

EU Referendum

Roundup, week 52

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Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A referendum date in summer 2016 is still on the cards. A lot will depend on Cameron's renegotiation progress before and at the next EU Summit of February. February is seen as a crucial month and will give us a good indication of how the renegotiations are going ahead and whether they will be successful• Several conservative heavyweight politicians (Hague, Heseltine, Major) are starting to speaking out against leaving the EU• Politico.eu published in depth interviews with leaders of the 'Remain' and 'Leave' campaigns; helpful for you if you want better understanding of their thinking and strategy. The Leave-campaign's main push is to create a 'positive' and 'not middle England' perception of leaving, and attract younger voters. The Remain-campaign will also focus on a 'positive' message, being confident it has the best arguments, and characterizing the 'Leave-campaign' as nasty.
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Past week's events

Mon 21 Dec.	<p>The European Council published the conclusions of its December EU Summit meeting. Leaders "(...) agreed to work closely together to find mutually satisfactory solutions in all the four areas at the European Council meeting on 18-19 February 2016"</p> <p>Lord Heseltine sais Cameron should not allow ministers a free vote</p>
Tue 22 Dec.	<p>William Hague writes he will vote to stay in the EU, because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He fears a leave vote will trigger a new Scottish Referendum• He believes the EU provides structure and standards for new democracies; it would be wrong to weaken it by leaving ourselves• The existence of the EU is critical to UK's interests, helping solve future challenges such as the Middle East, volatile (world) economy, or military challenges
Wed 23 Dec.	<p><i>Vote Leave</i> and <i>Leave.EU</i> are vying for being the official lead campaign. Only the official lead is allowed to spend up to £7m. If they cannot agree, then both are only allowed to spend £700k on their campaigns</p> <p>Sinn Fein decides to campaign for remaining in the EU</p>
Thu 24 Dec.	No EU Referendum news
Fri 25 Dec.	Christmas Holiday

Upcoming events

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