

## EU Referendum

Roundup, week 51

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<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A referendum date in June is still very much on the cards. A lot will depend on Cameron's renegotiation progress in the EU Summits in December and February</li><li>• The EU Summit is in full swing. Heads of State are orchestrating; they want to make sure it looks like Cameron is booking results. Diplomats estimate real negotiations will take several months. The migrant benefit curbs is proving to become a very sticky point</li><li>• Several recent polls indicate support for Brexit is growing</li><li>• Commons committee issues a damning report about Government's renegotiation efforts</li></ul>
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### Past week's events

<b>Mon 14 Dec.</b>	<p><a href="#">The House of Lords was defeated</a> by the Commons in their battle to allow 16 and 17-year olds to vote during the EU Referendum.</p> <p><a href="#">Credit rater Fitch warned leaving EU</a> would be 'moderately credit negative'</p>
<b>Tue 15 Dec.</b>	<p>New polls indicate <a href="#">rise of Brexit voters</a>, and <a href="#">tightening of the race</a></p> <p>The Commons <a href="#">European Scrutiny Committee published a report</a>, which criticises government on its lack of providing information on EU re-negotiation. It is also very sceptical about positive outcomes.</p> <p><a href="#">Brexit chances rise to new high of 40%</a>, according to Ladbrokes' latest odds.</p>
<b>Wed 16 Dec.</b>	<p><a href="#">John Major speaks out in favour</a> of remaining in the EU</p>
<b>Thu 17 Dec.</b>	<p>The <a href="#">EU Referendum Bill received Royal Assent</a>. It is now an Act of Parliament. The franchise for the referendum includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ British citizens resident in the UK</li><li>○ Qualifying Commonwealth citizens resident in the UK;</li><li>○ Irish citizens resident in the UK;</li><li>○ British citizens living abroad, who can be registered to vote for up to 15 years after leaving the UK in the constituency they were registered in before leaving;</li><li>○ Members of the House or Lords who can vote at local or European Parliamentary elections in the UK; and Commonwealth and Irish citizens who can vote at European Parliamentary elections in Gibraltar.</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Lord Ashcroft polls that 47% wants to leave the EU</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jeremy Corbyn addressed the Party of European Socialists</a>, setting out alternatives to EU reform. He opposes curbs on migrant benefits</p>
<b>Fri 18 Dec.</b>	<p>The <a href="#">EU Summit is in full swing</a>; main items on the Heads of State agenda are the refugee crisis, fight against terrorism, UK renegotiation and Russian Sanctions</p>

### Upcoming events

18-19 Feb 2016	EU Summit
17-18 March	EU Summit
<b>June</b>	<b>Possible EU Referendum date</b>
23-24 June	EU Summit
September / October 2016	<b>Possible EU Referendum date</b>