

EU Referendum

Roundup, week 07

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Past week's events

Mon 15 Feb.	<p>Bertelsmann Foundation and EIU published a survey that concludes 80% of business leaders from the UK and Germany oppose a Brexit, worrying about declining sales, a negative job market outlook, and the necessity to relocate out of the UK.</p> <p>HSBC CEO says it may move 1,000 employees from its Global Banking and Markets divisions to Paris, in case of a Brexit.</p>
Tue 16 Feb.	<p>Analysis sees complex situation for British Overseas Territories, in case of Brexit. http://fotbot.org/news-hub-pages/how-will-a-brexite-affect-the-bots</p> <p>Politico.eu reports about the French concerns around the negotiations: "The original Tusk draft seemed to allow the British government to set different rules for its financial industry than the rest of the EU. In techno-speak, U.K. authorities could have designed regulation outside the so-called 'single rulebook' agreed five years ago at the onset of the European Banking Authority – tasked with ensuring 'effective and consistent' banking and prudential regulation across Europe."</p> <p>"European Central Bank President Mario Draghi was reported to be not amused. And Frédéric Oudea, the chief executive of Société Générale who also heads the French Banking Federation, wrote a letter to both French President François Hollande and Finance Minister Michel Sapin to raise his industry's concerns."</p> <p>"Allowing the U.K. to go solo on financial regulation would compromise the very idea of a single market, critics noted."</p>
Wed 17 Feb.	<p>A poll of 28,720 people across all 28 member states by Lord Ashcroft has found that 60% of Europeans want Britain to remain in the EU. Only 10% want the UK to leave.</p> <p>Politico.eu asks if the draft agreement could make City escape ESMA, the market regulator? The draft deal prepared by Donald Tusk suggests the U.K. could deviate — but not completely depart — from European rules. One could argue that Tusk, the French and the Germans may be worried about the U.K. "drafting the agreement subtly and in such a way that ESMA powers are no longer applicable in the U.K. or FCA can just decide to ignore ESMA."</p>
Thu 18 Feb.	<p>Think Tank Bruegel has found statistics referenced by the House of Commons suggesting that 0.26 percent of total UK child benefit claims are paid to EU migrants whose children live in another EU member state. 0.09 percent of all child tax credit claims are made by families with children residing in another EU member state.</p> <p>WEF did a recap of the possible Brexit scenarios; it includes a nice chart depicting trade flows between the UK and EU member states</p> <p>The crucial EU Council meeting, where David Cameron will negotiate with leaders of other member states about the '@new settlement for the UK' starts today.</p>
Fri 19 Feb.	<p>EU Council negotiations ran through Thursday night. Sticking points for Eastern European Countries are the cap on in-work benefits. France and Germany have problems with giving the UK more exceptions in the area of economic governance. Greece introduced the migration problems to the UK deal; by saying it will block any deal with the UK, unless the EU promises to keep borders open with Greece.</p>

Upcoming events

5 May	London mayoral elections + London assembly elections
5 May	National Assembly for Wales election
5 May	Scottish Parliament election
June / Summer 2016	Possible EU Referendum date
23-24 June	EU Summit
September / October 2016	Possible EU Referendum date