

EU in 50 years time: poor, left wing and shrinking

An undemocratic socialist republic will not provide the export markets that Britain needs

As we expected, the financial crisis has been exploited to promote closer European political integration. The French President has repeatedly called for “European” or “Europe-wide” solutions to the crisis, a sentiment which has been widely echoed throughout the EU. In Denmark and Sweden which, like Britain remain outside the euro there is renewed pressure to join; in the former opinion polls suggest that for the first time there is a majority in favour of the single currency. Meanwhile, Iceland has convinced itself that protection from the consequences of its own follies can best be served by a dash for membership. Only in Switzerland, one of the few countries in Europe that can, without reservation, be described as democratic (and one of the few in the world that can still look forward to economic growth next year), are such voices largely absent.

Financial Devastation

In a lecture to the Bruges Group on 28th October to mark the 20th anniversary of Margaret Thatcher’s famous Bruges speech, Lord Tebbit predicted that a West European republic would now inevitably emerge from the chaos left by the financial devastation. The only question was whether and for how long Britain would be part of it.

It is worth reflecting on the probable nature of this republic and the way in which recent developments have affected the original European design.

The first thing to be said about it is

that it is likely to be left-wing - more so as a consequence of the new climate of opinion resulting from the financial and economic storms of recent weeks. Ideas have consequences and left wing ideas are in the ascendant.

“The rule of the radical market ideology that began under Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan has finished with a loud bang”, declared Germany’s foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier recently. “We need a comprehensive new start, so we can re-establish our society on new foundations.”

“Laissez-faire, c’est fini”, declared President Sarkozy.

Irrefutable Evidence

The suggestion that the condition of Europe prior to the 2008 Credit Crunch could be characterised as one of *laissez-faire* is risible: the thousands of pages of regulation and law contained in the *acquis communautaire* provides irrefutable evidence of that. Such sentiments grotesquely misrepresent the past in order to facilitate the hi-jack of the future. Whether the City of London can survive the deluge of additional regulation that is about to hit it is another matter.

Neither the housing bubble, nor the asset bubble, nor the bond bubble can simply be ascribed to the operations of markets or “capitalism” (a description first used by Marx and Engels). To a considerable extent blame can be laid at the door of government. But partly

as a result of the recent measures to deal with the financial crisis it is clear that government will play a much larger role in the allocation of economic resources in the increasingly integrated EU states of the future and that government spending will account for an increasing proportion of economic output. Changes in the climate of political ideas are likely to reinforce such trends.

Negative Growth

The economic history of the 20th century suggests that the consequence is likely to be low or negative growth rates and relatively very high levels of unemployment as well as the steady erosion of economic liberty. But it is important to remember that the early decades of the EU were accompanied by increases in population as a result of the surge in the post-Second World War birth rate. Today the EU faces a demographic nightmare with decreases of population expected in many EU countries, the most notable exception being Britain which is set to overtake Germany as the biggest country in Europe with a population of 77 million in 50 years time. Given the demographic realities the potential of socialist economic approaches to lower living standards is greater than in previous decades.

The economic consequences become fully clear when the figures for population growth are examined in detail (see page two). Working age population (WAP) in the EU ‘26’ (the

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Contracting EU market for British exporters

The European Commission's latest demographic projections¹ go to 2060.

They suggest that, for UK exporters, the rest of the EU will be a sharply-contracting market, with shrinkage comparable to "losing" the whole of Germany.

The USA, in contrast, will be an expanding market.

A good proxy for the productive potential of the population is "WAP" – working-age population – defined (by Eurostat and the UN) as those aged 15 to 64: the part of the whole population whose work and incomes provide for children at one end of the spectrum and for old-age pensioners at the other. This section of the population accounts for the bulk of an economy's consumer spending. In developed countries the association between changes in GDP and WAP is quite strong; less so in developing and poor countries. Projections of WAP (by Eurostat in 2008 and by the United Nations in 2006) are useful "broad-brush" predictors of where export growth is likely to come from after 2015.

Over the next 52 years, for British exporters, the rest of the EU will be a rapidly-contracting market, EU-26 WAP shrinking from 293 million in 2008 to 238 million in 2060: a loss of 54 million (which happens to be almost exactly the 2008 WAP of Germany, Europe's biggest and the world's third-biggest economy).

Over the next 52 years, EU-27 loses, net, 50 million in WAP, not far off the equivalent of the whole 2008 WAP of Germany (54 million).

Over the period 2008 - 2060 the USA will gain approximately as much in WAP (plus 48 million by 2050 according to the United Nations³) as EU-27 loses (minus 50 million by 2060 according to Eurostat¹). The "swing" in WAP between EU-27 and the USA by mid-century will be 98 million (48

million gained by the USA plus 50 million lost by EU-27 equals 98 million).

By 2060 the UK will be the most

Country	2008	2060	Difference
UK	40.7	45.0	+ 4.3
EU-26	292.5	238.3	(54.2)
EU-27	333.2	283.3	(49.9)

populous country in EU-27, ahead of France and Germany. The number of old-age pensioners in the UK will almost double between 2008 and 2060.

Country	2008	2060	Difference
UK	61.3	76.7	+ 15.4
France ²	61.9	71.8	+ 9.9
Germany	82.2	70.8	(11.4)
Italy	59.5	59.4	(0.1)
Other EU	230.5	227.0	(3.5)
EU-27	495.4	505.7	10.3

Country	2008	2060	Difference
UK	40.7	45.0	+ 4.3
France ²	40.3	41.2	+ 0.9
Germany	54.4	38.9	(15.5)
Italy	39.2	32.7	(6.5)
Other EU	158.6	125.5	(33.1)
EU-27	333.2	283.3	(49.9)

Country	2008	2060	Difference	
			millions	percentage
Germany	16.5	23.0	+ 6.5	+ 39 %
UK	9.9	19.0	+ 9.1	+ 92 %
Other EU	58.2	109.5	+ 51.3	+ 88 %
EU-27	84.6	151.5	+ 66.9	+ 79 %

Notes and References

- 1) www.epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu > Themes > Population & social conditions > "Ageing characterises the demographic perspectives of the European societies", Eurostat paper 72/2008, 26th August 2008.
- 2) Metropolitan France only, excluding French overseas territories
- 3) See Global Britain Briefing Note No 47, The EU's Demographic Anaemia, 23rd November 2007, which is based on the United Nations 2006 projections (www.globalbritain.org).

France says EU is on brink of defence breakthrough

But a US general casts serious doubts about Europe's ability to plan and run successful military missions

In an interview with the *Financial Times* on 3rd November, Hervé Morin, the French defence minister said European Union member states are on the verge of a "big and pragmatic step forward" in plans to create a common EU defence capability.

As France prepares to unveil the results of one of its core ambitions for its EU presidency, Mr Morin said defence ministers from the 27 member states would soon finalise agreements that would help to enhance what Paris calls "l'Europe de la défense".

The measures set to be agreed would help to improve co-ordination of national programmes and operations. They include a plan for the EU to co-ordinate the servicing and deployment of aircraft providing long-range strategic troop transport.

The EU will also announce a plan for the four member states with aircraft carriers - the UK, France, Italy and Spain - to conduct joint naval exercises involving craft from other member states.

In addition, the European bloc will make proposals to pool resources of several EU member states - such as France, Germany and Italy - in satellite observation and to agree action to

evacuate EU citizens engulfed in crisis situations anywhere in the world.

Mr Morin conceded that France, in the face of British opposition, had given up, if only for the time being its goal of creating a joint EU headquarters in Brussels that could run live operations. He said each EU-badged mission would continue to be run by a national headquarters in a member state such as the UK or France. Mr Morin said he regretted that this was the case.

"I appreciate British pragmatism but we have a situation where we have numerous headquarters - in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and now even Greece - and that costs us money."

However, Mr Morin said defence ministers had agreed to enhance the capacity of EU military staff in Brussels to undertake strategic planning for missions, with the ability to feed these plans directly into the work done by the operational headquarters.

"Britain, France and Germany have agreed to this", he said. "It is a first step."

The EU has run some 20 missions in the Balkans, Middle East and Africa in the past decade. But the US and some European governments have

sometimes feared that EU-badged missions are unnecessary rivals to Nato and risk undermining the transatlantic alliance.

Mr Morin said: *"It took hours of conversation for the Americans to realise that France wasn't trying to set up a rival operation and that European defence could actually bolster the capabilities of the transatlantic alliance as a whole"*.

However, at a conference in Brussels, also on 3rd November, Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, the deputy chairman of the NATO military committee, is reported to have made acidic remarks about the EU's ability to plan, deploy and conduct successful missions, stressing that out of the bloc's 20 missions so far, five were short-term operations in Congo.

"I'm not questioning the value of those missions, they were successful in the relief of pressing humanitarian problems, but what is the over-arching strategic thinking in the EU with regard to the Congo?"

He also criticised the EU's "overwhelming preference for soft power" and lack of deployable troops despite massive spending on defence.

One EU government on way, says Tebbit

"In short the euro was exposed as a single currency with 15 Chancellors of the Exchequer and 15 Treasuries. In the long run there can only be one Chancellor, one Treasury, one tax

system, one economic policy for any one currency - and that means one Government and one state."

Lord Tebbit of Chingford, describing

the impact of the credit crunch at a dinner organised by the Bruges Group on 28th October to mark the 20th anniversary of Margaret Thatcher's Bruges speech.

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EU socialist and poor in 50 years

EU minus UK) is set to shrink rapidly - from 293 million in 2008 to 238 million in 2060, a loss of 54 million, which happens to be exactly the current working age population of Germany. Meanwhile the working population of China, India and the US is likely to grow rapidly. In the case of America the increase in WAP will be

equivalent to the loss of WAP in Europe.

What this means is that Europe (with which the UK already has a huge trade deficit) will be a rapidly shrinking market for British exporters. If Britain hopes that the answer to its economic problems lies in export-led growth it must quite obviously look elsewhere

and policy must take urgent account of this imperative. Unless, of course, we truly want to be part of an undemocratic socialist republic - a kind of East Germany writ large - in which relative economic decline can be taken for granted and in which absolute decline is a permanent possibility.

European Arrest Warrant: magistrates reject appeal by Londoner

Westminster magistrates have rejected an appeal by Andrew Symeou, the 19-year-old London man facing extradition to Greece under a European Arrest Warrant to face a charge of manslaughter (see *eurofacts* 17th October 2008).

UKIP MEP Gerard Batten, who has been campaigning in Mr Symeou's behalf, said after the hearing:-

"Mr Symeou's lawyer was only able to appeal because he obtained a copy of the Greek authorities' legal papers and argued that they had not followed their own procedures correctly.

"The British courts have no power whatsoever to consider the prima facie evidence against the accused person and decide if there is a proper case to answer.

"Mr Symeou's case perfectly illustrates the dangers posed to our liberties by the EAW, which I have been warning against since it became UK

law in 2004.

"If anyone is wondering how we came to be saddled with the EAW, then the best person to ask is Liberal Democrat MEP Graham Watson, who wrote the legislation for the EAW and pushed it through the European Parliament."

"If you would like to question him about this his e-mail address is (graham.watson@europarl.europa.eu)."

After the hearing, the Symeou family issued the following statement:

"We have conclusive evidence that proves Andrew Symeou's innocence; however under the European Arrest Warrant the requesting state does not have to provide any evidence to a British court nor is a British court concerned whether there is a case to answer.

"On 11th November we will be commemorating the sacrifices of members of the British and Commonwealth armed forces and of

civilians in times of war; people who fought and sacrificed their lives for our civil liberties. Directives such as the European Arrest Warrant are an erosion of these civil liberties.

"The European Arrest Warrant was designed to fast-track the extradition of terrorists from one European state to another, by bypassing what has been described as red tape, without any real consideration of what effect it would have on innocent individuals. This so-called 'red tape' was in fact a fundamental safeguard designed to protect innocent individuals, and no consideration was given to how its removal affects ordinary people like Andrew.

"We will fight this case all the way to the European Court and will not stop until the police officers who manufactured and fabricated evidence against Andrew have been punished for their crimes."

Sainsbury's to fight ban on 'ugly fruit'

A super-market campaign to promote healthy eating has had to be abandoned because of concerns that it could have led to store managers being prosecuted under EU regulations.

Sainsbury's planned to launch Halloween 'zombie brains' cauliflowers, 'witches fingers' carrots and ogres 'toe-nails' using under-sized and mis-shapen vegetables that are presently banned from sale.

Sainsbury's knew that their plan violated EU regulations, but had

assumed that any prosecution would be against the company. It abandoned the campaign when it realised that individual managers could be prosecuted and would end up with criminal records.

Instead it has launched a 'Save our British Fruit and Veg' campaign with the aim of forcing the EU to relax its rules on selling 'imperfect' fresh produce.

The retailer has written to the EU agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel and the Environment

Secretary Hilary Benn expressing its concern at 'bonkers' regulations and has launched an on-line poll to join its campaign.

The regulations, which govern the shape, size and appearance of 36 fruits and vegetables mean that an estimated 20 per cent of British farmers' produce goes to waste.

Sainsbury's said it had intended to sell its Halloween range up to 40 per cent cheaper than the standard produce.

Financial regulation: who's in charge?

Ann Winterton (Con): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether financial services regulation is an exclusive competence of the European Union.

Ian Pearson (Lab) for the Treasury: The regulation of financial services is an exclusive EU competence where the EU has adopted directives and regulations in the field and where there

is general EU law that applies to financial firms, for example, the state aid rules. Member states can only legislate in the field covered by a directive (unless explicitly allowed to do so by the directive) in order to implement EU law, to provide further necessary detail or to ensure its proper enforcement, for example by adding sanctions for non-compliance.

Where permissible under a directive, a member state may go further than EU law, but only if it does not contradict EU law. Some issues concerning regulation of financial services are not covered by EU competence, for example regulation of mortgage.

Source: House of Commons Hansard 29th October 2008.

A ballot box in space - the perfect symbol of EU democracy

“Vote in European elections and support the EU or the planet gets it”

So remote as to be utterly inaccessible. As a symbol of the huge distance that separates ordinary citizens from the political decision-making process a ballot box orbiting in space could scarcely be bettered. But apparently the Brussels spin doctors who plan to put it there have a quite different intention - that of drumming up publicity for next June's European election.

The wheeze is just one of many dreamt up as part of a £21 million PR contract to come up with a “*campaign concept and visual identity*” for the European Parliament.

The stunt will probably take place in May 2009 when the Parliament hijacks the take-off of Belgian astronaut Frank De Winne, who will be on a six month European Space Agency mission to the ISS.

According to the *Daily Telegraph's* Bruno Waterfield's blog officials and Euro-MPs fear the approaching European elections - to be held on June 4th next year - could be turned into a protest against the Lisbon treaty. Even best-case scenarios assume a further melt down of the popular vote.

The stunt is reminiscent of the April 2005 space mission when Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori took a copy of the ill-fated European Union Constitution to the International Space

Station (ISS).

“Once in orbit, the Constitution will circle not only Europe, but the globe. It is to be hoped that this symbol of European identity will be welcomed by both Europeans and their counterparts throughout the world”, rejoiced a rather too hopeful Commission Vice-President Günter Verheugen at the time.

As the European Elections approach, a new body - the Inter-Institutional Group on Information (IGI) - now exists to coordinate communication messages. Climate change has already been identified as the key issue for a propaganda offensive that will open in January.

According to Waterfield, “*vote in European elections and support the EU or the planet gets it*” has been identified as the campaign theme.

Communications Strategy

With temperatures dropping and the recession worsening this does not exactly strike us as a sure winner.

It is part of Communications Commissioner Margot Wallstrom's plan to devise a comprehensive communications strategy to which all EU institutions will adhere.

A statement from the EU press office on 28th October, which serves as a

model of how not to communicate with the voters, stated: “*Today in the European Parliament a political declaration was signed which aims at encouraging cooperation among the EU institutions and member states on communication about Europe. The declaration, entitled ‘Communicating Europe in Partnership’*, was signed by Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-President of the European Parliament, the French Minister of State Jean-Pierre Jouyet, on behalf of the Council of the EU and Margot Wallström, Vice-President of the European Commission.

“With this political declaration the institutions and the Member States have decided to develop synergies in order to address the communication challenge together. They have agreed on a pragmatic partnership approach based on the annual selection of joint communication priorities and practical cooperation between the communication departments of Member States and Institutions.”

When political leaders talk like this it is an unequivocal sign that they have nothing to say to the voters and are merely talking to one another. Like the orbiting ballot box they might just as well be in outer space.

It's enough to drive you to drink

The financial crisis is enough to drive one to drink. *eurofacts'* own preferred tippale is wine. But although this can provide solace at times of distress one cannot avoid reflecting on the unfairness of the British wine-drinker's lot.

The British pay £1.47 in tax on each bottle compared to around 2p in France and nothing in Spain, Italy and Germany.

At the same time the British taxpayer

contributes handsomely to the quarter of a billion euros in EU wine subsidies which go in large part to buying up undrinkable plonk - mostly from France, Spain and Italy - and turning it into industrial products like paint-stripper, to which it already bears a distinct resemblance.

Meanwhile, English wine production is thriving in the free market, well away from the subsidies regime and despite two dreadful summers. More

land is under cultivation for wine in the UK than since the reign of Henry II, some 800 years ago.

How come that if the English can produce drinkable wine at affordable prices despite their mediocre weather and punitive rates of duty - and without state hand-outs - the wine-makers of Languedoc and La Mancha, with centuries of experience behind them, cannot do the same?

LETTERS

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Britain's role in the EU is that of milch cow

Dear Sir,

The economic crisis, appalling though it is, will like the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the 1930s depression pass into history. Your article "*The EAW in action - the sad demise of habeus corpus*" (*eurofacts* 17th October 2008) demonstrates the destruction of British democracy which is intended to be irrevocable.

As you rightly say, "*the Home Secretary has no legal right to intervene*" to apply habeus corpus. But, with a terrible irony, such legality poses little constraint on Continental countries with no history of habeus corpus. Thus France, on the whim of Sarkozy's wife, is now preventing such an extradition, involving an Italian Red Brigade terrorist, on - of all things - "humanitarian grounds". (*Sunday Times Review* 19th October).

The reason the Continentals can act with such impunity is their devious application of the principle of self-interest whereby they first try to ensure in Brussels that their requirements are paramount, then if this does not succeed, they apply a spectrum of ploys for infinite delay. One is the filter of so called "strategic interest" whereby France for example takes over foreign firms but protects its own firms from foreign takeovers. Indeed, Sarkozy now states openly that he will pour government money into French firms in danger of such takeovers.

Our 'partners' final defence of self interest is crude imperial refusal. This was demonstrated by Germany. Knowing that many countries entering the EMU had fiddled the figures, it insisted on a Stability Pact. With monumental irony it was Germany itself, with France, who first contravened this. Moreover, they did it with complete impunity.

Contrast all this pressure with the

naïve nonchalance of our politicians as epitomised by the effete attitude of former Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who tells us he found Thatcher's fight for our rebate "rather embarrassing". Indeed, in 1973 a French minister was so amazed at the British complete capitulation that he exclaimed: "*It was past our wildest dreams*".

Now, after decades our 'partners' are no longer surprised and assume that our role is to be that of the EU milch cow.

However, this policy of self-abasement has led to a potentially devastating development. A Spanish firm, working on a power station in Britain is insisting most of the workers be imported from Spain and Portugal, despite the requisite skills being available locally. Typically, it has been left to the unions to draw the Government's belated attention to this. One can expect a similar attempt to export unemployment by the French builders of our entire nuclear system. One wonders if that would be sufficient to get the British Government off its knees.

C. FRANCIS WARREN
Lancaster

Climate and Religion

Dear Sir

I was attracted to Brian Bone's letter in *eurofacts* 31st October 2008 linking the belief in man-made climate change to religion.

As a Christian, my faith gives me belief in God, proof is neither required nor sought. As a professional physicist, proof is everything. Until data is available, science tells us not to believe, and even the type of proof is important. It must be falsifiable (capable of being proved wrong if it is wrong). Otherwise, physics is not science, it is a religion.

Those who believe in anthropogenic global warming (AGW) have not

provided proof of any sort. Not even the politically-motivated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the group on which the EU relies for scientific verification of its hope that carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions are an issue, claims with complete certainty that AGW is proven. They rely on what computer models are saying.

The value of such models, for all the other areas of physics in which I have worked, has always been understood to depend on the quality of the data input and of the model. "Garbage in = garbage out" is a term often applied. The AGW group has turned this into "garbage in = gospel out". They have faith in models which are supposed to be able to predict climate a hundred years hence, yet not a single one has predicted a major climate event without a lot of tweaking *post facto*. All four major global temperature tracking groups show cooling for the last 7-10 years; no computer predicted this. Ironically, the first snowfall in October in London since 1934 started at about 10 p.m on 28th October 2008, just as the Commons passed an EU-inspired bill that mandates 80 per cent cuts in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

In fact, the actual physics of this is rather clear. CO₂ has a logarithmically-reducing ability to increase radiative forcing (and thus warming) as concentration increases. To a large extent, most of the warming that CO₂ is capable of is already used up, which is why when concentrations of the gas were far higher in the past it was actually cooler.

The sun controls our climate. So my advice is, if you are not a Christian but you feel you need faith in something, have faith in the Sun as some other cultures do. That sort of faith will reward much more than climate models ever can.

ROBERT G HEATH
Surrey

MEETINGS

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Saturday **22nd November**,
10.30 am - 6.15 pm

Tim Aker, *Grassroots Coordinator of the Taxpayers Alliance & author of The Bumper Book of Government Waste 2008.*

Marta Andreason, *was Chief Accountant to the European Commission where she raised concerns about fraud and was removed. She is now the treasurer of UKIP*

Gerard Batten MEP, *UKIP spokesman on defence and an expert on the costs of EU membership*

Christopher Booker, *Journalist and author of numerous books the latest is Scared To Death From BSE To Global Warming*

Roger Helmer MEP, *Conservative representative for East Midlands and author*

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Simon Heffer, *Journalist*

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Tuesday **25th November**, 10.35 am
Evidence will be heard on *The inquiry into the EU Response to the Financial Market Turbulence* from the Lord Turner of Ecchinswell, Chairman, Financial Services Authority (FSA).

Thursday **4th December**, 10.10 am
Evidence will be heard on *The EU Commissioner's proposals for a directive on patients' rights in cross border health-care* from the NHS Confederation, Royal College of General Practitioners; and Royal College of Nursing.

Thursday **11th December**, 10.10 am
Evidence will be heard on *The EU Commissioner's proposals for a directive on patients' rights in cross border health-care* from the British Medical Association; and British Dental Association.

Note: Committee Meetings can change from Public to Private without warning

DIARY OF EVENTS

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2009

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