

Hi Roger, Thank you concordanceout.eu

PESCO AND THE EU by Simon Blanchard Jamaica.

Why is the UK not withdrawing from involvement with PESCO?

There are several reasons, but mainly because the British government and the Treasury see it as a way to save money and make even more cuts by getting EU member states forces to plug massive gaps in our military capability and pretend that in reality we are making our 2% spending commitments to NATO **using creative and gymnastic accounting**. EG lthe UK is including pensions and intelligence gathering as Defence spending which were not previously counted as defence spending.

<https://www.aol.co.uk/news/2018/02/15/nato-head-defends-inclusion-of-pensions-in-alliance-spending-tot/>

Is it possible that the Government also sees that there may conceivably be some lucrative deals made in defence contracts for certain party donors? In addition does the UK government want to be involved in EU foreign policy after Brexit?

The underlying agenda of the EU and it seems this PM and Tory Government is to create a unified military structure across the EU to include the UK. Our UK Armed Forces were originally considered too large to integrate fully.

Yet this course of action surrenders more Sovereignty in breach of the Democratic vote of the Referendum. In addition the EU army and military forces are in competition with NATO.

Despite Brexit there are no changes planned to extract the UK from EU defence union. Indeed, on the contrary, the EU Defence Union has rapidly accelerated since we voted to leave the bloc with a series of EU Council of Minister meetings since July 2016 where UK representatives like Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, Theresa May PM and Michael Fallon the former Defence Secretary declined to veto or object to the proposals on the alleged grounds that we didn't wish to get in the way of EU defence union as we are supposedly "leaving" (in name only).

This act of this UK Government not vetoing EU military plans committed the UK for the future both financially and militarily.

It has been alleged only, but I have seen no proof that one particular interested party is Mr Philip May's (Husband of Theresa May PM) firm Capital Group. It is alleged to be a major shareholder in BAe Systems and the second largest shareholder in Lockheed Martin that make the F35B Joint Strike Fighter plane [itself plagued by mechanical and software problems]. Naturally this cannot be true.

One major problem of the F35B Joint Strike Fighter plane is an alleged failure of the air supply to the cockpit, and thereby causing hypoxia for its pilots. Not a good thing at all!

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/theresa-mays-husbands-capital-group-is-largest-shareholder-in-bae-shares-soar-since-syrian-airstrikes/5636857>

March 2018 Military Schengen

In March 2018, the EU outlined plans to streamline military movements across the Bloc and make infrastructure more suitable for military use. The plan has been dubbed **Military Schengen**.

In my opinion these plans are decades old as we have seen with **HS1 and HS2** which form part of the EU TEN-T rail transport network that could be used to rapidly ferry troops and military

equipment into the UK.

[This is reminiscent of the Paris Financiers who funded the Russian rail expansion West towards Germany's frontiers before 1914 so that the Russians, in pesky alliance with the bellicose French, could jointly attack the Germans. The Germans have never forgotten this vital strategic thinking. editor]

"The 28-member bloc has sought to better integrate defense capabilities and capacities with a vision towards creating a European Defense Union by 2025 and meeting NATO priorities for swift military movements."

Notice the quote from the article says 28 member bloc, not 27.

<http://www.dw.com/en/eu-outlines-plans-for-military-schengen-zone/a-43171043>

Sofia on 5th May 2018 and 22 fold increase in Defence spending.2021-2027

Update from last week when EU ministers of defence met informally in Sofia on 5th May 2018 to review advances in the framework of PESCO to discuss new projects and build on the rapid progress made over the last 2 years with an announcement from Frederica Mogherini of a 22 fold increase in defence spending planned in the latest long term EU Defence budget (2021 - 27) https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/44123/european-defence-17-cooperation-projects-underway-more-follow-later-2018_en

UK –EU Plans from 1957

UK plans to prepare the way for EU military/defence union started way back in 1957 (at the formation of the EEC) under the White Paper from the Conservative Defence Secretary Duncan Sandys, under the pretext of saving money and cooperating under the NATO alliance.

The original plans for a European Defence union (WEU) were shelved, but not forgotten, until the Lisbon Treaty, which came into force in December 2009.

The 1957 White paper set forth a train of planned cuts as the perceived future of the British military was planned to be much smaller. It had profound effects on all aspects of the defence industry but probably the most affected was the British aircraft industry. All British governments since 1957 have carried on with the cuts until what's left of our decimated Armed Forces and defence industry are balanced with EU member states defence forces, making them ripe for integrating into an EU defence union. [The emasculation of the British Military in and from 2010 by Cameron has been devastating upon its effectiveness in every way. Editor]

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There is a Conservative Progress meeting in central London on Saturday 12th May 2018, in which the new Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson will be on the panel delivering a keynote speech. Perhaps he should be asked why we are not leaving EU PESCO.

<http://conservativeprogress.co.uk/a-conservative-renaissance/>