

## EU Referendum

Roundup, week 46

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<b>Assessment</b>	<p>This week was a heavy EU-referendum week, which saw David Cameron's re-negotiation letter published (not too many new things), parties from the 'Leave-campaign' interrupting the CBI conference, and the Referendum Bill moving on in the House of Lords.</p>
	<p>The main issues in the debate currently are: migration relating to benefit claims, and economic impacts of leaving</p>
	<p>It seems unlikely a referendum can be held before Sept. 2016</p>

### Past week's events

<b>Mon 9 Nov.</b>	<p>David Cameron <a href="#">speaks at the annual CBI conference</a>. He set out progress needed to restore public finances to balance. He justified sharing burden with businesses to pay for objectives referencing national living wage and apprenticeship levy. He also stressed that his EU reform agenda aims for a more "flexible" Europe, claiming the status quo was "not good enough" for Britain. The news, however, was dominated by the <a href="#">interruptions from Vote Leave</a> during his speech.</p>
<b>Tue 10 Nov.</b>	<p>David Cameron sends <a href="#">his letter</a> to Donald Tusk, President of the European Council. It contains his long awaited list of areas for re-negotiation. Find the letter <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Lord Mandelson speaks at the EEF</a> event and cautiously supports Cameron's letter. The EEF annual event, and Lord Mandelson's messages were not highly picked up, because of strong competition with other events happening this day and yesterday</p>
	<p>David Lidington, EU Minister, <a href="#">makes statement in Commons</a>, repeating content of Cameron's letter, suffering severe criticisms from Conservative MPs. You can view the recording <a href="#">here</a>, a read out <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Several first reactions</a> to David Cameron's letter</p>
<b>Wed 11 Nov.</b>	<p>Guy Verhofstadt, leader of the LibDems in the EP, has invited David Cameron to visit the EP</p>
	<p>A new pro-EU campaign has been set up; '<a href="#">Scientists for EU</a>'. They headlined the Guardian with their message that <a href="#">leaving the EU would be disaster for UK science community</a>.</p> <p>House of Lords likely to <a href="#">extend vote to 16-17 year olds</a>; which will delay referendum date until after summer 2016</p>
<b>Thu 12 Nov.</b>	<p>Interesting <a href="#">analysis of voting behaviour</a> by YouGov founder Peter Kellner</p>
	<p><a href="#">The latest Survation poll</a> shows majority (53%) of UK voters favour 'Leave'</p> <p><a href="#">ECB President Mario Draghi said</a> that negotiations with UK on changes to its relationship with the EU must preserve the "extraordinary achievements" of the euro and the EU's single market.</p>
<b>Fri 13 Nov.</b>	<p>The <a href="#">London Chamber of Commerce supports</a> David Cameron's renegotiation letter and favours staying in a reformed EU</p>

### Upcoming events

18 Nov.	Lords vote on voting age
17-18 Dec.	EU Summit, where Cameron will meet his counterparts, to negotiate
Jan 2016	EU referendum bill Assent (likely)