

## Here we are again, watching Groundhog Day for Lisbon

*Even before Ireland's second vote, the EU is getting ready  
to discuss how it will hand out the new top jobs*

Timing is everything, they say, and with that in mind *eurofacts* returns at a defining moment for the European Union. On 2nd October, as we know, Ireland will get its second chance to give the “right” answer to the question that is, in essence, “Are you willing to cede even more sovereign powers to Brussels?”

It is a defining moment because this exercise in pressure on the public demonstrates quite clearly that democracy Brussels-style is very different from the ideals in the minds of genuine democrats. For the Eurocracy, voting is nothing more than an empty spectacle, a confidence trick of the sort that characterised “elections” in the old Soviet Union or, in today’s world, Iran and Afghanistan.

The problem with voters, so far as Brussels is concerned, is that they don’t know what is good for them, so it is deeply irritating when they insist on being asked, as the Irish constitution alone demands. Of course, you cannot ignore voters completely – that would be dictatorship, wouldn’t it? – so you have to give them the opportunity to see the error of their ways.

This worked in Denmark with the Maastricht Treaty and in Ireland over the Nice Treaty. If it does not work this time, no matter. Then the voters *can* be ignored.

It has been made it clear if Ireland says “no” again, then the Lisbon Treaty will go ahead anyway for the member

states that have ratified it. The German government has said that in those circumstances, it will press for the European Commission to be reduced to between 12 and 18 members, with no representation for “problem” countries.

The certainty that Lisbon will be implemented in some form is at least part of the reason why Declan Ganley, founder of Libertas and a leading Irish “no” campaigner last time, is not even bothering to take the field for the replay. “It’s a waste of time,” he said.

Brussels, however, does not expect another rejection. Why should it when it has spent a reported €1.5 million on an “information” campaign in Ireland and has used its web site as a platform to challenge Lisbon opponents? To this we can add the threats issued by the Irish government when it launched its referendum campaign at the beginning of the month.

Lisbon was vital to the survival of the country, the Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, said: “The simple fact is that a rejection of this Treaty after receiving comprehensive assurances to our concerns would be seen by many, as Ireland moving away from the core of the EU. There is no conceivable economic benefit which would come from this and there is undeniable potential for long-term damage.”

Indeed, so confident is the Eurocracy that Ireland will get it right this time that the Swedish presidency

announced on 1st September that it plans to hold a summit meeting on 29th and 30th October to discuss how the new top jobs created by the Lisbon arrangements – the permanent European president and foreign minister – and the new Commission.

The assumption evidently is that when Ireland says “yes”, the three other countries that have still to ratify the treaty will quickly do so. Poland appears to be heading in the direction of ratification and Germany has reached a constitutional compromise that should allow it to do so. The principal hold-out is the Czech Republic, whose President, Vaclav Klaus, has made his opposition abundantly clear.

Last autumn, the Czech constitutional court cleared the treaty on the basis of a special mandate that would permit parliament a say on any transfer of powers to the EU. However, a group of centre-right senators has just gone back to the court demanding that the mandate be changed to required a constitutional 60 per cent majority in both houses of parliament, rather than the simple majority currently allowed. The senators also want the court to have the last word on individual pieces of EU legislation.

Constitutional experts doubt that either of these demands will be met, but the situation is complicated by the fact that a general election is due in the

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Czech Republic on 9th October. Opinion polls give a narrow lead to the centre-left Social Democrats, some of whom are calling for a date for ratification to be set now. A “yes” from Ireland would strengthen their hand. The centre-right ODS party is not far behind in the polls, however, and its victory might well reinforce the position of President Klaus. Yet if Ireland does vote in favour of Lisbon and the Czechs can find no constitutional objection, it must surely be only a matter of time before they fall into line.

But will the Irish vote in favour? The “no” campaign has made most of the running so far and polls show a drop in “yes” support over the summer, but the pro camp is ahead of where it was at this stage last time and the government’s campaign has only just begun.

As we went to press, one farmer was seeking a judicial review of the legality of the second referendum, but the history of legal challenges to the Lisbon ratification process is not encouraging. However high passions run, the outcome is more likely to be influenced by apathy.

The great advantage of the EU

technique of repeating the same question is that people without very strong views quickly tire of it. As the *Southern Star* newspaper in Co. Cork put it:

“We’ve heard the arguments ad nauseam. Enough is enough. What’s more, we don’t really give a hoot about Lisbon, and why should we? We’ve been battered, lied to and fooled by a political elite that plunged hundreds of thousands of us into poverty, unemployment and despair. These same people now want us to believe them on Lisbon.

“Jobs, education, health, mortgages, money, are the issues that are now concentrating minds – not esoteric arguments about voting rights in Brussels or an incomprehensible document that EC Commissioner, Charlie McCreevy, described as unreadable and which, he said, would be rejected by 95 per cent of the EU member states if they were allowed to hold referenda.”

For the Eurocracy, that is rather the point. The fact is that, on the surface, the EU is irrelevant to the daily lives of most people, so why should they care about the fine details of how it is run? And that suits Brussels just fine. In the case of the Lisbon Treaty they made

sure that electorates would lose interest, as the new Development Commissioner, Karl du Gucht, told the European Parliament this month:

“People didn’t read the Lisbon Treaty, they didn’t understand the first word about it. No real debate about the Lisbon Treaty could happen. This was a deliberate decision of the European Council.”

Whether people care about it or not, the Lisbon Treaty is important. It is the final proof that the Eurocrats are not interested in democracy, even less so in politics. What motivates them is power, and that is what the Treaty will give them considerably more of. It will also confer upon unelected bureaucrats the spurious legitimacy of a quasi-state with a president and a constitution in all but name.

That is why it is equally important that the Irish people vote “no” again. They might not actually prevent implementation of the Lisbon federal agenda, but they will at least expose it for the cynical piece of international gerrymandering that it is – and perhaps ensure that, sooner or later, the Eurocracy will pay for its arrogance.

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## EU ‘broke trade rules’ with Airbus, says WTO

The European Union’s protectionist instincts and penchant for handing out subsidies to insulate its own industries from foreign competition is likely to be exposed in a ruling from the World Trade Organization at the end of the year. An interim ruling this month – which will not be made public – has found the EU guilty of giving illegal subsidies to the Airbus aircraft company.

Sources in the US Trade Department as saying that the WTO finds Airbus

received low-interest and interest-free loans from the UK, French, German and Spanish governments to develop new jets, with no obligation to repay those debts if aircraft did not sell well. The WTO also ruled on American charges that Airbus received financing from the European Investment Bank to cover expansion, modernisation and development costs.

US aircraft maker Boeing claimed that Airbus received at least \$15 billion in launch aid for new planes, including

the huge A380. That meant it did not run normal commercial risks and thus harmed the international trade of the American firm.

The European Commission has filed counter-charges that Boeing received illegal subsidies in the form of US Defense Department development funding and federal tax breaks. The WTO will rule on that next year.

Whether either “free trade”-parroting government takes any notice and changes its habits is an open question.

## Farage puts Europe on the General Election agenda

The decision by UKIP leader Nigel Farage to stand against Commons Speaker John Bercow in his Buckingham constituency at the

forthcoming General Election has guaranteed that the UK’s membership of the EU will be a key issue in the campaign – something none of the

main parties wanted. Will Labour and the Lib Dems now feel they have to break Parliamentary convention and take on Bercow *and* Euroscepticism?

## Graduating to the European ideal

Open Europe has obtained a copy of an e-mail showing just how far the European Commission is prepared to go in spreading its word. It is offering to stage events for students – financed by taxpayers – to encourage thousands of young people in the UK to believe in its own European ideal. The message, from the head of public diplomacy at the EU office in London, Dominic Brett, says:

*Following the high level of demand over the past twelve months, we're repeating our offer to*

*speak to students in 2009-10. I'm the head of public diplomacy here at the EC Representation in London. Part of our job is to offer relevant departments in English universities (other parts of the UK have their own Commission office) presentations to their undergraduate and master's students. Over the past couple of years, we've hosted dozens of student groupings here in London or gone out to visit universities across the country.*

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Wasn't it the Jesuits who used to say something to the effect that if they got them young enough, they would keep them for life?

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## City challenges hedge fund directive

The determination of the EU Commission to rush through as soon as possible laws regulating the activities of hedge funds has provoked a backlash in the City of London. According to estimates, the proposed Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD), if implemented as it stands, could cost the European pension industry as much as €25 billion in costs and lower returns.

It is expected that the European Parliament will consider the AIFMD during its session beginning this month, with a view to its approval being secured by December. Before then, the UK Financial Services Authority hopes to be able to present a cost-benefit analysis of the measure which, it believes, will demonstrate clearly that it needs to be amended.

The consulting and investment firm

Mercer has already called for the directive to be rewritten, forecasting that it will seriously limit access to non-EU funds and restrict fund managers' investment options. "Our pension fund clients agree that the industry needs improvement and better supervision, but they also need choice and value for money," the company said. The AIFMD would also have the effect of restricting on investment from outside the EU.

The chief executive of the Alternative Investment Management Association, Andrew Baker, says that as the directive stands he can foresee only the certainty of massive costs and the uncertainty of any benefits.

He points out that because of its ageing population Europe will rely increasingly on strong growth and reliable returns from its pension funds

and he fears the directive would damage their prospects.

Mr Baker has demanded a full impact assessment on the proposal, but a response from the British Government suggests that there will not be time to do this because of the Commission's desire to have the AIFMD approved by the end of the year.

Among other things, the directive would place limits on the amounts hedge funds could borrow and would restrict their involvement in non-EU investments.

The proposal is likely to cause a political row. France is one of its main backers, while the British Government fears the directive would harm the competitiveness of the City, where 80 per cent of EU hedge fund assets are managed. Lobbying is well under way.

## The thin end of tax harmonisation wedge?

Last month the European Commission adopted with little fanfare a proposal to create a legal basis for the creation of a tax regime called Eurofisc, which is intended to make all member states jointly responsible for VAT revenues in all EU countries.

Promoted as an anti-fraud measure,

Eurofisc will set rules for VAT registration and deregistration and for the validation of traders' identities and VAT numbers. In addition, it will enable tax authorities to gain access to information held in all European countries, which will have to conform to a common set of standards.

The Commission claims that Eurofisc

will protect honest taxpayers against fraud, and well it might in some cases. However, it is worth remembering that complete tax harmonisation has long been a dream of the European Union federalists, with their ideal of a single European superstate. Could Eurofisc turn out to be just the first step along that road?

## Do Lisbon changes require re-ratification?

**D**o the amendments made to the Lisbon Treaty to reassure the Irish people on matters such as neutrality, tax arrangements and abortion mean that the “new” treaty thus created must go through the ratification process again? William Cash MP certainly thinks so. He raised the subject with the Foreign Secretary, David Miliband, on 2nd July during a debate in the European Scrutiny Committee to consider the legal guarantees given to Ireland in relation to the Lisbon Treaty. Here are extracts from the exchanges:

**Mr Cash:** Foreign Secretary, just to clarify one point, you quite rightly of course pointed out that this was the European Council statement. It is odd that your Minister for Europe refers to it as a meeting of the Council of Ministers but I have the references here. That is a bit odd but let us just pass over that for the moment. Far more important, however, is the fact that, in the light of an exchange I had, as it happens, with the Prime Minister on 23rd June on the European Council statement, the fact is that this decision, which was taken at Edinburgh, was a matter which at that time, in 1992 – and I do remember it really quite well as I was leading the rebellion at that time. I think you will find this very important – at least, I hope you will. At that time the House of Commons was in a position to deal with the question which arose during the passage of the Maastricht Bill – in other words, a completely different situation, because this is emphatically not the case now. So how on earth could you not agree that the European Council decision of 18th June must now be re-ratified and then implemented in Parliament with a new Bill?...

**David Miliband:** For a very simple reason: paragraph 5 of the

presidency conclusion says as follows. “...the Heads of State or Government have declared that: (i) this Decision gives legal guarantee that certain matters of concern to the Irish people will be unaffected by the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon; (ii) its content is fully compatible with the Treaty of Lisbon and will not necessitate any re-ratification of that Treaty; (iii) the Decision is legally binding and will take effect on the date of entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon; (iv) they will, at the time of the conclusion of the next accession Treaty, set out the provisions of the annexed Decision in a Protocol to be attached, in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements... (v) the Protocol will in no way alter the relationship between the EU and its member states...”

**Mr Cash:** That is their assertion.

**David Miliband:** Hang on. Let me finish before we get on to your assertion. “The sole purpose of the Protocol will be to give full treaty status to the clarification set out in the decision to meet the concerns of the Irish people. Its status will be no different to the similar clarifications in protocols obtained by other member states. The Protocol will clarify but not change either the content or the application of the treaty.”...

**Chairman:** Before Mr Cash comes back, can I ask you a question that most people looking at this process will be asking. If in fact this is a legally binding decision without the need for ratification, because you have said it does not need ratifying, why do you want to incorporate it into a protocol?... To people looking at it, this sounds like a stitch-up to get round the fact that if we do not give Ireland something that is not in the Lisbon Treaty at this moment, which we ratified...

**David Miliband:** No, I reject that.

...

**Mr Cash:** You have made some very significant remarks. I may disagree with them but they are significant and they are on the record. I believe, frankly, Foreign Secretary, this whole operation for a long time has, as the Chairman has suggested, had the characteristic of stitch-up and cover-up but I would rather get down to the actual nitty-gritty here because it affects all the member states. What I would simply like to refer you to is what the Minister for Europe in the House of Lords, in the other place, stated yesterday at column 219... and I am quoting exactly what she said, “Everything in the guarantees has been agreed by the Parliament of this country” – she means the Irish guarantees – I repeat, “Everything in the guarantees has been agreed by the Parliament of this country.” Does the Foreign Secretary agree with her or will he admit that this simply is not true?

**David Miliband:** I would like to know why you think it is not true.

**Mr Cash:** For the simple reason that we certainly have not agreed in this Parliament to the Irish guarantees.

**David Miliband:** No, Bill, really. You read out a quote which said, “I am surprised that some Members are not aware that everything in the guarantees has been agreed” and then you said, “Aha! Tell me that we agreed the guarantees.” Of course, the point that Glenys Kinnock made, which you dropped from your second quotation, was everything in the guarantees. The guarantees are about tax, defence and abortion.

...

**Mr Cash:** It is a greatly extended Irish protocol which affects all the member states, therefore there is a need for ratification of this treaty, implementation by a new Bill in this House. How can you deny that?

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# European recovery looks slow and painful

*Gap shows between core EU economies and the rest*

Despite the air of quiet satisfaction that greeted the news of small increases in German and French GDP in the second quarter of the year, the latest economic figures from the EU show that the recovery from recession – if indeed it is one – is going to be slow and fragile. They also underline a developing gap between the economies of France and Germany and the other member states.

GDP in the second quarter fell overall by 0.1 per cent in the 16 countries of the euro currency zone and by 0.2 per cent in the EU as a whole. Compared with the second quarter of 2008, seasonally adjusted GDP declined by 4.7 per cent in the euro area and by 4.8 per cent across all 27 member states. In both cases, exports were also down, by 1.1 per cent in the euro zone and 1.5 per cent across the board.

At the same time, monthly unemployment figures showed a rise in the jobless rate to 9.5 per cent in the

euro area, the highest figure recorded since May 1999. Worst hit were Spain (18.5 per cent), Latvia, at 17.4 per cent, and Lithuania, 16.7 per cent. In Ireland the rate reached 12.2 per cent, while in the UK the latest figures available showed unemployment at 7.7 per cent.

An exception to the trend was Germany, which reported a fall of 1,000 in the number of unemployed, with the rate running at 8.3 per cent. However, analysts say that incentives for German firms to retain workers on shorter hours will expire soon, so the rate is likely to rise again.

The most serious problem of joblessness was among young people, those aged under 25. Over the EU as a whole, the figure leapt from 15.4 per cent in July 2008 to just under 20 per cent in the same month of 2009. Membership of the single currency made little difference. In the euro zone the comparable figures were 15.4 per

cent and 19.7 per cent. The UK was little better off either, with a rate of 19.2 per cent among under-25s.

EU figures also show a fall in the industrial producer price index, which dropped 0.8 per cent in the euro zone and 1 per cent across the whole single market in July, following gains the previous month. This means that producer prices are down about 8.5 per cent on a year ago. Taken on an annual basis, the countries suffering the largest falls were the Netherlands, Denmark, Greece, Belgium and Finland. Malta, by contrast, reported a small rise. On a monthly basis, the largest falls were in Germany and Lithuania.

Overall, analysts are most concerned about the Baltic countries, which have felt the worst effects of the recession. Government attempts at austerity have run into opposition and there are fears that their continuing problems could eventually spill into the rest of the EU.

## Quarterly growth rates of GDP in volume (seasonally adjusted)

	Percentage change compared with the previous quarter				Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
	2008		2009		2008		2009	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>Euro 16</b>	-0.3	-1.8	-2.5	-0.1	0.5	-1.7	-4.9	-4.7
<b>EU 27</b>	-0.4	-1.9	-2.4	-0.2	0.7	-1.7	-4.8	-4.8

*Source: eurostat*

## Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates (%)

	July 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	March 2009	April 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009
<b>Euro 16</b>	7.5	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
<b>EU 27</b>	7.0	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.8	9.0

*Source: eurostat*

## Seasonally adjusted number of unemployed (in millions)

	July 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	March 2009	April 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009
<b>Euro 16</b>	11.8267	13.466	13.865	14.255	14.556	14.755	14.923	15.090
<b>EU 27</b>	16.683	19.185	19.854	20.458	20.973	21.327	21.569	21.794

*Source: eurostat*

# LETTERS

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## Question of loyalty

Dear Sir,

There is a question transcending all questions which demands an answer from all members of both Houses of Parliament. It is this:

“After the Lisbon Treaty is ratified by the United Kingdom Parliament will your first loyalty be to Her Majesty The Queen or to the President of the European Union?”

On 15th June 2009 I wrote this question to:

1) My Member of Parliament, who replied: “...of course to H.M. The Queen and not to the President of the EU”.

2) The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP, who replied: “...The content of your communication has been noted”.

3) Lord Mandelson, who, in spite of a 14th July reminder has not yet replied.

You, Sir, may now consider putting this question to all concerned before Lisbon ratification.

THOMAS PARES  
Norfolk

## EU contribution

Dear Sir,

British taxpayers' bill for membership of the European Union is set to rise by 60 per cent from a net contribution of £4.1 billion this year to £6.4 billion in 2010/11. Millions of pounds of our taxpayers' money is spent on projects in other countries whilst here in the UK hundreds of thousands of families are registered on social housing waiting lists.

The European Parliament is rife with corruption and fraud and full of MEPs

who are paid huge salaries, can claim massive expenses and are rewarded with excellent pensions whilst here in the UK people are struggling to survive in the recession.

In several recent polls British support for membership of the EU is consistent at 34 per cent, yet we are still denied a referendum on our continued membership of the EU, or even a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty due to an unfulfilled manifesto promise made by this Labour Government.

Surely the £6.4 billion could be better spent in the UK on a massive social housing building programme which in turn would create thousands of jobs and boost the UK economy.

JOSEPHINE ALLEN  
Norfolk

## General Election

Dear Sir,

UKIP's Executive and membership will have been pleased and impressed that it came second, behind the Conservative Party, in the elections to the European Parliament. It fared better than the Labour, Liberal Democrats and Green parties. However, the fact remains that UKIP makes minimal impression in the EU's seat of power.

In around nine months' time, or sooner if Gordon Brown can summon up the courage. UKIP will field hundreds of candidates in the next General Election. A small number will save their deposits but none will become an MP. If Bob Spink MP stands for UKIP at Castle Point, he will not win the seat that he has held since defecting to UKIP from the Conservative Party. It is highly

unlikely that an incoming Conservative Government, with a very substantial majority, would wish to consider changing from first past the post to proportional representation, hoping to cling on to as many seats as possible in subsequent General Elections, or would offer to introduce PR if and when it returned to power. This, of course, would suit Labour, the Lib-Dems and every fringe party hoping to get into Westminster.

We live in interesting times and I for one sincerely hope that the expenses debacle will not result in total apathy, at the next election

DAVID OWEN  
Devon

## Spin and cynicism

Dear Sir,

The next few months should be interesting and the spin has already started. I have noted two things so far.

The first was a BBC news item on honesty meaning different things to different people – therefore under trial by jury there could be two different results depending who was on the jury. This is possibly true, but is it a subtle suggestion that trial by one or two judges would be better, as on the Continent? No thank you.

Second, the suggestion that the police could give instant fines for road traffic offences, as on the Continent, where 20 years ago it was known the police supplemented their pay with dubious fines and no receipts. One hopes our police are of sterner stuff, but it is a truism that if temptation and opportunity are side by side, few resist.

JULIET RUMBLE  
Devon

## *eurofacts* continues the reality check, thanks to loyal supporters

We at *eurofacts* are delighted to be able to resume normal service, though from now on we shall be publishing monthly instead of fortnightly. For this we are grateful to all those readers who got in touch urging us to keep up the good work –

and especially those who generously provided financial backing.

Thanks to your support, we are able to continue the work of bringing the realities of the EU to public attention.

We are sorry to have to announce that Ian Milne, co-founder of *eurofacts*, and

Gerald Frost, former Editor, have decided not to continue with their involvement with *eurofacts* and are to pursue other interests in the Eurorealist field.

We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

# MEETINGS

## Labour Party Fringe Meeting Brighton

Labour Euro-Safeguards Campaign  
020 7691 3800

Monday 28th September, 5.45 pm

“Why we need another Irish ‘No’ to the Lisbon Treaty”

**Tony Benn**  
**Kelvin Hughes MP**  
**John Mills, LESC**  
Chairman, **Austin Mitchell MP**

PUBLIC MEETING  
UMI Suite, UMI Hotel, 60-64 Kings  
Road, Brighton  
Admission Free

## Conservative Party Fringe Meeting Manchester

**Bruges Group**  
020 7287 4414

Monday 5th October, 2.30 pm

“Are the Political Parties failing the voters of Britain?”

**Simon Heffer**  
**Peter Hitchens**

PUBLIC MEETING  
The Radisson Edwardian Hotel (Free Trade Hall) Peter Street, Manchester M2 5GP

**Conservative Way Forward**  
020 7610 6256

Wednesday 7th October, 8.00 pm

**Dr Liam Fox, Shadow Defence Secretary**

CONFERENCE DINNER  
The Linen Room, Manchester 235, The Great Northern, Watson Street, Manchester M3 4LP  
Admission  
£45 Members £55 Non-Members  
(By ticket only)

**Freedom Association**  
0845 833 9626

Saturday 17th October, 7.00 pm

“The myth of man-made Global Warming”

**Christopher Booker, Journalist and author**

MEETING - Dress Lounge suits  
Swan Hotel, Wells, Somerset BA5 2RX  
**Admission £35**  
(Cheques to Freedom Association, Somerset - Cllr Ron Forrest, Pear Tree Cottage, Lower Milton, Wells, Somerset BA5 1DH)

**Bruges Group**  
020 7287 4414

Saturday 21st November,  
10.30 am - 6.15 pm

**Speakers to be announced**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
The Great Hall, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS  
**Admission £20**  
(Includes, tea, coffee, water, juice and lunch)

## DIARY OF EVENTS

Lib Dem Party Conference  
Bournemouth **19-23rd September**

Labour Party Conference  
Brighton **26-30th September**

Irish 2nd Referendum on Lisbon Treaty **2nd October**

Conservative Party Conference  
Manchester **5-8th October**

UK Parliamentary Recess ends **12th October**

**2010**

Spain takes over EU presidency **1st January**

## USEFUL WEB SITES

**Better off Out Campaign**  
[www.betteroffout.co.uk](http://www.betteroffout.co.uk)

**British Declaration of Independence**  
[www.bdicampaign.org](http://www.bdicampaign.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.euroseptic.org.uk](http://www.euroseptic.org.uk)

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

**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)

**European No Campaign**  
[www.europeannocampaign.com](http://www.europeannocampaign.com)

**Foreign Affairs**  
[www.foreignaffairs.org](http://www.foreignaffairs.org)

**Freedom Association**  
[www.tfa.net](http://www.tfa.net)

**Global Britain**  
[www.globalbritain.org](http://www.globalbritain.org)

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

**I Want a Referendum**  
[www.iwantareferendum.com](http://www.iwantareferendum.com)

**June Press (Publications)**  
[www.junepress.com](http://www.junepress.com)

**Labour Euro-Safeguards Campaign**  
[www.lesc.org.uk](http://www.lesc.org.uk)

**New Alliance**  
[www.newalliance.org.uk](http://www.newalliance.org.uk)

**Open Europe**  
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**Regional Assemblies**  
[www.regionalassemblies.co.uk](http://www.regionalassemblies.co.uk)

**Speak Out Campaign**  
[www.speakout.co.uk](http://www.speakout.co.uk)

**Sovereignty**  
[www.sovereignty.org.uk](http://www.sovereignty.org.uk)

**Stewatch**  
[www.stewatch.org](http://www.stewatch.org)

**The People's "No" Campaign**  
[www.thepeoplesnocampaign.co.uk](http://www.thepeoplesnocampaign.co.uk)

**United Kingdom Independence Party**  
[www.ukip.org](http://www.ukip.org)

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