

BREXIT: What Fair Deal between UK and EU Member States?

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On the invitation of the Centre for International Research at Sciences Po (CERI) 11 European experts explore the future of Britain within the EU: what does the British government want? What is it demanding? Is this acceptable or not? How far are its partners willing to go to keep the UK in the Union? Is a compromise possible? If so what would its main lines be? The referendum result will depend in part on negotiations that are to start between London and its European partners and the answers given to these questions.

Also readers are invited to consult the study by Jean-Claude Piris published by the Foundation on this issue.

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Migration :

A European Council devoted to migratory issues



On 15th October the 28 heads of State and government defined new guidelines regarding migration and notably cooperation with third countries to stem flows and strengthen the EU's external borders...

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Report on progress made in the management of the refugee crisis



On 14th October the European Commission published a communication which related progress achieved in the implementation of priority action in the management of the refugee crisis... [Read more](#)

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Budgetary measures under the European Migration Agenda

MEPs adopted an additional sum of 401.3 million euro to manage the



refugee crisis 577 votes in support, 66 against and 14 abstentions...
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710,000 migrants entered the EU in nine months says FRONTEX



More than 710,000 migrants entered the EU between January 1st and September 30th this year in comparison with a total of 282,000 for the whole of last year announced the European border monitoring agency, FRONTEX on 13th October... [Read more](#)

Germany: asylum law will be strengthened



The German parliament (Bundestag and the Bundesrat) voted in support of a reform of the asylum law on 15th and 16th October which will enter into force on November 1st... [Read more](#)

Hungary closes its border with Croatia



The Hungarian-Croatian border was closed on 17th October. Only "transit points" that enable refugees to lodge an official request for asylum remained open... [Read more](#)

Financial Crisis :

Greek Parliament adopts further reforms



On 17th October the Greek Parliament adopted further reform measures, 154 votes in support, 140 against to ensure that their country is granted the third rescue plan. The draft bill comprises, amongst others, the delay in the retirement age... [Read more](#)

Commission :

New trade and investment strategy



On 14th October the European Commission unveiled its new trade and investment strategy entitled "Trade for All: towards a more responsible trade and investment policy".. [Read more](#)

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2020 Horizon Work programme 2016-2017



On 13th October the European Commission unveiled its Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2016-2017 in support of research and innovation whose budget will total 16 billion euro... [Read more](#)

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The Commission launches its "seal of excellence"



On 12th October the European Commission launched its "seal of excellence" to improve the quality of regional research financing... [Read more](#)

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Merger review: China and the EU set a cooperation framework



The European and Chinese authorities adopted a best practice framework on 15th October focusing on cooperation in the reviewing of mergers and acquisitions... [Read more](#)

Tunisia and the EU launch negotiations on the free-trade agreement

On 13th October the European Union and Tunisia officially launched negotiations for a deep and comprehensive Free-Trade Agreement...



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Tripartite social summit



On 15th October the tripartite social summit provided the occasion for discussion over the role played by social partners in progressing employment and growth in Europe and over their future role in refugee integration... [Read more](#)

Parliament :

Launch of the campaign in support of Strasbourg: seat of the European Parliament



On 21st October in Brussels Catherine Trautmann officially launched the campaign in support of "Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament.".. [Read more](#)

Diplomacy :

Lifting of sanctions against Iran



On 18th October the EU adopted the legislative framework to lift all sanctions from Iran in virtue of the nuclear agreement reached in July. This measure will be effective only if Teheran fulfils its commitments... [Read more](#)

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Germany :

Turkey: Angela Merkel visits Istanbul



German Chancellor Angela Merkel travelled on 18th October to Istanbul to discuss a plan that aims to encourage Turkey to stem migrant flows towards Europe, notably those fleeing war in Syria by maintaining them in Turkey itself... [Read more](#)

New GDP growth forecasts



According to a publication by the German Economy Ministry on 14th October the government is forecasting an increase in the GDP of 1.7% in 2015 and 1.8% in 2016... [Read more](#)

Austria :

Presentation of the Austrian 2016 budget



The reception of refugees and asylum seekers, who have arrived en masse in Austria since the beginning of the year, will cost the State budget one billion euro in 2016 ie 0.3% of the GDP in contrast to 0.1% in 2015 indicated the Austrian Finance Ministry on 14th October... [Read more](#)

Spain :

The Commission asks for further budgetary efforts by Spain in 2016



On 12th October the European Commission asked Spain to make further efforts to reduce its government deficit in 2016 after having studied its draft budget that may not fall within the European norms... [Read more](#)

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ECB report on Spain



On 12th October the European Central Bank (ECB) published its report on the 4th post-programme on Spain... [Read more](#)

Ireland :

The government unveils its 2016 budget



On 13th October Irish Finance and Public Expenditure Ministers unveiled a draft 2016 budget to the Parliament which comprises, amongst other things, a reduction in the Universal Social Charge (income tax)... [Read more](#)

Italy :

Adoption of the draft budget 2016



The Italian government approved the 2016 budget on 15th October with the growth forecast up and taxation down. It is also forecasting a contraction in the GDP/debt ratio for the very first time... [Read more](#)

Reform of the Italian Senate



On 13th October the Italian Senate approved the end of the bicameral system that had been in force since 1947, 178 votes in support, 16 against and 7 abstentions. It is to become a consultative assembly of 100 Senators (in comparison with 315 at present). The text is now due to be assessed by the Chamber of Deputies... [Read more](#)

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Privatisation of the Italian Post Office



The process that is due to lead to the historic "privatisation" and listing of nearly 40% of the Italian Post Office started on 12th October. This phase will end on 22nd October before entry onto the Stock Exchange in the week of 26th October... [Read more](#)

Ban Ki-Moon at the Italian Parliament



On 15th October the UN's Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon attended the Chamber of Deputies on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Italy's membership of the UN... [Read more](#)

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Lithuania :

Polish/Lithuanian gas pipeline



A financial agreement was signed on 15th October in Brussels for the construction of a gas pipeline financed in part by the EU, between Poland and Lithuania which should lead to the end of energy isolation for the Baltic states... [Read more](#)

Luxembourg :

Luxembourg unveils its 2016 budget



The Luxembourg Finance Minister unveiled the draft 2016 budget that provides for a 5.4% increase in revenues, in contrast to an increase in public spending of 4.8% ie a reduction in the volume of the budgetary deficit in comparison with 2015... [Read more](#)

The Netherlands :

Referendum in the Netherlands on the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU in 2016



427,939 signatures were gathered for a non-binding referendum to be organised within the next 6 months on the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine. According to a law that entered into force on July 1st in the Netherlands, citizens can ask for the organisation of a referendum on controversial issues if they manage to gather more than 300,000 signatures... [Read more](#)

Poland :

Most recent polls on the parliamentary elections in Poland



According to several polls published on 13th and 14th October the Law and Justice Party leads over Civic Platform in the run up to the election on 25th October in Poland... [Read more](#)

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Memorandum of Understanding between the Visegrad Group countries



On 13th October a memorandum of understanding for regional cooperation in the areas of innovation and start-ups was signed by Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic... [Read more](#)

UK :

British strategy to counter extremism



British Prime Minister David Cameron laid out details of measure to counter extremism on 19th October, notably the facilitation of passport withdrawal from those under 18 to prevent them joining groups like Islamic State... [Read more](#)

Scotland will campaign to keep the UK in the EU



Scottish First Minister Nicolas Sturgeon guaranteed on 17th October that the Scottish National Party would campaign to keep the UK in the EU in the referendum... [Read more](#)

Launch of a pro-European campaign "Britain Stronger in Europe"



On 12th October an official campaign was launched to promote the UK's continued membership of the EU under the banner "Britain Stronger in Europe."... [Read more](#)

Belarus :

According to the OSCE the Belarus election did not respect democratic standards



The "election" that took place in Belarus on 11th October did not respect democratic standards said OSCE observers, (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe)... [Read more](#)

Switzerland :

Elections in Switzerland: sweeping victory for the right



On 18th October the Swiss renewed the two chambers of their parliament. The conservative right (UDC) won 11 additional seats in comparison with 2011. The right therefore has an absolute majority in Parliament... [Read more](#)

Eurostat :

International goods trade figures



According to a Eurostat report published on 16th October the euro zone's international goods trade registered a surplus of 11.2 billion € in August 2015; the EU registered a deficit of 2.3 billion €... [Read more](#)

Annual Inflation rates down to -0.1%



According to a Eurostat report on 16th October the annual inflation rate was down to -0.1% in the euro zone and the EU in September 2015 in contrast to 0.1% and 0% in August 2015... [Read more](#)

Studies/Reports :

Europeans still know too little about what the EU does for women's rights



Nearly half of European women (49%) believe that the EU is a factor of progress in terms of women's rights but 61% admit that they do not know what the EU really does in support of gender equality said a study published on 15th October by Mazars... [Read more](#)

Culture :

"Brief history of Seven Killings" wins the Man Booker Prize 2015



"Brief history of Seven Killings" by Marlon James (Oneworld Publications) is the winner of the Man Booker Prize 2015... [Read more](#)

International Fair of Contemporary Art (FIAC) in Paris



The International Fair of Contemporary Art (FIAC) is taking place in Paris from 22nd to 25th October in Paris bringing together 173 art galleries from 23 different countries... [Read more](#)

Exhibition of the Treasures of Asia in Amsterdam



The Rijksmuseum of Amsterdam is running an exhibition until 17th January 2016 entitled "Asia, Amsterdam, Luxury in the Golden Century" which shows the wealth brought back to the country which then dominated part of Asia in the 17th century, when Amsterdam was the capital of world trade... [Read more](#)

Edvard Munch Exhibition the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid



The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum is running an exhibition "Edvard Munch: Archetypes" until 17th January 2016. It explores the painter's contribution to the history of modern art... [Read more](#)

Goya Exhibition at the National Gallery - London



The Goya Exhibition which brings together portraits made throughout the painter's career is running at the National Gallery in London until 10th January 2016... [Read more](#)

Rush of Color - masterpieces of German Expressionism



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The Leopold Museum in Vienna is running an exhibition until 11th January 2016 of the exceptional works in German Expressionism. These include Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Otto Mueller Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, Gabriele Münter, Alexej von Jawlensky and Franz Marc... [Read more](#)

"Impressionism and Japan" in Bonn

For the first time in Europe and until 21st February 2016 the Bundeskunsthalle in Bonn is showing more than 100 French Impressionist and post-Impressionist works on loan from Japanese



museums... [Read more](#)

Balthus Exhibition at the Medicis Villa and the Scuderie del Quirinale



The Académie de France in Rome is organising the Balthasar Klossowski de Rola (Balthus) exhibition in two separate venues - the Médicis Villas and the Scuderie del Quirinale until 31st January 2016... [Read more](#)

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