

EU Referendum

Roundup, week 02

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Past week's events

Mon 11 Jan.	Cameron is confident he can reach a deal at the February EU-Summit – which would pave the way for a referendum vote in June
Tue 12 Jan.	UK expats accuse Government to hold up a bill which would give them the right to vote . Currently, UK expats which are out of the UK for longer than 15 years lose their right to vote – including for the EU referendum. Currently, many UK expats enjoy EU-related benefits when living in other EU countries. It is estimated that around 5 million UK citizens are living abroad.
Wed 13 Jan.	Dutch Ukraine referendum - to be held in April – could serve the UK Leave campaigns . A Dutch campaign group collected sufficient signatures to force its Government to organise a (non-binding) referendum, to accept or reject the Treaty of Association between the EU and the Ukraine. They argue that this Treaty is the next step for Ukraine becoming a full EU-member, which in turn would cause huge migration to other EU countries. A Dutch rejection could bolster the UK referendum Leave-campaign groups.
Thu 14 Jan.	Cabinet Minister Chris Grayling says that UK's EU-membership is unsustainable , as the EU is heading for closer integration.
Fri 15 Jan.	SNP will resist a June referendum date , as it would clash with campaigns for Scottish Parliament and also school holidays.
	IFoA's Derek Cribb argues that more facts are needed to have a good debate about Brexit, and to enable the electorate to make an informed choice.

Upcoming events

18-19 Feb	EU Summit
17-18 March	EU Summit
5 May	London mayoral elections + London assembly elections
5 May	National Assembly for Wales election
5 May	Scottish Parliament election
23 June	Possible EU Referendum date
23-24 June	EU Summit
September	Possible EU Referendum date