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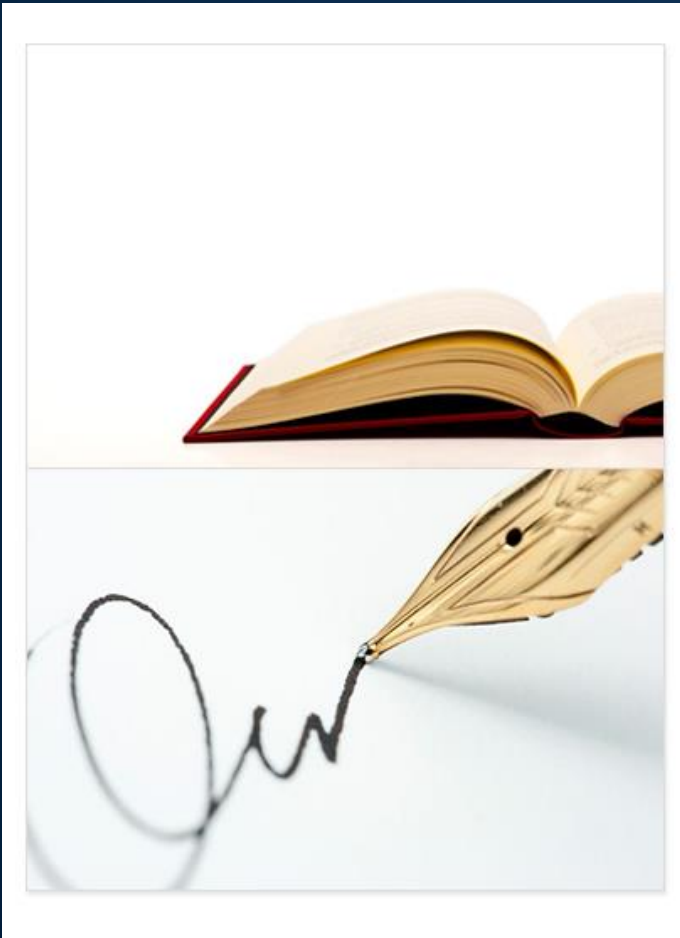
European Parliament

ONE PARLIAMENT IN MANY PLACES

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IMPORTANT EU TREATIES



- **1952*** Treaty of Paris (European Coal and Steel Community)
- **1958** Treaty of Rome
 - European Economic Area (EEC)
 - European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM)
- **1987** Single European Act (SEA)
- **1993** Maastricht Treaty
- **1999** Treaty of Amsterdam
- **2003** Nice Treaty
- **2009** Treaty of Lisbon

**Entry into force*

THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Member states 28

Candidates 5

ENLARGEMENT: FROM 6 TO 28 MEMBERS

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1952

1973

1981

1986

1995

2004

2007

2013

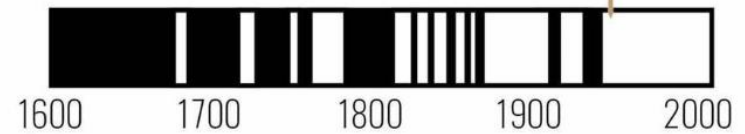
COMPLICATIONS...



European History



□ Peace ■ War



Major conflicts of original EU members





Budapest 1956



Prague 1968



Ukraine 2014-?



Warszaw 1981



Yugoslavia
1991-2001



Athens 1973



Madrid 1981

ROME 25 MARS 1957

QU'EST-CE
QU'IL DIT ?

IL DIT, COMME ÇA,
QU'UN JOUR ON SERA
PEUT-ÊTRE 27 OU 28

UN PEU DE
SÉRIEUX
ON TRAVAILLE

AVEC L'ANGLETERRE
TANT QU'ET Y ES !



EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND POWERS

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Council of the
European Union

LEGISLATIVE



European Parliament

LEGISLATIVE



European Council

STRATEGIC



EXECUTIVE



JUDICIAL



EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

**EURO
STABILITY**



EUROPEAN
COURT
OF AUDITORS

AUDIT

KEY INSTITUTIONS

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European Parliament



European Council
Council of the
European Union



751 Members
representing the
EUROPEAN CITIZENS



28 Commissioners
representing the
EU INTEREST



28 Heads of states and
28 Ministers
representing the
MEMBER STATES

KEY PLAYERS

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Antonio Tajani

**President of
European Parliament**



Jean-Claude Juncker

**President of
European Commission**



**Federica
Mogherini**

**High
Representative for
Foreign Affairs
and Security
Policy**

Exclusive

**Custom
union
Monetary
policy (€ zone)
Common
commercial
policy**

Shared

**Internal market
Social policy
Environment
Agriculture
Consumer protection
Transport
Energy
Research
Public health
Development
cooperation**

Support

**Culture
Tourism
Sport
Education
Youth**

EU LAWS IN OUR LIFE

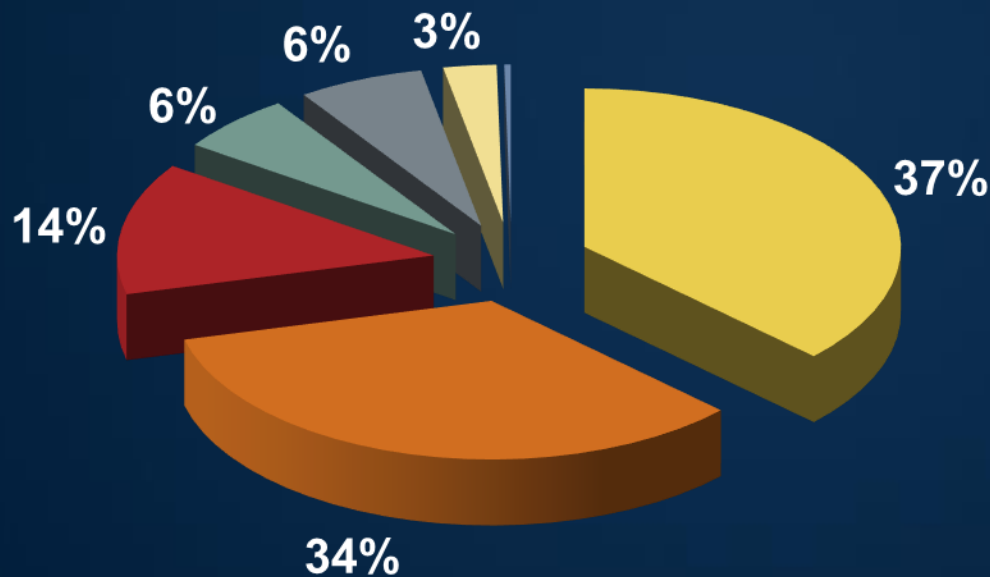
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EU BUDGET: TOTAL 2017

16

Total: €157,9bn



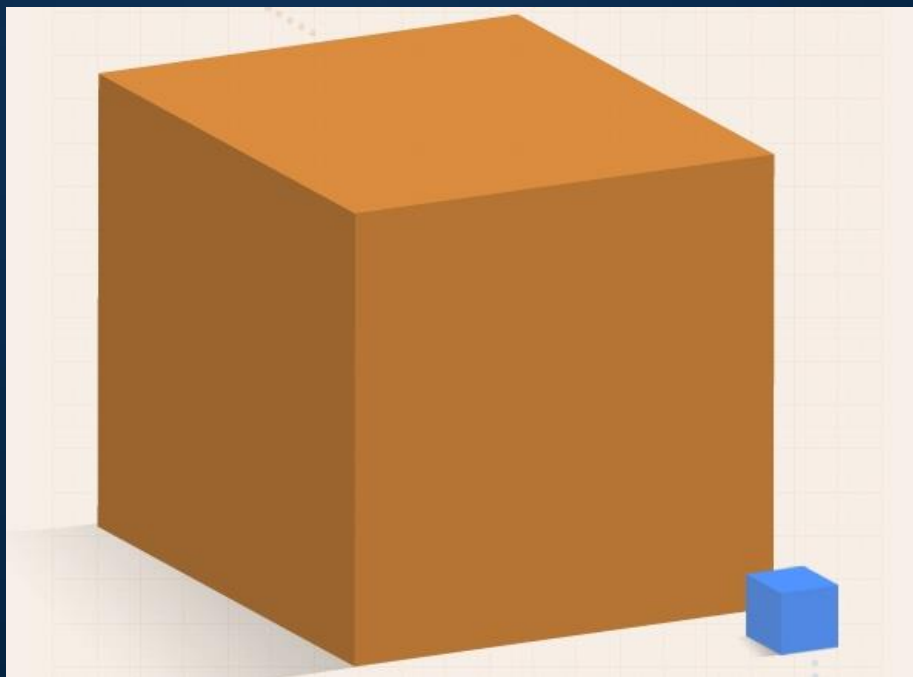
- Sustainable growth: natural resources - 58,6bn
- Economic, social and territorial cohesion - 53,6bn
- Competitiveness for growth and jobs - 21,3bn
- Administration - 9,4bn
- Global Europe - 10,2bn
- Security and citizenship - 4,3bn
- Other special instruments - 0,52bn

Source: European Commission

EUROPEAN AND MEMBER STATE BUDGETS (2014)

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**Combined
Member State
Budgets
6211 bn**

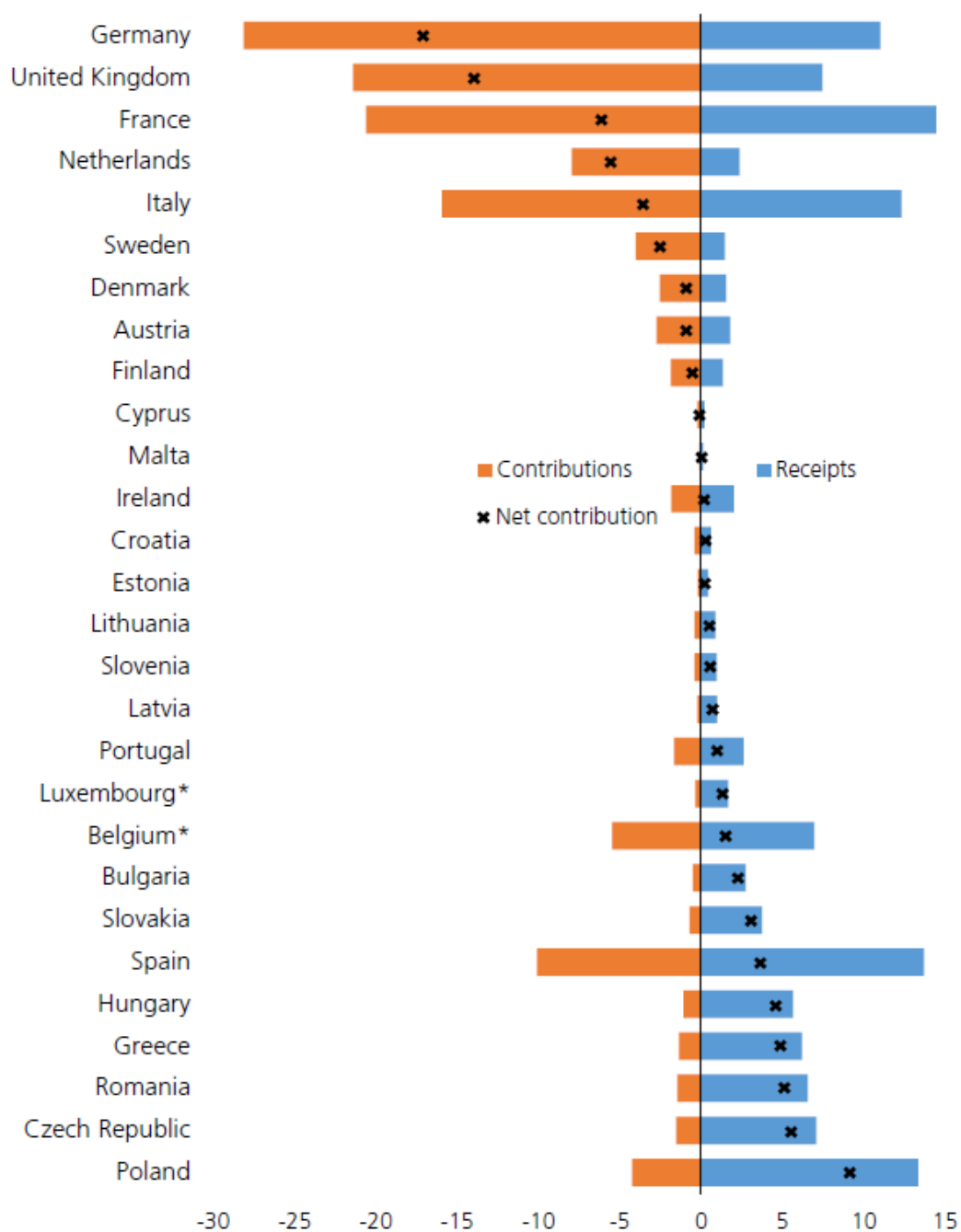


**EU Budget
144 bn**

MEMBER STATE BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

*House of Commons, A guide to
the EU budget
<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN06455>*

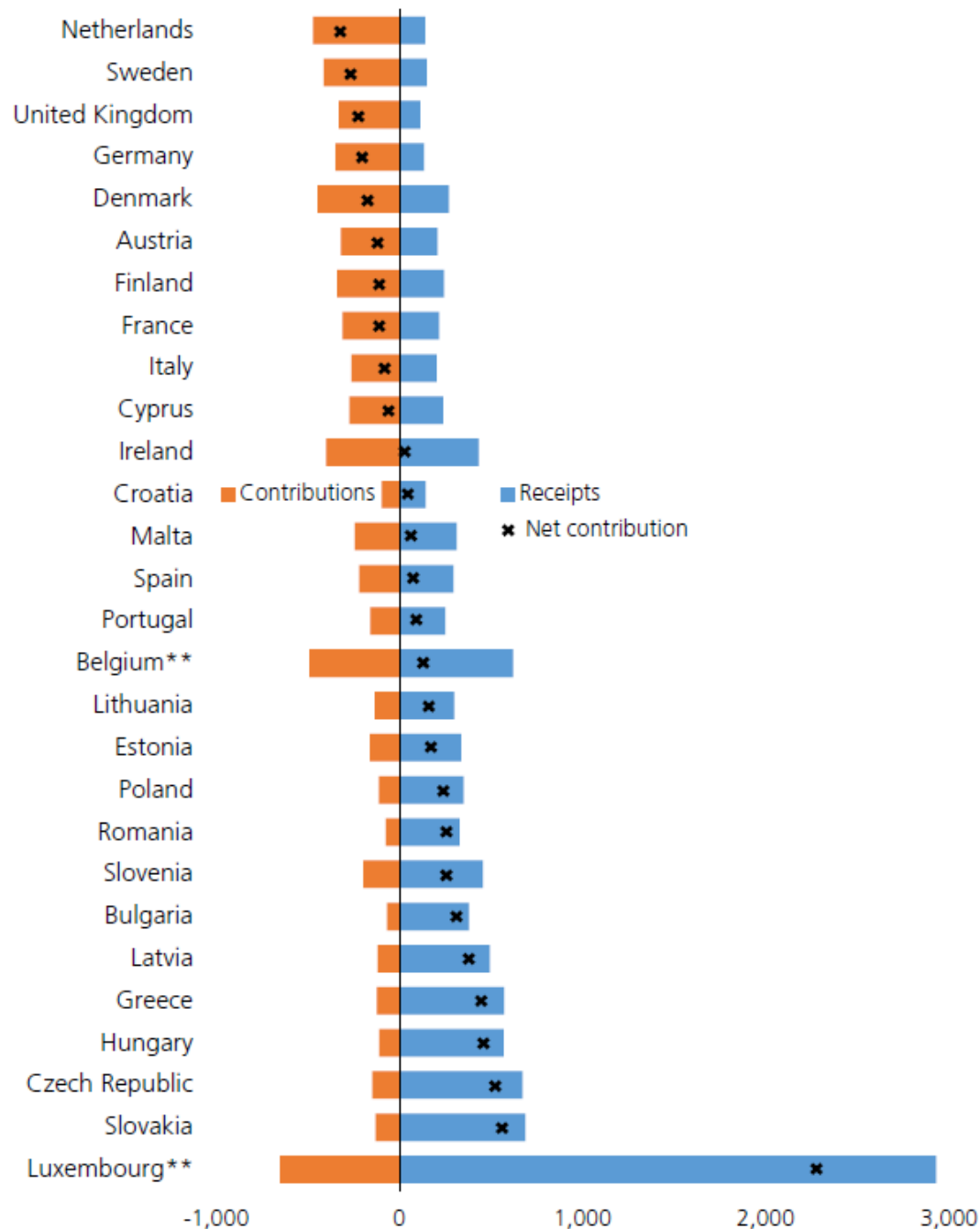
Chart 3. Member state contributions to the EU budget, receipts from the EU budget, and net contribution, 2015, € billion



MEMBER STATE BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS PER CAPITA

House of Commons, A guide to
the EU budget
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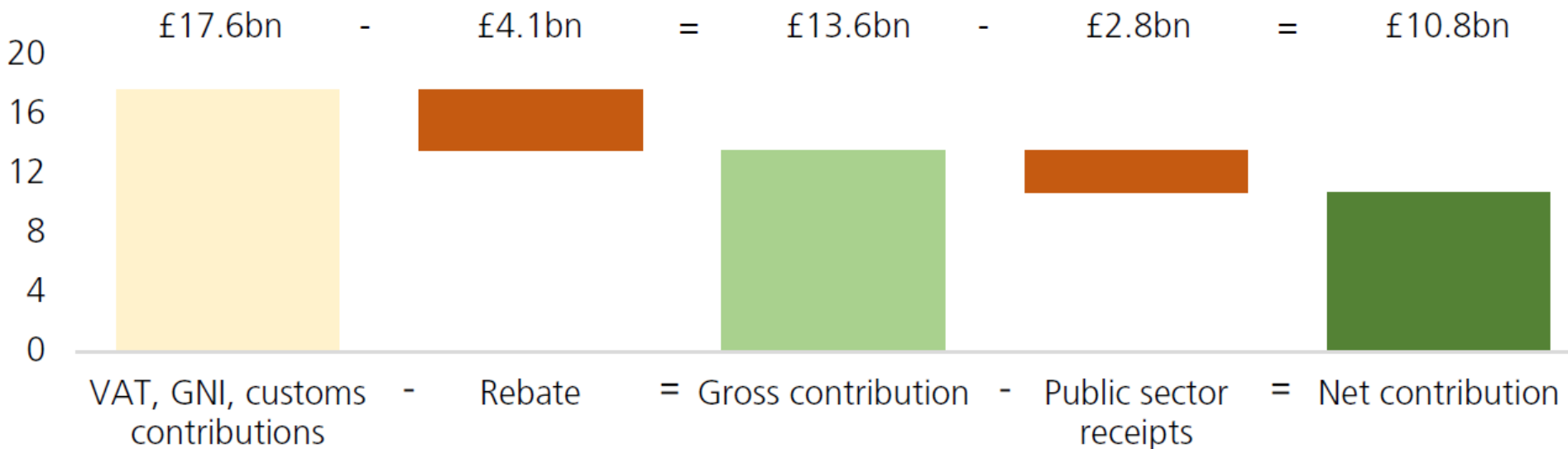
Chart 4. Member state contributions to the EU budget, receipts from the EU budget, and net contribution, 2015, € per head of population



UK BUDGET CONTRIBUTION - 2015

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UK's contribution to the EU budget, 2015/16, £ billion



House of Commons, *The UK's contribution to the EU budget*
<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7886>



Note: The UK government received £2.8 billion from the EU - however, the European Commission also provides other funding directly to UK organisations, often following a competitive process (research grants etc.). In recent years these funds have been worth around £1 billion - £1.5 billion to the UK.



Legislation

Budget

**Parliamentary
control**

**International
Agreements**

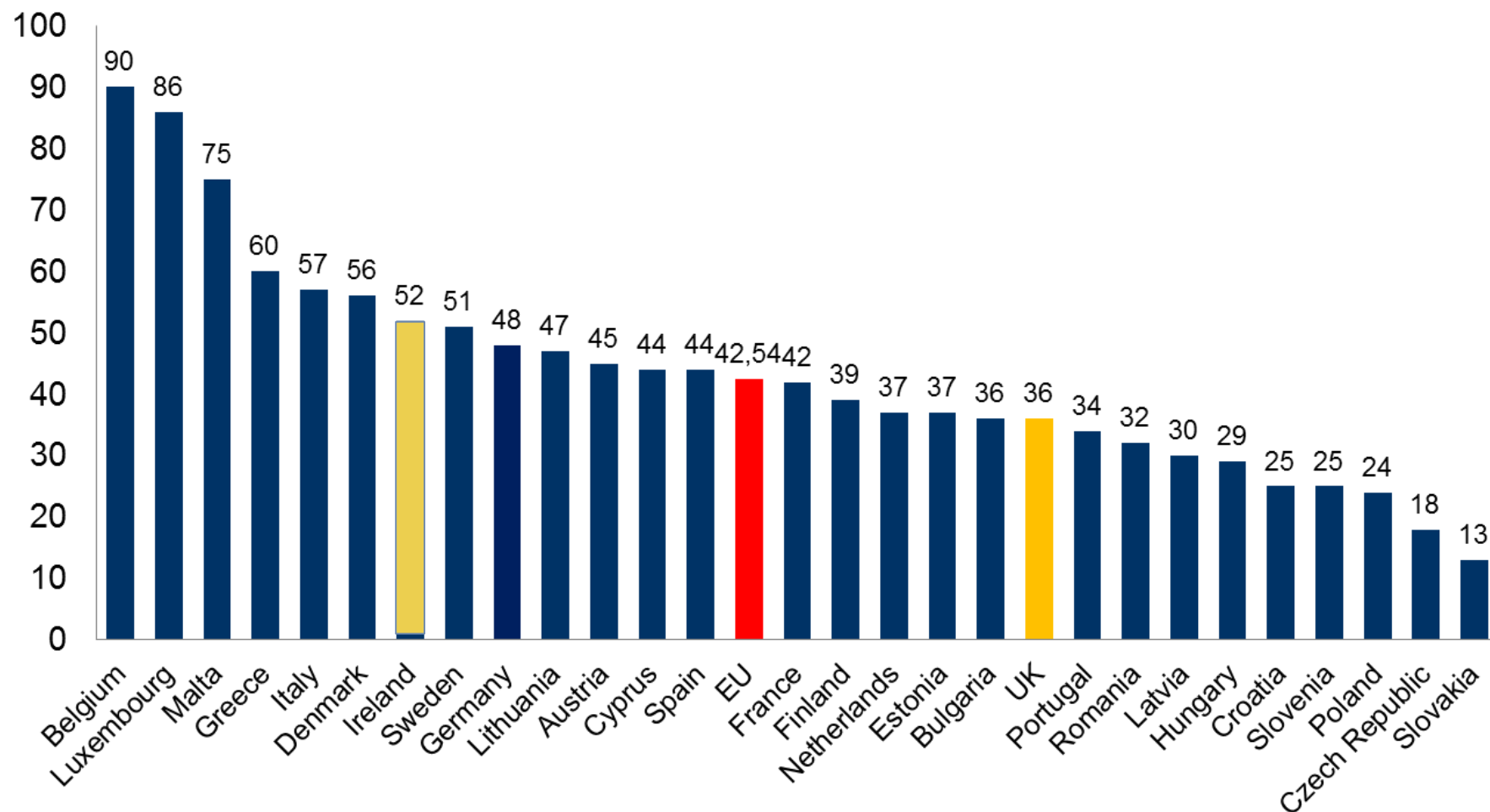
SEAT DISTRIBUTION

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Germany	96	Austria	18
France	74	Bulgaria	17
United Kingdom	73	Denmark	13
Italy	73	Finland	13
Spain	54	Slovakia	13
Poland	51	Croatia	11
Romania	32	Ireland	11
The Netherlands	26	Lithuania	11
Belgium	21	Latvia	8
Czech Republic	21	Slovenia	8
Greece	21	Estonia	6
Hungary	21	Cyprus	6
Portugal	21	Luxemburg	6
Sweden	20	Malta	6

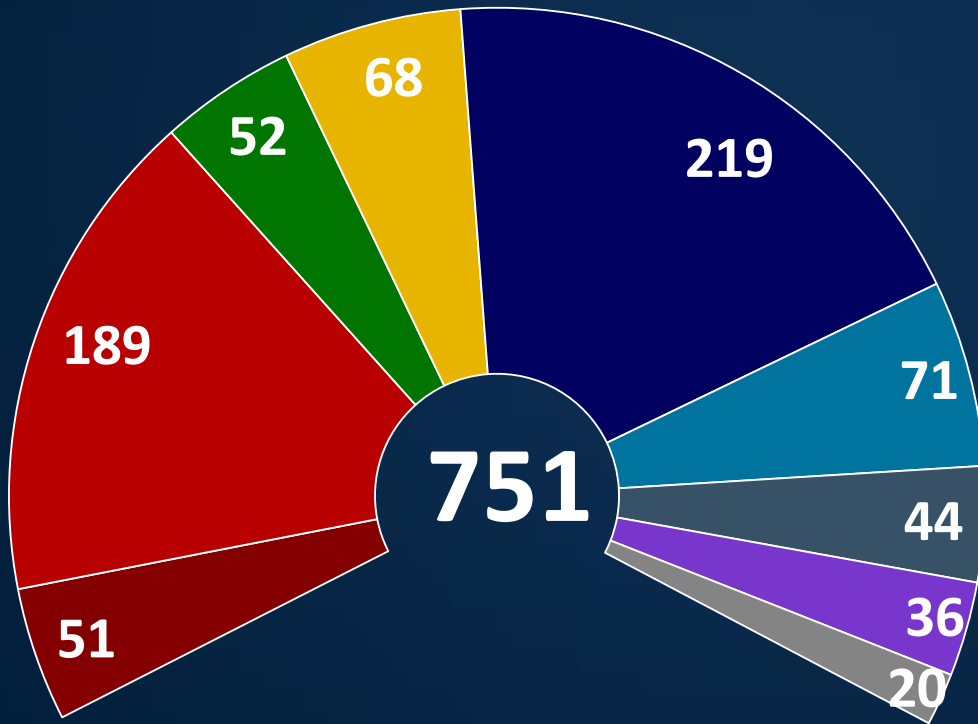
EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2014

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POLITICAL GROUPS

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EPP

European People's Party



S&D

Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats



ECR

European Conservatives and Reformists



ALDE

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe



**GUE/
NGL**

European United Left/ Nordic Green Left



**Greens/
EFA**

Greens/ European Free Alliance



EFDD

Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy



ENF

Europe of Nations and Freedom

N-A

Non-attached

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

MEPs

MEPs

AFET Foreign Affairs 2 sub-committees:
Human Rights + Security and Defence

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TRAN Transport and Tourism

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DEVE Development

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REGI Regional Development

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INTA International Trade

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AGRI Agriculture and Rural
Development

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BUDG Budgets

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PECH Fisheries

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CONT Budgetary Control

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CULT Culture and Education

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ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs

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JURI Legal Affairs

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EMPL Employment and Social Affairs

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LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice
and Home Affairs

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ENVI Environment, Public Health and
Food Safety

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AFCO Constitutional Affairs

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ITRE Industry, Research and Energy

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FEMM Women's Rights and
Gender Equality

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IMCO Internal Market and Consumer
Protection

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PETI Petitions

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EP CALENDAR 2018

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- Plenary meetings
- Committee meetings
- Political group meetings
- External activity

PLENARY CHAMBER

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LANGUAGES WE USE

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bg български

es español

cs čeština

da dansk

de deutsch

et eesti keel

el ελληνικά

en english

fr français

ga gaeilge

hr hrvatski

it italiano

lv latviešu

lt lietuvių kalba

hu magyar

mt malti

nl nederlands

pl polski

pt português

ro română

sk slovenčina

sl slovenščina

fi suomi

sv Svenska

ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

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TRIALOGUES



Conciliation Committee



HOW DOES A PROPOSAL START?

Right of initiative

- Commission's programme
- Request by Council or European Parliament ("Legislative Own Initiative Report")
- Citizens' right of initiative

Proposal preparations

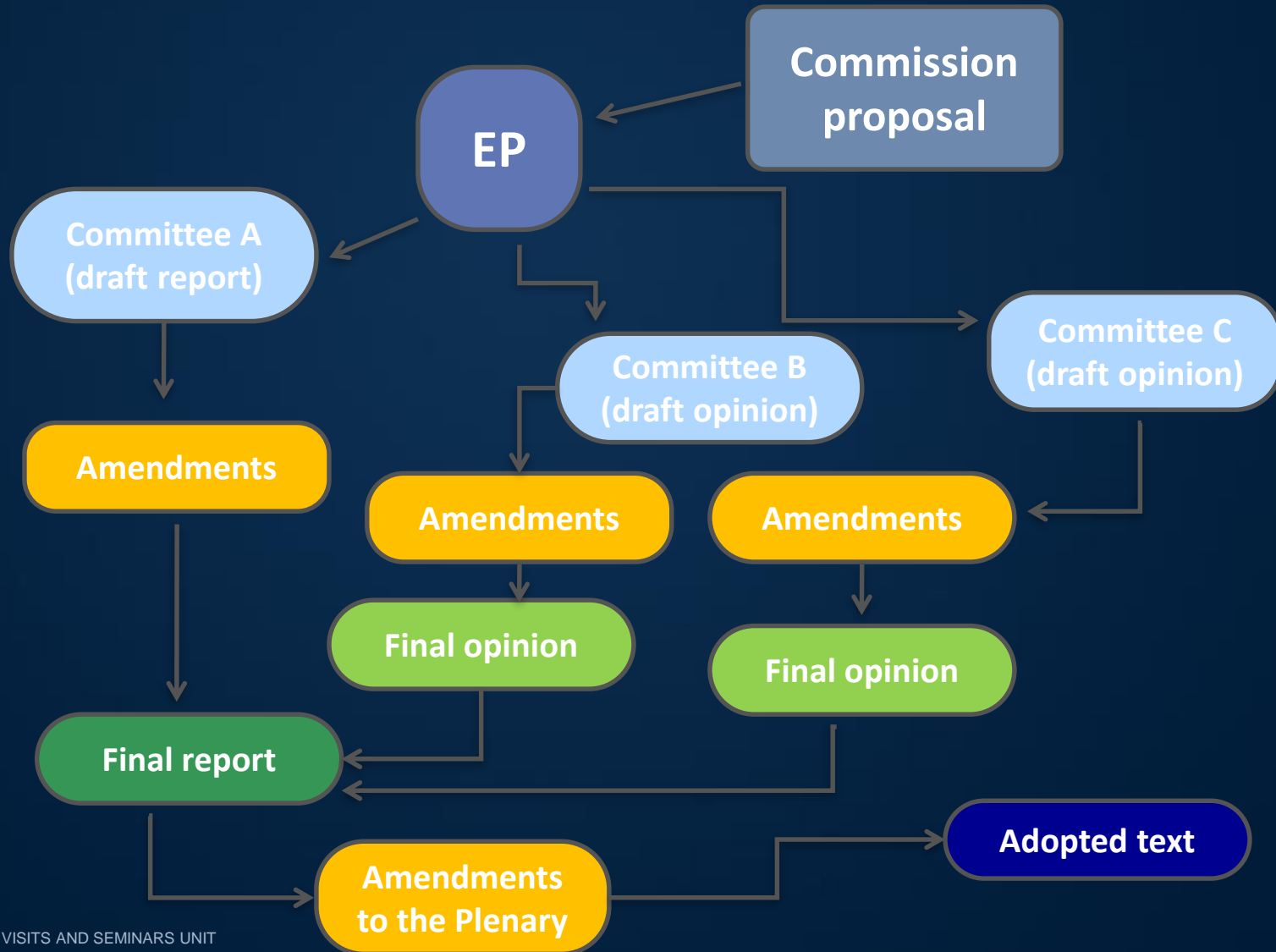
- Current legal and political framework
- Impact assessment and cost-benefit analysis
- Public consultation - [link](#)
- Stakeholder working groups
- (Lobbying)



Proposal sent – “Communication” – e.g. COM(2016) 123

LEGISLATIVE WORKFLOW

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Type-approval requirements for the deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system based on the 112 service

Legislative Observatory - [link](#)

Procedure file

2013/0165(COD) | Type-approval requirements for the deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system based on the 112 service

Basic information

Key players

Key events

Technical information

Documentation gateway

Links to other sites

Final act

Basic information

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation

2013/0165(COD)

Procedure completed

Type-approval requirements for the deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system based on the 112 service
 Amending Directive 2007/46/EC 2003/0153(COD)
 See also 2013/0166(COD)

Subject
 1.20.09 Protection of privacy and data protection
 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance
 2.40.02 Public services, of general interest, universal service
 3.20.06 Transport regulations, road safety, roadworthiness tests, driving licence
 3.30.03.04 Telecommunication networks
 3.30.03.06 Communications by satellite
 3.30.05 Electronic and mobile communications, personal communications
 3.40.03 Motor industry, cycle and motorcycle, commercial and agricultural vehicles

Please go to [Documentation gateway](#) for any follow-up documents.

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible

Rapporteur

Appointed

IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection

S&D SEHNALOVÁ Olga

09/07/2013

Former committee responsible

Shadow rapporteur

Former committee for opinion

2016 VISITS AND SEMINARS UNIT

BREXIT – ARTICLE 50, TREATY OF EUROPEAN UNION

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Article 50 summary

- “notify the European Council of its intention”
- “in accordance with its own constitutional requirements”
- “taking account of the framework for its future relationship with the Union”

Agreement on the arrangements for its withdrawal –
2 years (“extendable”)



Agreement concluded on behalf of the Union by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, **after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament.**

BREXIT TIMELINE

Start – Article 50 triggered – 29 March 2017

European Parliament resolution – 5 April 2017

European Council (EU27) – negotiating guidelines – 29 April 2017



Negotiations

Agreement reached? Sent to UK Parliament, European Parliament –
x? months needed? European Council qualified majority

UK leaves EU – 29 March 2019 (NB: extension/transition/earlier agreement)

EP RESOLUTION OF 5 APRIL – KEY POINTS I

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516 votes in favour, 133 against, 50 abstentions

- Equal and fair treatment for EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens living in the EU
- UK remains an EU member until its official departure - rights + obligations, including financial commitments which may run beyond the withdrawal date
- No limit to freedom of movement before UK leaves EU
- No trade-off between security and the future EU-UK economic relationship
- No cherry picking or piecemeal economic relationship based on sector-specific deals

EP RESOLUTION OF 5 APRIL – KEY POINTS II

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- Indivisibility of the four freedoms of the single market
- Only when “substantial progress” has been made in talks on how the UK is to leave the EU can discussions begin on possible transitional arrangements - which would last no longer than three years
- Agreement on a future relationship can only be concluded once the UK has left the EU
- Commitment to the Northern Ireland peace process and avoiding a hard border - a priority
- Breach of EU law for the UK to negotiate trade agreements with third countries before leaving the EU
- Warns against the UK engaging in bilateral talks with one or some EU member states on the withdrawal proceedings or the EU-UK future relationship.

BREXIT – KEY EU PEOPLE

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Michel Barnier – European Commission

- former EU Internal Market Commissioner
- centre-right French foreign and agriculture minister
- technical side of negotiations

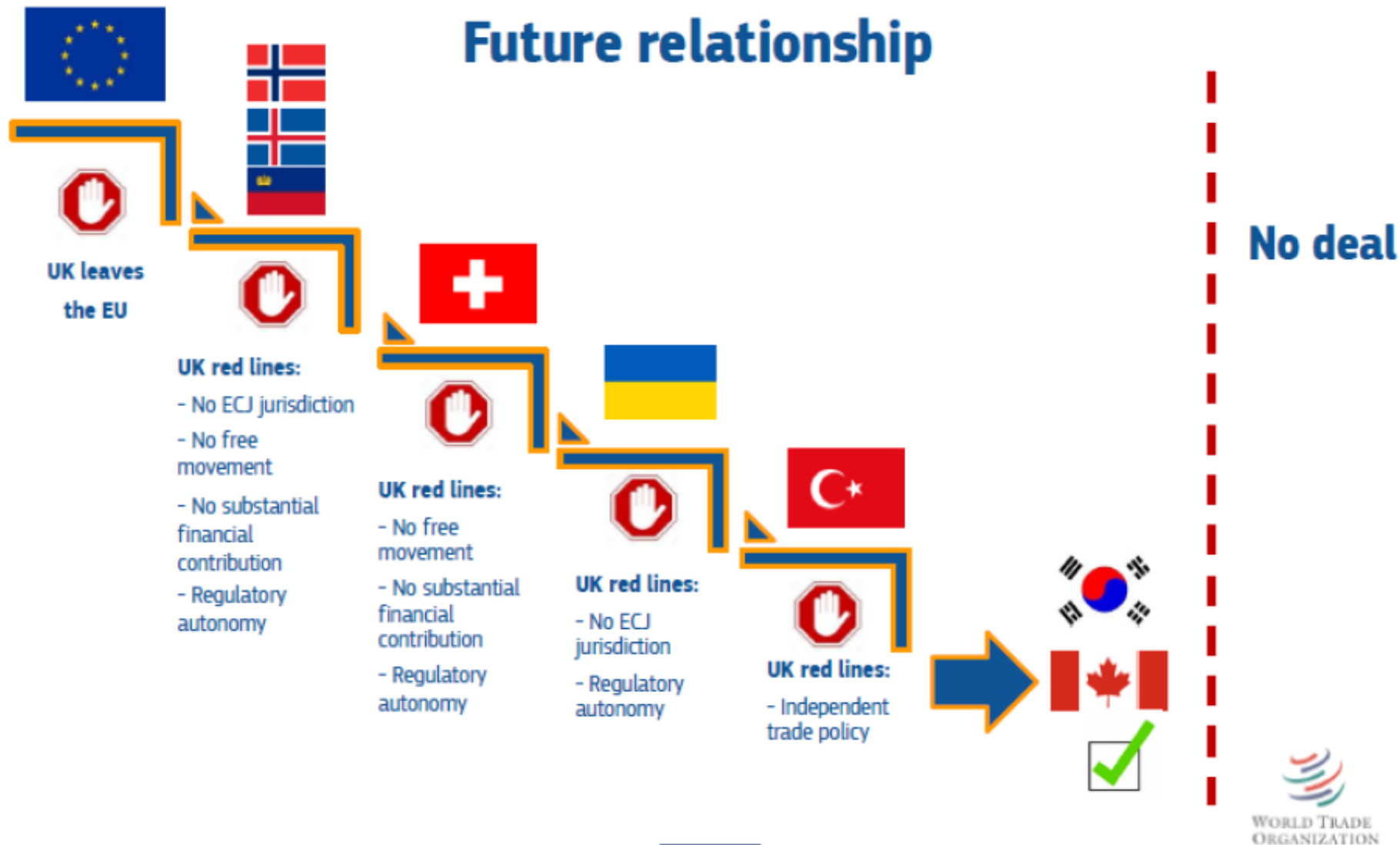


Guy Verhoofstadt - European Parliament

- ALDE leader
- former Belgian Prime Minister
- reports to EP on negotiations
- helps coordinate EP positions



Future relationship



THE EU'S 'BACKSTOP' PROPOSAL

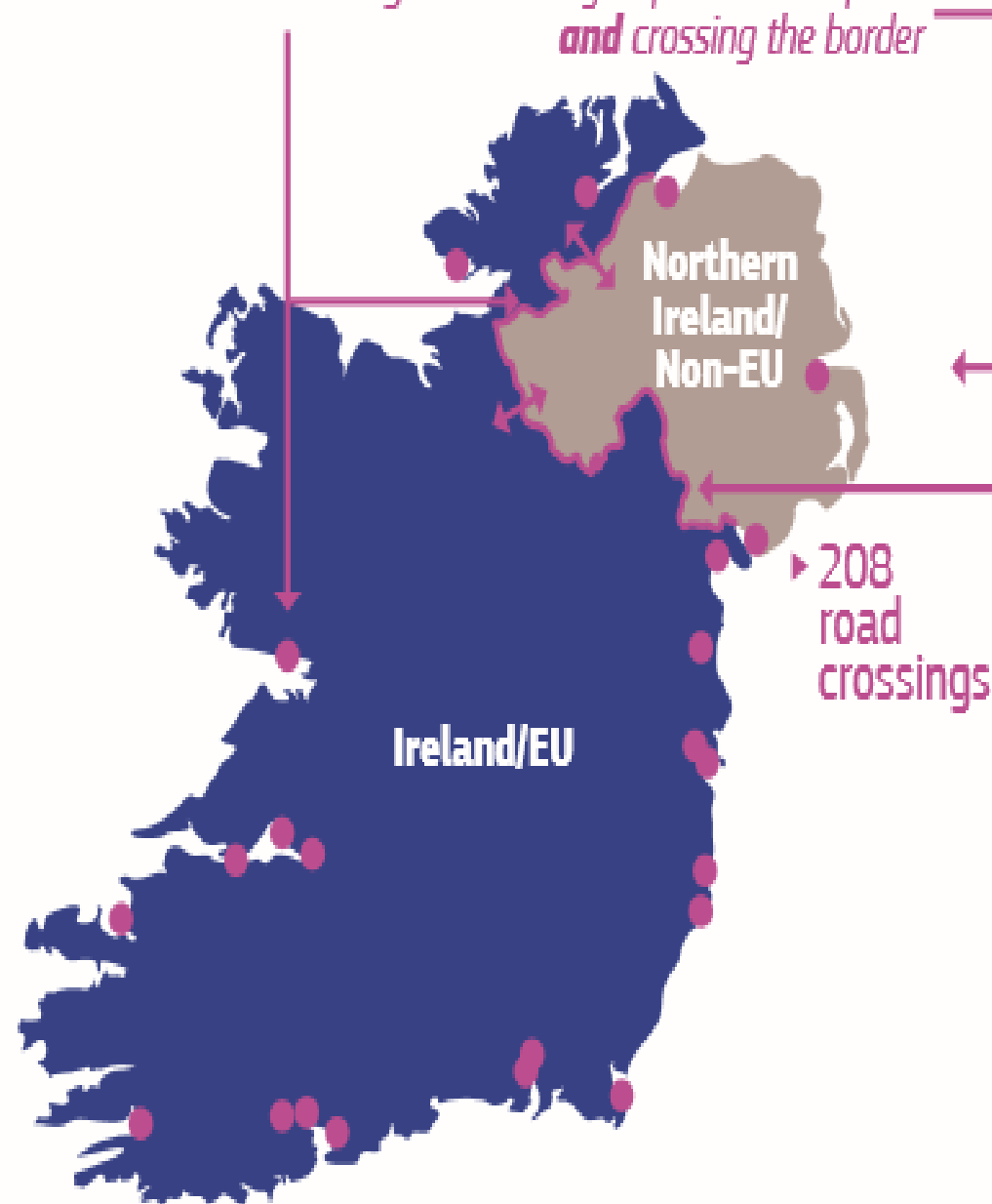
TODAY

Open border between Ireland and Northern Ireland

- ✓ Common tariffs and rules of origin apply to non-EU goods
- ✓ Common VAT and excise area
- ✓ Common product safety and quality standards (e.g. food, chemicals and consumer goods)
- ✓ Single epidemiological unit with common rules for animal health and welfare



*Checks on goods arriving at ports and airports
and crossing the border*



DEFAULT AFTER BREXIT

UK OUTSIDE OF CUSTOMS UNION AND SINGLE MARKET

Border checks required between Ireland
and Northern Ireland:

- Custom duties
- Rules of origin
- VAT and excise duties
- Product safety and quality standards
- Sanitary requirements for live animals and products of animal origin
- Impact on North-South cooperation

EU'S 'BACKSTOP' PROPOSAL TO APPLY UNLESS AND UNTIL ANOTHER SOLUTION IS FOUND

Open border between Ireland
and Northern Ireland

Access of Northern Ireland to Single
Market for goods:

- ✓ EU tariffs and rules of origin apply to non-EU goods
- ✓ EU VAT and excise rules
- ✓ EU product safety and quality standards (e.g. food, chemicals and consumer goods)
- ✓ EU rules on animal health and welfare



BREXIT – CHALLENGES (UNOFFICIAL)

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Chocolate currency stronger than real currency



BREXIT – CHALLENGES (UNOFFICIAL)

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Political

Consensus on what UK wants!

Practical

UK civil service 20% smaller than 2010

Expansion of civil servants? Implementation and now policy?

What needs replacing, and how? Disentangle British laws from EU ones
(12,295 EU regulations, source: The Economist)

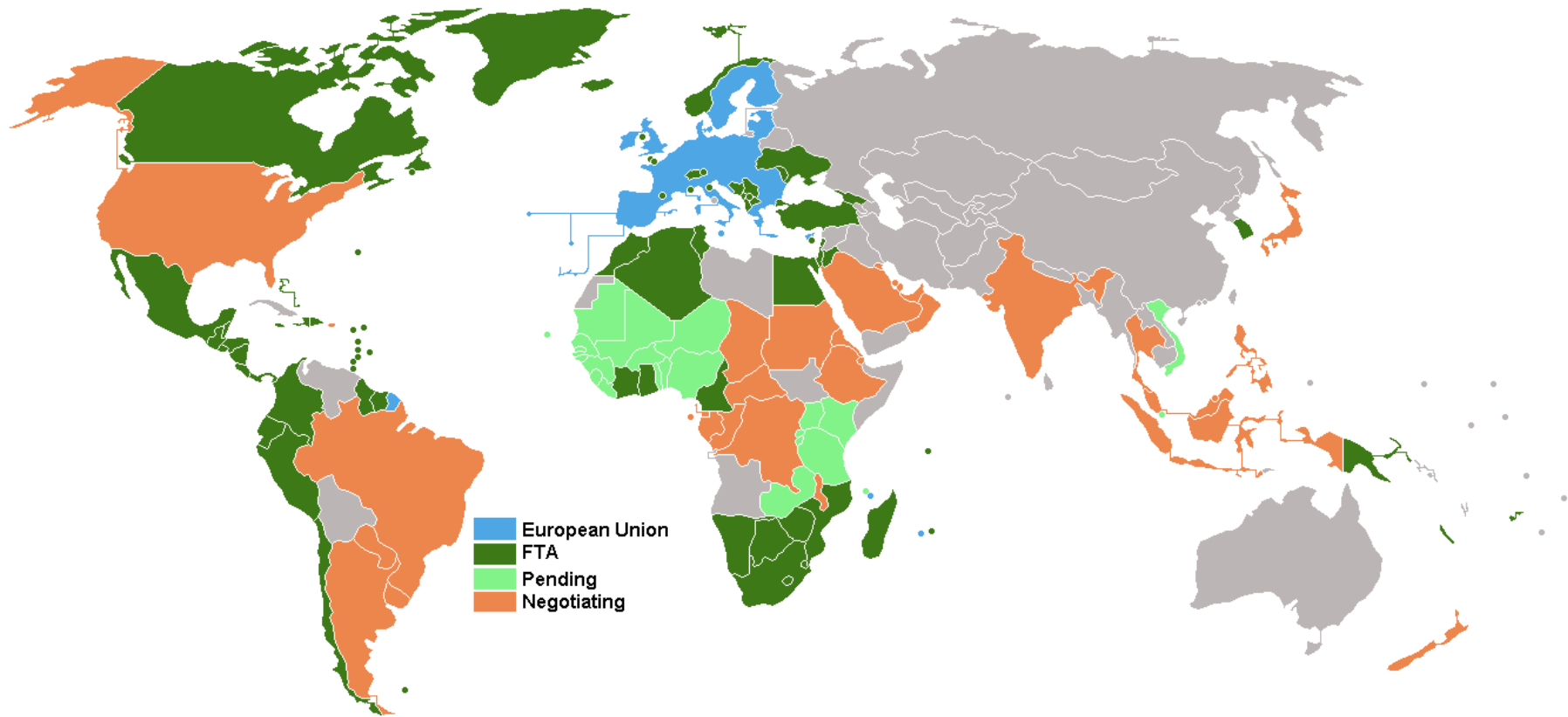
Number of experienced trade negotiators (EU – 600, Canada – 300, UK – 20
source: The Economist)

- Retired (?) or EU personnel (32 source: The Economist)
- Australia, New Zealand...
- Consultancies (KPMG, Goldman Sachs...), business (but conflict of interest?)

Replace 50+ trade deals? EU first? Or USA/Australia...?

EU FREE TRADE DEALS

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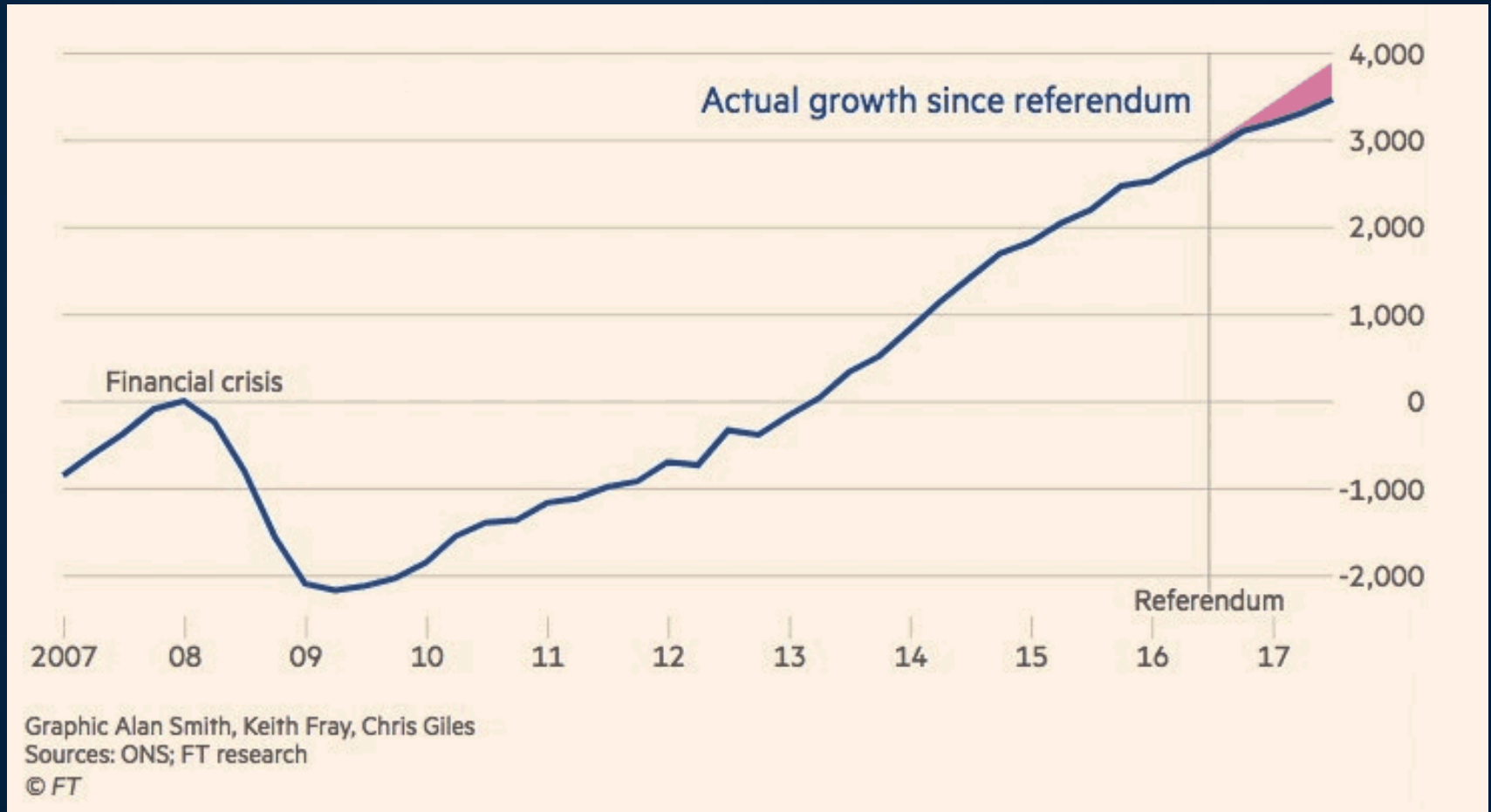
BREXIT – VIEW FROM ELSEWHERE

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BREXIT & THE UK ECONOMY

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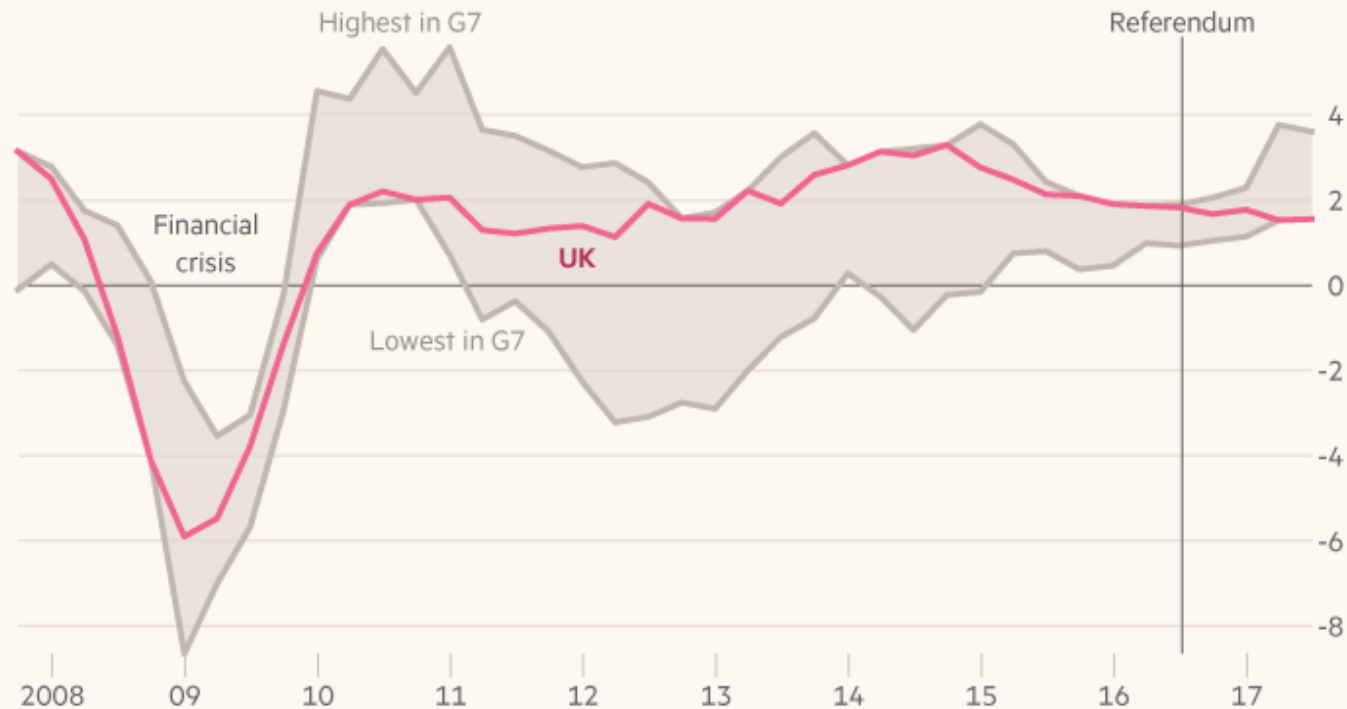
Financial Times, 18 December 2017 – [The real price of BREXIT starts to emerge](#)

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Reversal of fortune: since the EU referendum, strong growth relative to other G7 economies has tailed off

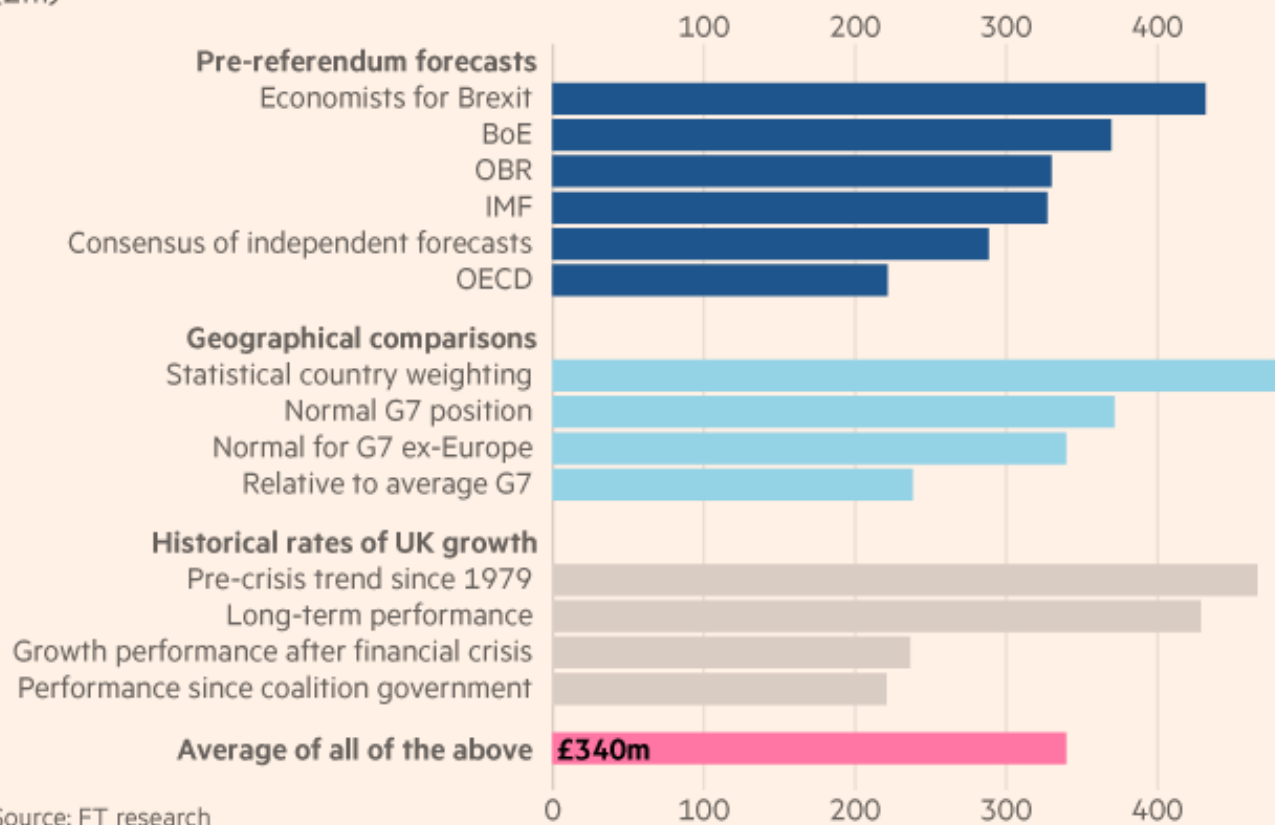
Year-on-year growth in GDP (%)



Graphic Alan Smith, Chris Giles Source: IMF
© FT

Estimates suggest Brexit is already costing £340m a week

Weekly cost based on actual performance of economy at Q3 2017 compared with scenarios (£m)



Source: FT research

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EUROMYTHS, FAKE NEWS, CREDIT AND BLAME ...

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euromyth - exaggerated or invented stories about the European Union and the activities of its institutions, such as purportedly nonsensical EU legislation

[Commission Blog](#)

[EU vs Disinfo](#)



EUROMYTHS – COURT OF AUDITORS

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Two opinions – accurate and reliable? Free from error?

Accurate and reliable – yes since 2007 (qualified before)

Free from error? Pre-2016 – qualified

2016 – yes (i.e. error > 2%)

Error ≠ fraud (fraud estimated at 0.2% - OLAF)

Member States are responsible for managing 80% of EU funds

Recovery of funds by Commission/OLAF



INTERSHIPS (PAID)

European Parliament

[Link](#)

Application: 15 Aug – 15 Oct

Traineeship: 1 Mar – 31 Jul

Application : 15 Mar – 15 May

Traineeship : 1 October – 28/29 Feb

European Commission

Including agencies etc.

[Link](#)

Traineeships in the European Parliament

Parliament offers several options for traineeships within its Secretariat, to provide opportunities for vocational training and for learning more about what the European Parliament is and does.

- + Traineeships for university graduates (called Robert Schuman traineeships)
- + Translation traineeships for university graduates
- + Translation training placements
- + Conference interpreters

Registration open
for the October 2018 traineeship session

APPLY OR CHECK STATUS

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FAQ

What is in it for you?

A paid traineeship of 5 months with the European Commission (or some executive bodies and agencies of the European Institutions like, for instance, the European External Action Service or Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises), starting on either 1st March or 1st October.

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Calendar

OCTOBER 2017-FEBRUARY 2018 Traineeship
TRAINEESHIP: ongoing

MARCH 2018-JULY 2018 Traineeship
APPLICATIONS: closed

EVALUATION: October-November 2017
Pre-identification: November 2017
Results of eligibility check and pre-selection: December 2017

SELECTION BY DG: December 2017-January 2018
Results of selection: end of January 2018
Sending of offers: starts end of January 2018

OCTOBER 2018-FEBRUARY 2019 Traineeship
APPLICATIONS: 4/01/2018 (12:00 noon, Brussels time) - 31/01/2018 (12:00 noon, Brussels time)

EVALUATION: March 2018
Pre-identification: April
Eligibility check: April-May

PRE-SELECTION: May-June 2018
Sending of offers: starts end of June 2018

INTERESTING LINKS

EU factsheet – [link](#)

EP TV – [link](#)

EU budget explained - [link](#)

EU Transparency Register (lobbyists) – [link](#)

BREXIT Commission homepage - [link](#)

BREXIT preparedness notices (Commission) – [link](#)

BREXIT – UK government no deal preparations - [link](#)

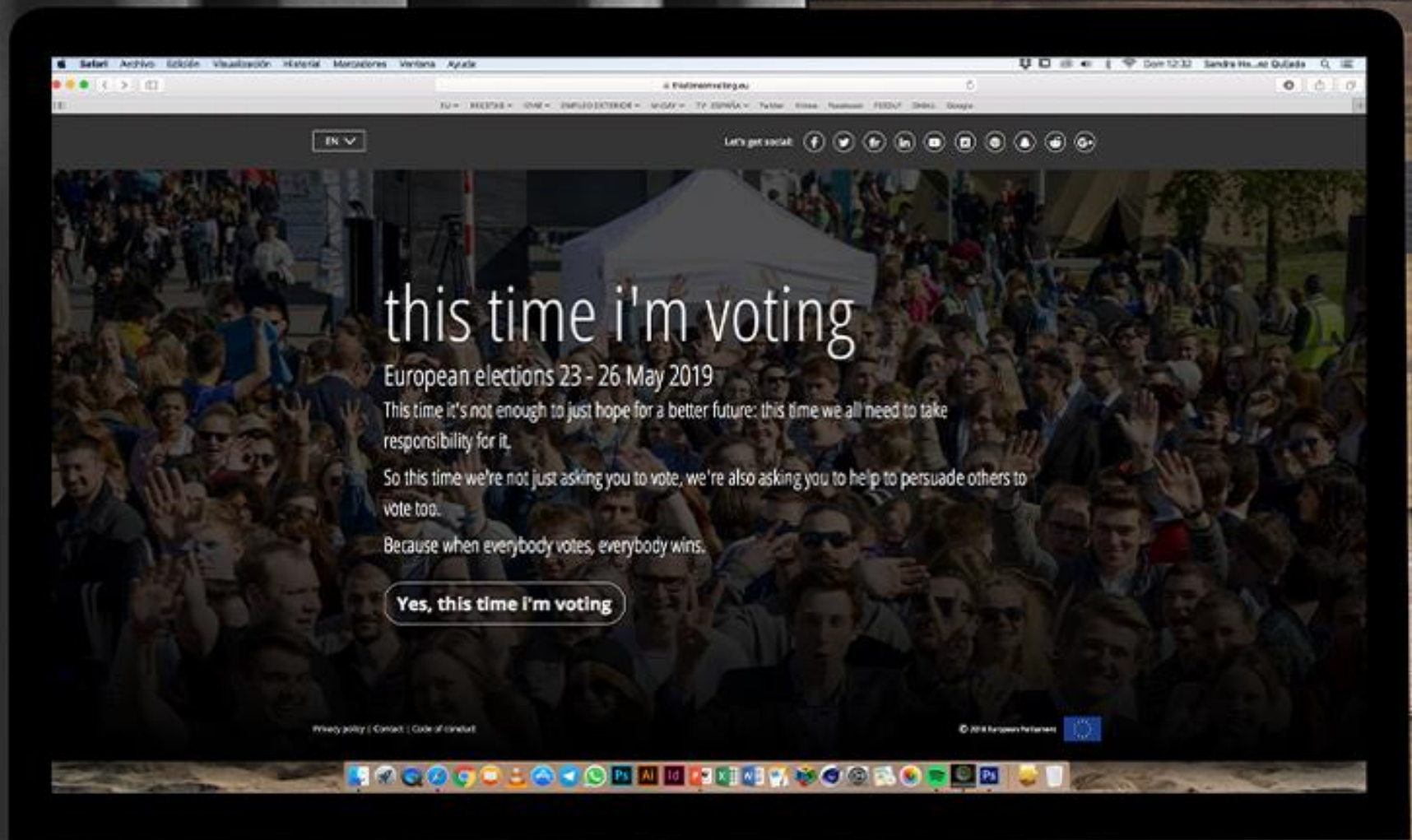
BREXIT negotiating guidelines (Council) - [link](#)

VoteWatch Europe – [link](#)

Commission euomyths Blog - [link](#)

EU vs disinfo – [link](#)

thistimeimvoting.eu



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Email	
Language preference	
Country	
Parliament office closest to you	

- ☐ We're asking for your mail because we'd like to send you relevant information about the European Elections campaign and how to be involved in it. We promise we'll take good care of everything you share with us. And, of course, we'll never share it with anyone else. By clicking here you agree to our [privacy policy](#).

Yes, this time i'm voting



VOTING ELIGIBILITY FOR EU CITIZENS IN THE UK

THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2019

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[Link](#)

Austria 16	Italy
Belgium	Latvia
Bulgaria*	Lithuania
Croatia	Luxembourg
Cyprus*	Malta* ** 16
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark*	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovakia*
Germany*	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Ireland*	

* Additional conditions or requirements may permit or restrict voting rights
**Subsidised transport to home country available

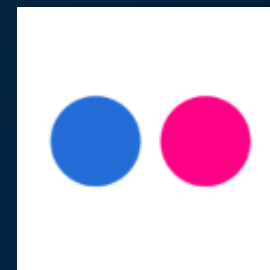
Eligible to vote in the UK as a UK resident
 Ineligible to vote in the UK as a UK resident
 Postal Vote
 Foreign Representation

Proxy Vote
 E-voting
 Local Voting Rights
 16 16+ Voting



STAY IN TOUCH !

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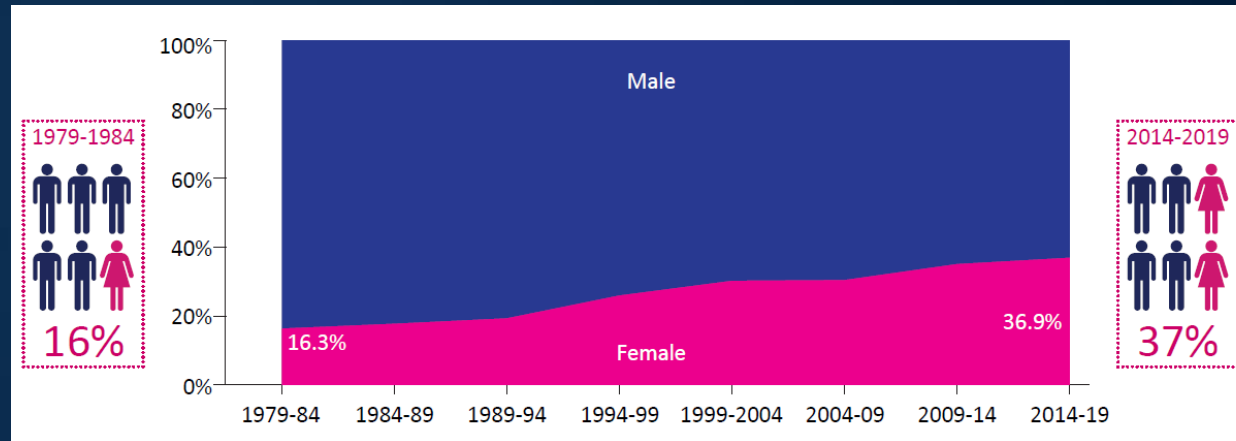
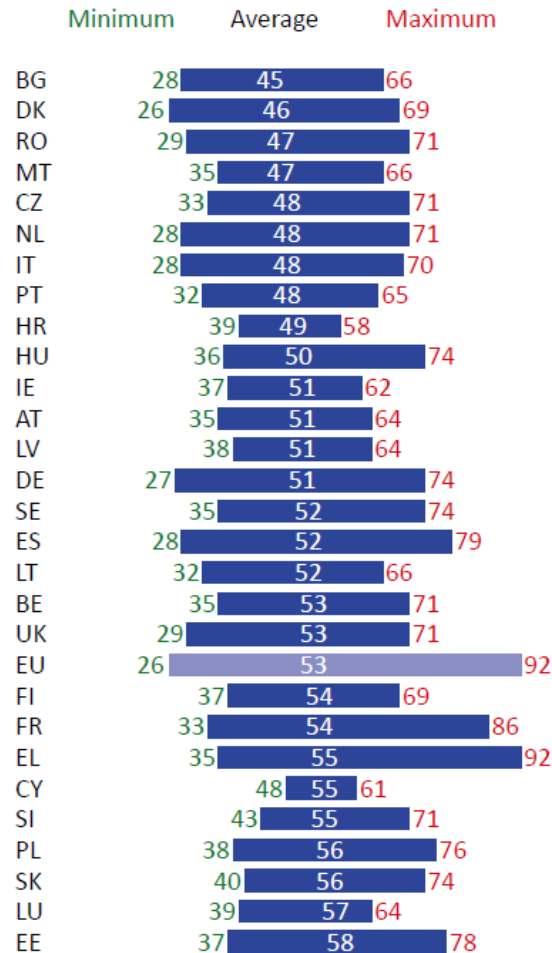
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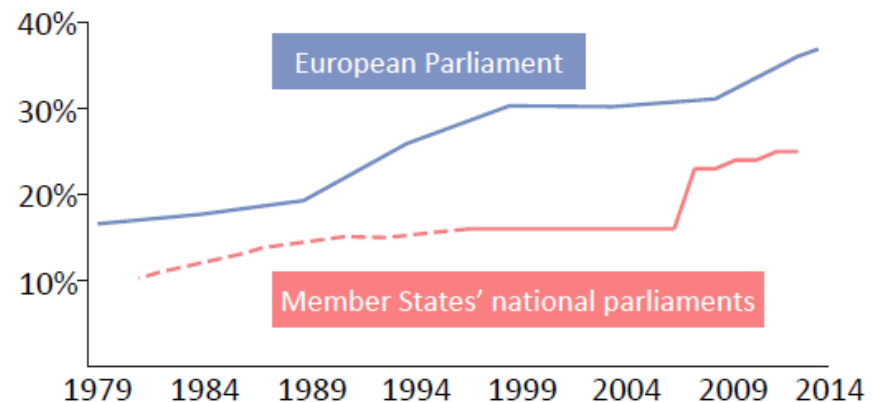


European Parliament

MEPS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

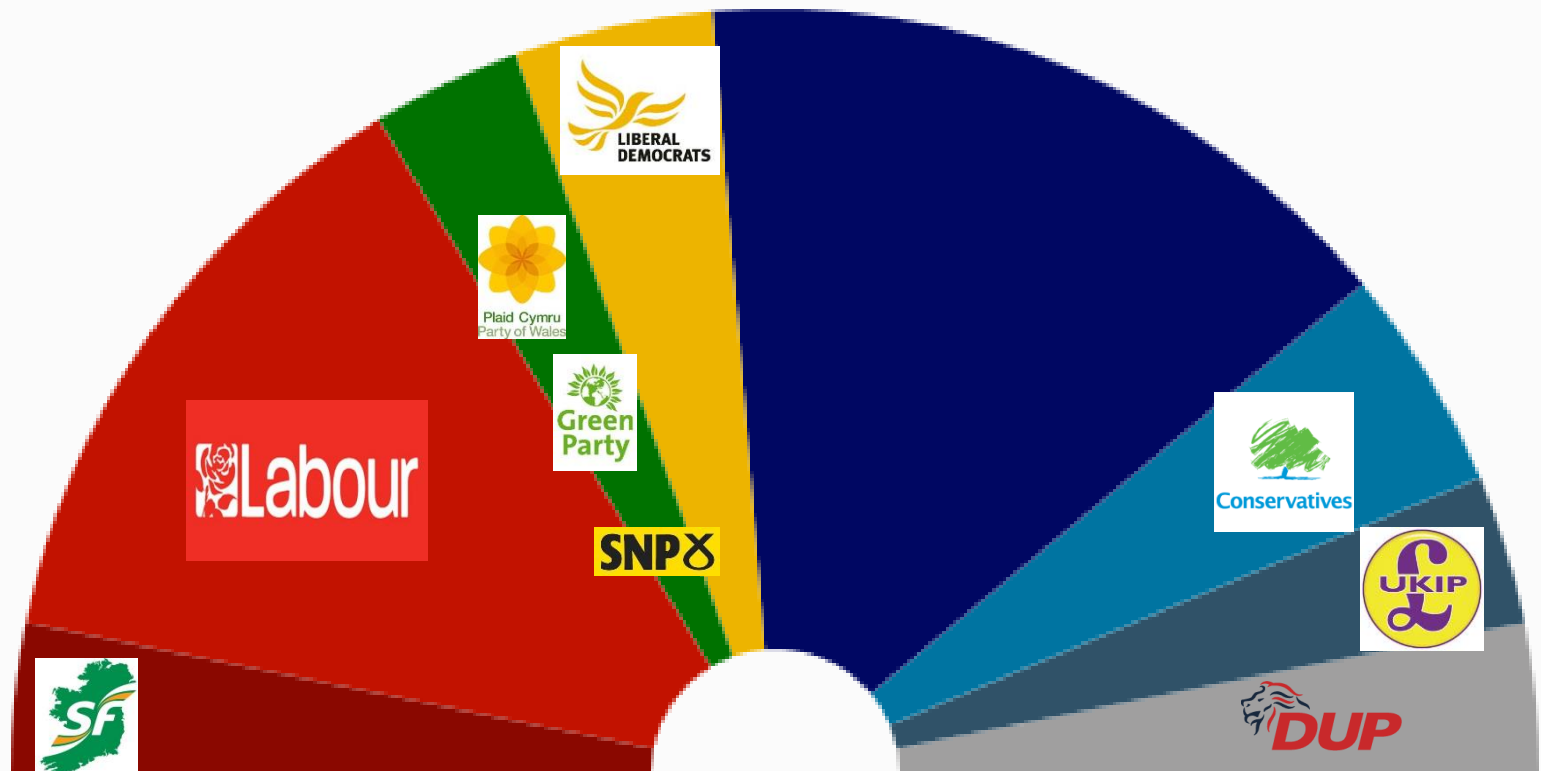


Women in national parliaments vs European Parliament




UK PARTIES IN THE EP

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SIZE OF POLITICAL GROUPS IN THE EP

	EPP	S&D	ECR	ALDE	GUE/ NGL	Greens/ EFA	EFDD	ENF	NI	Total
										
DE	34	27	8	4	8	13			2	96 
FR	20	13		7	4	6	1	20	3	74 
IT	15	31	2		3		17	5		73 
UK		20	21	1	1	6	22	1	1	73 
ES	17	14		8	11	4				54 
PL	23	5	19				1	2	1	51 
RO	12	15	1	3				1		32 
NL	5	3	2	7	3	2		4		26 
BE	4	4	4	6		2		1		21 
CZ	7	4	2	4	3		1			21 
EL	5	4	1		6				5	21 
HU	12	4				2			3	21 
PT	7	8		2	4					21 
SE	4	6		3	1	4	2			20 
AT	5	5		1		3		4		18 
BG	7	4	2	4						17 
DK	1	3	4	3	1	1				13 
SK	6	4	3							13 
FI	3	2	2	4	1	1				13 
IE	4	1	1	1	4					11 
HR	5	2	1	2		1				11 
LT	2	2	1	4		1	1			11 
LV	4	1	1	1		1				8 
SI	5	1		1		1				8 
EE	1	1		3		1				6 
CY	2	2			2					6 
LU	3	1		1		1				6 
MT	3	3								6 
EU	216	190	75	70	52	50	45	38	15	751
	EPP	S&D	ECR	ALDE	GUE/ NGL	Greens/ EFA	EFDD	ENF	NI	Total
	28.8%	25.3%	10.0%	9.3%	6.9%	6.7%	6.0%	5.1%	2.0%	100%

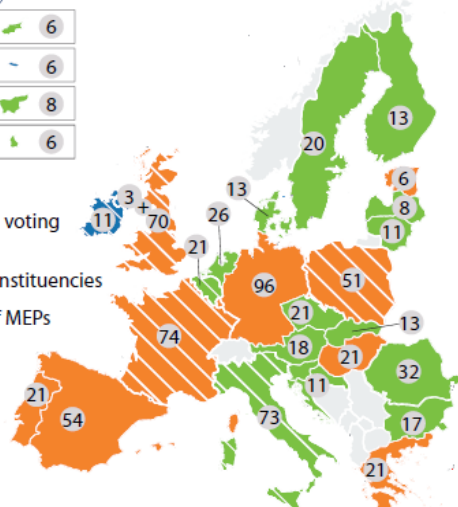
EUROPEAN ELECTIONS - NATIONAL RULES

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Voting system and number of MEPs

Cyprus	6
Malta	6
Slovenia	8
Luxembourg	6

- Closed lists
- Preferential voting
- STV
- Multiple constituencies
- 96 Number of MEPs

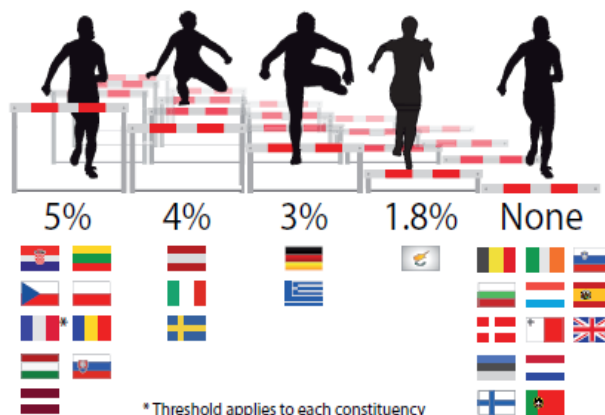


Election day

22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May
Netherlands UK	Czech Rep. Ireland	Italy Latvia Malta Slovakia	Austria Finland Poland Belgium France Portugal Bulgaria Germany Romania Croatia Greece Slovenia Cyprus Hungary Spain Denmark Lithuania Sweden Estonia Luxembourg

⚠ Compulsory voting

Electoral threshold



Voting from abroad

Austria	✕
Belgium	✕
Bulgaria	🏠
Croatia	🏠
Cyprus	🏠
Czech Republic	🏠
Denmark	✕
Estonia	✕
Finland	🏠
France	🏠
Germany	✕
Greece	🏠
Hungary	🏠
Ireland	NOT POSSIBLE
Italy	🏠

Minimum age of candidates

