

UK & EU: THE FACTS

Who makes all of these decisions?

Passport Colour



Allowing fishing quotas to be sold to foreign boats



UK Border Control



UK Foreign and Defence Policies



NHS Funding



UK housing, pensions, work and welfare policies



What does the EU do for us?

Right to work in 28 EU countries



Free medical cover in 32 countries



Illegal to pay migrant workers less than locals



Funding for vital research collaboration



Trade Agreements with over 50 countries



Cleaner rivers, beaches and air



Did you know? ● When new states joined the EU (early 2000s), we could have stopped people coming to work here for 7 years. Many EU Countries did this. The UK chose not to. ● In many EU countries you must prove that you have a job or can support yourself after 3 months. The UK chose not to do this. ● The UK opted out of joining the Schengen area (the passport-free area shared by 26 EU countries). This means WE control our own borders. That's why refugees are stuck in Calais and we have to show passports whenever we enter the UK.

Trade

The EU is our biggest trading partner.

In 2017, 44% of UK exports, worth £274bn, went to the EU.

53% of our imports also come from the European Union.

30% of the UK's food comes from the EU as we only produce around half of what we consume.



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What about those “unelected bureaucrats”?



UK Parliament:

MPs directly elected by us, first past the post.
Unelected House of Lords.

The Cabinet:

Appointed by the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister:

Leader of the party with the most seats.

Civil Service:

380,000 staff to run the UK.

Department Heads:

Appointed by the UK Government.

Head of the Civil Service:

Appointed by the PM.



European Parliament:

MEPs directed elected by us. Proportional representation.

European Council:

Prime Ministers of EU member states.

European Council President:

Elected by majority vote of the European Council for 30 months.

European Commission:

46,000 staff to run the EU.

Commissioners:

One appointed by each Member State.

EU Commission President:

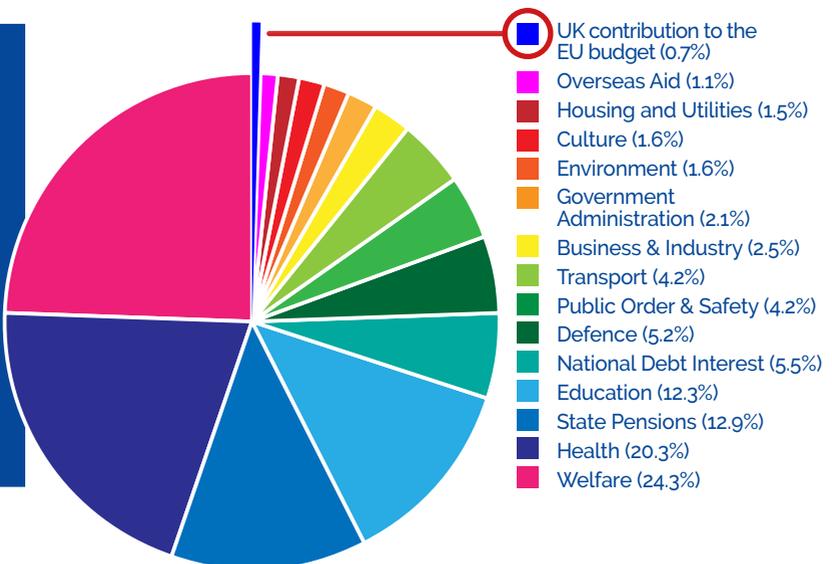
Elected by the European Parliament for five years.

Did you know? ● The EU has 28 Member States. ● We have 10% of the European Parliament's MEPs. ● According to EU official records, the UK has been on the winning side of votes for 95% of new EU laws. ● We can veto treaty changes and stop any new country joining.

What does it all cost?

Did you know?

● Just 0.7% of our budget goes to the EU.
● That's less than 1p for every pound of Government spending.
● We receive huge benefits in return.



2016 Referendum results: 37% of those eligible to vote, voted Leave, 35% voted Remain and 28% did not vote.