

Is the EU a trading bloc or a political project?



Dear Remain MPs and voters,

Below are some important general points about the EU, and we hope you will find this perspective interesting and thought-provoking.

1. No other trading bloc in the world:

- Demands political obedience
- Demands open borders
- Imposes its own social laws on members
- Imposes its tax system on members
- Imposes its own court
- Has its own (failing) currency
- Is forming its own army
- Demands £10bn per year membership fee

Forget the 'EU Single Market', it should really be called the 'EU Single Government'

2. Single Market & Customs Union are based on goods, not services - only 21% of UK economy is goods

- Previous Governments (including Messrs Osborne and Cameron) talked of the EU 'completing the Single Market' as being vital
- What they meant was that it should have been extended to cover services long ago
- Services make up almost 80% of UK economy
- In 26 years, EU still has no effective single market in services, and UK average growth has fallen
- Generally in the EU, when something's in the UK's interests, it doesn't get done

3. Single Market & Customs Union are intrinsically bound into EU membership

- The term 'Single Market' doesn't appear anywhere in the EU treaties
- Instead it is referred to as the 'internal market'
- It includes the 4 freedoms goods, services, capital and people and requires being subject to the European Court of Justice
- It is inextricably bound into membership of the Customs Union
- The EU legal database contains over 31,000 documents relating to the internal market Treaties, International agreements, Legislation, EFTA documents, Consolidated legislation, Preparatory acts, EU case law, Directives, Judgements, Decisions etc

4. Almost all the world trades with the EU, without joining the Single Market or Customs Union

- Over 160 countries trade with the EU, without any Customs Union or Single Market membership
- When the UK leaves the EU, trade will carry on using WTO terms
- Even falling back on WTO arrangements will still be better than the current system
- No mass immigration, no more EU-imposed laws, no more EU politics, no more annual payments
- Just good profitable trade, the way the rest of the world has done it for years.