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## WHY BRITAIN IS STRONGER IN EUROPE

Britain is stronger, safer and better off in Europe than we would be out on our own. Leaving Europe would risk our prosperity, threaten our safety and diminish our influence in the world. The benefits of being in clearly outweigh the costs.

- **A stronger economy:** More than 3 million jobs in Britain are linked to our trade with other EU countries. Sectors which are particularly reliant on EU exports include the UK's auto industry, which employs over 700,000 people. We benefit from investment of £24bn a year from European Union countries, and families benefit from lower prices. All in all, being in the EU is worth £3,000 per year for every family according to the CBI, which is a return on our investment of almost ten to one. The benefits clearly outweigh the costs.
- **Stronger security:** Many of the threats to Britain's security are global in nature, such as global terrorism, cross-border crime or climate change. Whether it's implementing sanctions against Russia, sharing intelligence about terrorists or arresting criminals using the European Arrest Warrant, being in Europe makes us safer. There is strength in numbers in an era where international co-operation brings us more power and more influence.
- **Stronger leadership:** In the complex world of today, the UK has more control over its destiny by staying inside organisations like the EU. We would never dream of leaving the UN or NATO. Why would we leave the EU? If we want Britain to be a leader in the world, we need to be in Europe helping to take the big decisions. Britain is not Britain unless we are outward-looking, engaged in our continent and leading in Europe. We have the best of both worlds: we are an independent nation within Europe. Why would we throw it away?

## KEY BENEFITS OF STAYING IN

### Economy

- Britain's economy is stronger in Europe. Being part of Europe and Europe's single market facilitates greater trade and investment. We all benefit from access to a wider range of goods and services, which leads to lower prices for families.
- Overall, the independent CBI estimates that through lower prices, increased trade and investment, each household on average benefits by £3,000 a year from EU membership.<sup>i</sup>

### Trade

- The European Union is our largest trading partner. The EU accounts for 44% of the UK's exports, worth £229bn in 2014.<sup>ii</sup>
- Britain benefits from being part of Europe's single market of 500 million consumers, which is the world's largest free trade zone. This allows British businesses to grow and employ more people. 200,000 British businesses trade with the EU.<sup>iii</sup>
- Not only do we benefit from free trade with the EU, but we also benefit directly from the Free Trade Agreements the EU has with over 50 countries. This is not a hindrance to Britain trading with other countries.

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- It makes sense to have the best of both worlds: keeping our strong relationship with the largest economic bloc in the world, but continuing to pursue trading opportunities around the world.

## Jobs

- All of this trade and investment from Europe creates jobs in Britain. Independent experts have found that between 3 and 4 million jobs in Britain are linked to our trade with Europe.<sup>iv</sup>
- The Director of Vote Leave, one of the organisations campaigning for Britain to leave the EU, has even admitted there would be job losses if we left.<sup>v</sup>
- As the EU develops the single market further, independent analysis shows it could bring a further 790,000 jobs and £60bn to our economy by 2030.<sup>vi</sup>

## Investment

- Being in the EU and part of the single market increases inward investment in to Britain. Research has repeatedly shown that a primary reason why people invest in the UK is to access the single market.<sup>vii</sup>
- Between 2004 and 2014, the average investment from European countries every year was £24 billion<sup>viii</sup> - that's £66 million a day.

## Prices

- Every person and household in the UK benefits from being in Europe through the lower prices that result from increased goods on the market and increased competition.
- For instance, the cost of flights have come down by 40%<sup>ix</sup> because the EU changed the law to allow low-cost airlines such as EasyJet to set up in Europe.
- The EU has also reduced the cost of using your mobile abroad, making the cost 73p cheaper for each pound you spend, and roaming charges will be completely scrapped by 2017 thanks to EU action.<sup>x</sup>

## Security

- Britain is safer as part of Europe. By working with our European partners, Britain is able to influence key decisions and work with our partners to ensure a coordinated response to international threats such as terrorism, organised crime or climate change.
- For example, Britain benefits from the European Arrest Warrant, which helps arrest criminals across the EU. Over the last Parliament, we removed over 5,000 criminals to face justice across the Europe and 675 criminals were brought back to Britain to be tried for crimes committed.<sup>xi</sup>

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## Protections at Work

- British workers benefit from a number of protections at work which have their basis in European law. Action in Europe provided the basis for minimum paid annual leave, protections against discrimination and harassment at work, and for statutory maternity and parental leave.

## Climate Change

- Britain benefits from EU environmental legislation and funding. This helps not only in our fight against climate change and pollution but also through the creation of jobs and financing for research and development.
- Legislation includes clear targets to cut emissions by 20% by 2020 and initial proposals to cut them by 40 % by 2030.<sup>xii</sup> As part of Europe, Britain is taking a lead in fighting climate change.

## THE ALTERNATIVES ARE WORSE FOR BRITAIN

- The Leave campaigns cannot tell the British people what “out” would look like. They have no idea if we would be able to access the single market, Europe’s free trade area. They can’t tell us how long it would take us to renegotiate all of our exiting trade deals and won’t admit that on our own we would have less clout than as part of the largest economic bloc in the world.
- They have already admitted there would be job losses and cannot guarantee that prices wouldn’t rise if we left. Leaving the EU is a leap into the dark which puts jobs, trade, investment, prosperity and security at risk. All the other potential options would be worse for Britain.

### 'Norway model'

- The 'Norway model' would mean we were forced to follow EU rules but have no power to influence them, while still paying into the EU budget. We would pay but have no say. Norway also has to accept freedom of movement and is a member of the Schengen zone with no border checks – unlike Britain.

### 'Switzerland model'

- Switzerland only has partial access to the single market, excluding services, which would be a disaster for the British economy. Switzerland still has to pay into the budget and accept free movement, but it has no power to influence EU rules.

### 'Turkey model'

- Following Turkey would allow us access to the single market in goods only, and not for services, which is 78% of the UK economy<sup>xiii</sup>. We would also have to accept EU rules and regulations, but with no say over them.

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## Free Trade Agreement

- A new free trade agreement would lead to an inferior trading arrangement than we currently enjoy and would lessen our clout in global trade negotiations – and there is not even a guarantee one could be negotiated.

## World Trade Organisation

- Without any of the above options, Britain would be left with a World Trade Organisation (WTO) relationship with the EU, which would subject UK-EU trade to new tariffs and increase costs for businesses and consumers.

## CONCLUSION

There is not a shred of evidence that Britain could replicate, let alone improve upon, the benefits we get from being in Europe by leaving. It is most likely that we would risk jobs, trade and investment in exchange for less control over our own economic affairs. All the other potential options would be worse for Britain.

We currently have a distinct 'British model', with full access to the world's largest free trade zone but also important opt outs which allow us to remain an independent country. Why would we throw it away?

## TOP 10 KEY FACTS

1. The benefits of Europe are worth £3,000 each year to average households, due to lower prices, trade and investment, according to the Confederation of British Industry.<sup>i</sup>
2. We contribute only £340 per household, so that's a return on our investment of almost ten to one.<sup>ii</sup>
3. Independent experts have found that between 3 and 4 million jobs in Britain are linked to our trade with Europe.<sup>iii</sup>
4. 44% of the UK's exports are to EU countries, worth £229 billion in 2014<sup>iv</sup>
5. 200,000 UK businesses trade with the EU.<sup>v</sup>
6. Further development of Europe's single market could bring a 790,000 jobs and £60bn to Britain's economy by 2030.<sup>vi</sup>
7. The EU is the largest source of investment to the UK, bringing business growth, new jobs, better jobs and higher wages. Between 2004 and 2014, the average investment from European countries every year was £24 billion<sup>vii</sup> - that's £66 million a day.
8. The cost of flights has come down 40%<sup>viii</sup> because the EU changed the rules to allow low-cost airlines like EasyJet to set up in Europe, forcing competition in the market.
9. Using your mobile abroad is 73p cheaper for every pound, and will be scrapped entirely by 2017 thanks to the EU forcing companies to give a fairer deal.<sup>ix</sup>
10. We benefit from the European Arrest Warrant, which helps arrest criminals across the EU. Over the last Parliament, we removed over 5,000 criminals to face justice across the Europe and 675 criminals were brought back to Britain to be tried for crimes committed.<sup>x</sup> One of the terrorists involved in the London 21/7/05 attempted bomb attack, Hussain Osman, was caught in Italy and brought back to Britain on a European Arrest Warrant to be tried. He was sentenced to 40 years imprisonment.<sup>xi</sup>

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