans think means that we stay fully under the rules of the EU. Whereas the

leavers consider it means we no longer are members of the EU and are therefore able to go ahead with trade talks with other countries during this time.

Who will be deemed to be correct only time will tell or maybe the ECJ will be called upon to make a ruling. The one thing that is certain is that the UK will still be made to pay its full membership fee regardless.

## China's economy still growing fast

Why the EU and the is still showing little economic growth, in the real world China's economy grew by 6.9 per cent in 2017 according to official data.

Beijing's official annual expansion

target was set at 6.5 per cent. Therefore, even though some are sceptical about the 6.9 per cent figure and believe it is actually lower, the result is still impressive.

The Chinese economy is one of the

key drivers of the global economy and the better than expected figure should cheer up investors around the world.

Free from the EU, the UK could take advantage of this ever growing market place in the real world.

# LETTERS

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## Give away Britain

Dear Sir,

For a large part of 2017 and early 2018, the left wing media repeatedly stressed the fact that rail fares are 40 to 70 per cent higher in the UK than in other EU countries and urged the Government to bring back nationalisation of our railways to correct this problem.

However, the January 3rd 2018 edition of the *Daily Telegraph* included an article stating that 18 of the 25 rail franchises in the UK are already state owned, but the states concerned are all foreign. It points out that Arriva is owned by a German Government backed company and the French, Dutch and Italian governments also have stakes in our other railway franchises.

I did some research online and found that the *Telegraph's* claims were completely accurate and the big rise in our rail fares has taken place since Brexit and could be part of another plot to prevent it. I have been trying to publicise the betrayal of British Industry for a long time, but I have never seen anything in the national press before that explains the dangers of foreign takeovers so convincingly. I was initially very hopeful that some sections of the media would welcome the opportunity to ridicule the demand to re-nationalise our railways.

When nothing happened, I scanned the Internet and found that the political parties and the media have long been aware of the sale of railway franchises. In 2014 the RMT union carried out research and came up with the information printed in the *Telegraph* article.

Given these facts, why have the pro – Brexit politicians and media not leapt at the chance to shower the remainers with this information? There can only be one answer, and it is that since the late sixties both the main political parties have participated in the ‘give away’ of British industry whilst watching the other EU countries doing

all they could to stop takeovers of their key companies. These two political parties have to stop wide spread publication of this issue because their lack of industry protection has created a disaster for current and future generations of British citizens. Prior to joining the EU this country owned a significant number of the world's major companies. Selling them does not just mean that the profits go overseas – jobs at all levels in the business go as well.

J BRIAN HEYWOOD

Kent

## UK silence over pollution

Dear Sir,

Is membership of the EU the reason why the UK has not taken action against the German car manufacturer Volkswagen?

In the USA a former Volkswagen executive has been sentenced to seven years in prison and a fine of \$400,00 (£299,000) in the USA, after admitting he helped the firm evade clean-air laws.

Oliver Schmidt, 48 is the second person to be imprisoned in the US over the diesel emissions scandal.

Volkswagen first admitted in September 2015 that it had used illegal software to cheat US emissions test.

The scandal has cost Volkswagen almost \$30 billion.

In contrast the UK has done nothing accept attacking the UK drivers of diesel cars!

RICHARD BARNES

London

## End of democracy

Dear Sir,

I note with grave misgivings about the constant call for Theresa May to stand down as prime minister.

Those calling for this appear to believe that changing the UK prime minister will help in the Brexit negotiations.

‘Remainers’ believe a new leader will keep them largely inside the current EU while paying lip service to the referendum result.

While ‘leavers’ believe they will get a new prime minister who will be more assertive over the negotiations to make sure the UK actually gets a good deal and leaves the direct control of the EU.

What is more likely is that the pro-EU side of the current conservative government (considering they are in the majority) would win throwing the democratic will of the electorate out of the window.

The real issue under threat is democracy, parliament is supposed to be there to represent the will of the electorate.

The turnout over Brexit was greater than the turn-out at the General Election. Failure to implement Brexit simply means the UK will no longer be a democratic country but a dictatorship where voting becomes worthless.

LISA BARNES

Manchester

## Future of UKIP

Dear Sir,

The uncertain future over UKIP is a cause of great sadness.

A party that succeeded in obtaining a vote on the future direction of this country now finds itself suffering from internal problems caused in many ways by its own success.

As Brexit negotiations are carried out by MP's who in the main wish to preserve the status quo, UKIP - at the present time - are powerless to have any influence over the outcome.

Should the UK political class fail the electorate, UKIP will need to reform quickly in order to continue the fight for the voice of UK citizens. The UK will never become a truly United Kingdom until the UK is governed by the UK electorate and not by a foreign bureaucratic institution.

DAVID SAUNDERS

Exeter

# MEETINGS

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Tuesday **13th February**, 6.00 pm

*"Should We Vote Online?"*

**Martyn Thomas**, *IT Livery Company*  
*Professor of Information Technology*

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London EC2

**Admission Free**

**Gresham College**  
020 7831 0575

Tuesday **27th February**, 6.00 pm

*"Shakespeare's Politics"*

**Sir Jonathan Bate**, *Gresham*  
*Professor of Rhetoric*

PUBLIC MEETING

Museum of London, London Wall,  
London EC2

**Admission Free**

**The Economic Research Council**

Wednesday **28th February**, 6.30 pm

*"Economics"*

**Dame Minouche Shafik**, *Director of*  
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*"Nationalist Parties"*

**Vernon Bogdanor CBE FBA**, *Visiting*  
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Russian Presidential Election **18th March**

EU Summit **22nd-23rd March**

Austria takes over EU Council Presidency **1st July**

### 2019

Romania takes over EU Council Presidency **1st January**

Official date for completion of Article 50 negotiations between the UK and the EU **29th March**

EU MEP elections **June**

Finland takes over EU Council Presidency **1st July**

## USEFUL WEB SITES

### **British Constitution Group**

[www.britishconstitutiongroup.com](http://www.britishconstitutiongroup.com)

### **British Future**

[www.britishfuture.org](http://www.britishfuture.org)

### **British Weights & Measures Assoc.**

[www.bwmaonline.com](http://www.bwmaonline.com)

### **Bruges Group**

[www.brugesgroup.com](http://www.brugesgroup.com)

### **Campaign Against Euro-Federalism**

[www.caef.org.uk](http://www.caef.org.uk)

### **Campaign for an Independent Britain**

[www.campaignforanindependentbritain.org.uk](http://www.campaignforanindependentbritain.org.uk)

### **Change Britain**

[www.changebritain.org](http://www.changebritain.org)

### **Conservatives for Britain**

[www.conservativesforbritain.org](http://www.conservativesforbritain.org)

### **Democracy Movement**

[www.democracymovement.org.uk](http://www.democracymovement.org.uk)

### **English Constitution Group**

[www.englishconstitutiongroup.org](http://www.englishconstitutiongroup.org)

### **EU Observer**

[www.euobserver.com](http://www.euobserver.com)

### **EU Truth**

[www.eutruth.org.uk](http://www.eutruth.org.uk)

### **European Commission (London)**

[www.cec.org.uk](http://www.cec.org.uk)

### **European Foundation**

[www.europeanfoundation.org](http://www.europeanfoundation.org)

### **Freedom Association**

[www.tfa.net](http://www.tfa.net)

### **Futurus**

[www.futurus-thinktank.com](http://www.futurus-thinktank.com)

### **Get Britain Out**

[www.getbritainout.org](http://www.getbritainout.org)

### **Global Britain**

[www.globalbritain.org](http://www.globalbritain.org)

### **Global Vision**

[www.global-vision.net](http://www.global-vision.net)

### **GrassRootsOut**

[www.grassrootsout.co.uk](http://www.grassrootsout.co.uk)

### **June Press (Publications)**

[www.junepress.com](http://www.junepress.com)

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