

## It's time to get serious

*On the biggest issues of the day the British people have been effectively disenfranchised - but there are potential benefits to politicians who are prepared to challenge the consensus through serious policy analysis*

The Tory Party has a problem which four days at the seaside have predictably failed to resolve. The problem has been correctly analysed by Michael Portillo, although Portillo's prescription is unlikely to recommend itself to many readers of *eurofacts*. The problem, he says, stems from the fact that on a number of central issues including 'Europe' and immigration the electorate has effectively been disenfranchised: whichever political party has been in office its views on these matters have been ignored. British democracy has been diminished and weakened not only because most of our laws are devised by an arrogant, self-regarding and unaccountable elite in Brussels but because this situation cannot be changed, as the result of a tacit consensus among an arrogant and self-regarding domestic elite.

### Political Expediency

It is true, of course, that from time to time for reasons of short-term political expediency Conservative and even Labour politicians have sounded 'tough' or 'right wing' on Europe, as well as on immigration and some aspects of law and order, but the rhetoric has never led to the formulation of policies that matched the words. The consequence is that the electorate simply does not believe politicians when they talk about Europe or immigration or crime.

As Portillo pointed out, this situation explains why the tougher stance on immigration which David Cameron adopted earlier this year resulted in a

fall in both his party and personal standing in the polls rather than the expected boost. This was because his stance on the issue alienated the metropolitan elites and the chattering classes whom Cameron had been assiduously wooing but was treated with contempt by everyone else. The voters have heard promises of stronger immigration controls as frequently as they have heard claims that Britain was winning the argument in Europe. It is not that the silent majority does not want a lower and more manageable level of immigration or a fundamentally different policy on Europe - the opinion polls strongly suggest that they do - but that when they are promised these things they take it for granted that they are being lied to. Indeed, we have reached the stage where not only do they assume that all politicians customarily lie about these matters, there is also an assumption that this is a state of affairs that is bound to continue.

### Modernisation Programme

In as far as Portillo has a remedy for this situation it is for the Conservative Party to continue its programme of 'modernisation' by competing more effectively for the political middle-ground in the belief that all governments become unpopular eventually and the Tories will one day be elected by default.

The problem for the Tory leadership is, of course, that there is no sign that this is about to happen, not least because Labour possesses the more effective leader. The electorate may

not trust or believe Mr Brown any more than they believe Mr Cameron but Mr Brown looks a more serious, competent and substantial figure. This may be partly due to the fact that Mr Brown spins more effectively - not least when renouncing the evils of spin - than Mr Cameron. But the fault lies with Mr Cameron; he has chosen to play a game at which his rival is superior. Meanwhile there are stirrings of discontent among traditional Conservatives who ask why they should exert themselves in order to support a leader who does not appear to share their convictions and whose strategy has been based on the rise of a discredited former Labour prime minister. A party leader whose policies are firmly grounded in principle may survive downturns in popularity; one whose appeal is based on ability to win is acutely vulnerable to polling data which suggests he is incapable of doing so

### Political Introspection

It is a pity that the second part of Mr Portillo's thesis - that there is no alternative but to compete for the overcrowded middle ground - has not been more vigorously challenged. Supposing on his election two years ago Cameron had announced that the days of political introspection were over, that Conservatives would cease worrying about whether they were seen to be nice or nasty, that they would stop the navel-gazing and cease to fret about presentational issues until it had something substantial to present.

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# CAP billions to disappear into space

*The Commission has devised extraordinary plans to divert spending  
on agriculture to the crisis-hit Galileo project*

It seems somehow apt that funds from the CAP should be diverted to the crisis-hit Galileo project. Money that would have been spent to support prices of food we don't need or to pay farmers not to farm their land could instead be devoted to building an absurd and grandiose satellite navigation system which almost no one wants. It would have obviously offended the deepest sensibilities of officials and MEPs alike to spend the money on something worthwhile.

However, in the Kafkaesque world of Brussels the plan to bail out Galileo by taking 2.4 billion (yes, billion) from the future "budgetary margins" for agriculture and administration has been hailed as a stroke of near-genius. "This is a very intelligent solution," said the German centre-right MEP Reimer Boger, chairman of the European Parliament's Budget Committee. "I think it should be totally acceptable to member states and possible to arrange within the agreed institutional procedures." Is it churlish to suggest that an advocate of waste on such a massive scale is not the best person to chair a budget committee? Or that there might be something wrong with procedures that allow funds intended for the purposes of agricultural support to be spent on *spacecraft*?

The Galileo project has been in a state of crisis almost since its inception. Due to a series of recent difficulties including rows between member states about who builds which components the completion date has been put back from 2008 to 2012 and it has already

cost 1.4 billion - 388 million more than originally planned. The UK government has committed 148 (£100) million to the project.

Until the EU Commission came up with the idea of diverting funds from other EU budgets there was no agreement about where the estimated shortfall of 2.4 billion plus should come from.

However, as we have pointed out in numerous previous issues, there is absolutely no need for Galileo since the existing US Global Positioning System is available totally free of charge to civilian users. Some observers have suggested that Galileo might be necessary because there might be circumstances in which the US would interrupt civilian use of its system for military purposes. But on 18th September this year the US President announced that the new updated version of GPS would not be limited in this way.

## Escalation of Costs

The UK government has expressed alarm at the escalation of costs but clings to the apparent belief that the original plans to involve private funding can be miraculously revived. There is however one little flaw: no one has yet managed to identify a potential income scheme.

Praising the work of Surrey Satellites which built the first test spacecraft for the project Mrs Rosie Winterton, the British Transport Secretary said in July: "If Galileo is to work for the Community, we need more success

*stories like that across Europe."*

Mrs Winterton is wrong; however well or badly individual contractors perform, such grandiose and pointless projects leave us less well off than we would otherwise be. And as for the 150,000 jobs which the Commission says the project will create, economic logic suggests that these can only be achieved by destroying an equal or greater number of worthwhile job opportunities elsewhere in the economies of member states.

It is increasingly recognised in Paris, as in Whitehall, that there is no economic justification for Galileo; its only possible rationale is a military one. But only Britain and France have serious military aspirations and capabilities, and only one of these countries is desperate to avoid military reliance on the US. And even that country doesn't want to pay the bill.

In the long run the project would appear to be doomed - unless of course member states swallow the Commission plans to divert huge sums from the CAP. If it is scrapped it would not be the first time that a European space programme has been abandoned after huge sums had been spent. In the mid-1980s plans by the European Space Agency to build an astronaut-carrying spacecraft were scrapped after around 1 billion in today's money had been expended on the French-led project. A billion here, a billion there and sooner or later some one might realise that this is serious money that is being thrown away.

## The sly whispers of traitors

*'A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gate is less formidable, for he is known but the traitor moves amongst those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in*

*the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not as a traitor, he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their garments, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation; he*

*works secretly and unknown into the night to undermine the pillars of the city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared.'*

Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)

# The rural revolution fans out to towns and counties

*Ninety per cent back referendum in village poll*

Popular grass-roots opposition to the European project has been a long time coming, but there are signs of stirrings in the shires of a rural-revolution that could fan outwards to towns and counties.

Previous opposition to the EU has been largely London-based and led by prominent individuals. There have been numerous predictions of an angry popular back-lash as the public realised the extent to which their political birthright had been squandered. But perhaps because of the gradualist character of the federalist strategy this somehow hasn't happened. That is why the referendum held in the small Dorset village of East Stoke on 20th September was so heartening.

Using a little-known clause in the 1972 Local Government Act the East Stoke villagers successfully demanded

that their district council held a parish poll on the issue of the EU Constitution

The question they posed was commendably simple: "Do you want a referendum on the EU Constitutional Treaty?"

Eighty votes were cast in favour and eight against; turnout was 23.6 per cent.

Since the vote at least ten more villages have indicated their intention to hold similar votes.

David Owen, a retired bank manager and a frequent contributor to the letters page of *eurofacts* is attempting to force East Devon to hold a vote while Alex Story, a prospective Tory candidate for Wakefield in West Yorkshire is reported to be organising a constituency-wide vote.

Those readers wishing to follow the example set by the villagers of East

Stoke should be aware of the following:

- Under the 1972 Local Government Act a parish meeting may be convened by a parish chairman, two parish councillors or any six local electors.
- To secure a local referendum the organisers must give seven days notice of a parish meeting.
- Notices of the meeting must be widely advertised.
- The meeting must start after 6 pm and a poll may be demanded on any question arising from the meeting.
- The referendum must go ahead if it wins the support of either ten local voters or a third of those present - whichever is the fewer.

## Words that may come to haunt Gordon Brown

*"If we needed a referendum we would have one. But I think most people recognise that there is not a fundamental change taking place as a*

*result of this amended treaty. The first words of the Brussels declaration are, 'the constitutional concept has been abandoned'. So what was proposed*

*originally has been abandoned", the Prime Minister interviewed on 24th September by BBC television during the Labour Party conference.*

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That instead, with four or five years to go before an election, the Party would concentrate on the greatest political issues of the day - as it did in the immediate post-war period with the creation of the Conservative Research Department under R.A. Butler and as it did under the influence of Sir Keith Joseph during the 1970s - without regard to short term political advantage. Those responsible for running the party's focus groups could have been given gardening leave until such time as real progress had been achieved in applying distinctive Tory principles and approaches to a greatly changed political environment and the party had regained some sense of identity and direction.

Any serious policy review of this kind

would necessarily have addressed the fundamental question of who should make our laws, just as it would have addressed the immigration issue. There would have been rows and splits - as indeed there were during previous policy reviews. But had it taken the path of serious policy analysis it is doubtful whether the Tory Party and its leader would be distrusted to the extent to which opinion surveys suggest that they are. Nor would so many party activists suspect the Tory leader of having sold the party's soul in order to facilitate an exercise in image-building.

There are important if painful lessons for the Tory Party to learn from all of this, even if it is likely to be some time before it is able to heed them. There are

also lessons for UKIP which has explicitly rejected the blandishments of the over-crowded political middle ground in order to uphold values which the Tory Party used to uphold, or said it did. The more serious it is in applying the necessary intellectual effort to devise a credible EU exit strategy and in working out the outlines of economic, trade and foreign policies to match, the better its prospects will be. In an age in which people have been force-fed with a surfeit of spin the capture of the intellectual high ground is the key to capturing the moral high-ground. If politicians want to be taken seriously when they talk about Europe and the other big issues of the day, and no less importantly if they want to be believed, they must get serious.

# London rally will provide focus for national referendum campaign

*A number of organisations call for a public vote on the EU Reform Treaty*

Plans for a major London rally to demand a referendum on the EU Reform Treaty - the revived EU Constitution - have been announced by Dr Bob Spink MP, Chairman of the Campaign for an Independent Britain (CIB), the cross-party coalition defending the British Constitution, national sovereignty and freedom.

The Pro-Referendum Rally will take place in Westminster on Saturday 27th October 2007, from midday to 4.00 pm. Thousands of campaigners from all over Britain will gather opposite the Houses of Parliament to protest against the Government's refusal to hold a national referendum on the European Treaty.

The rally will then move into the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre where speakers from across the political spectrum, together with leading journalists and public figures, will unite in calling for the British people to be given the final say on ratification of the Treaty.

Among those speaking will be the Conservative MEP Roger Helmer, the UK Independence Party MEP and Party Leader Nigel Farage, journalist Christopher Booker, and "Metric Martyr" Neil Herron.

The London events on 27th October

are part of a "rolling thunder" campaign throughout Britain, the aim of which is to build momentum for a referendum and to intensify pressure on the Labour Party to honour its manifesto pledge to allow the British people to vote on the EU Constitution.

In addition to the London events there will be rallies and meetings during the autumn and winter in other towns and cities throughout Great Britain.

## Show of Force

Led by the CIB, the Pro-Referendum Rally is backed by other key Eurosceptic groups, including The Bruges Group, The Democracy Movement and The Freedom Association, all of which are represented on the rally's steering committee. The rally is also supported by the UK Independence Party, the Liberal Party, the English Democrats, and Eurosceptic groups within the Conservative and Labour parties.

Announcing the plans for the London rally, Bob Spink (MP for Castle Point, Essex) said: "This campaign is the nation's opportunity to give a show of force for a referendum - and to remind the Prime Minister of the public anger about Brussels' latest power grab. The

London rally is merely the opening shot of our campaign, which will include events and actions across the country."

"With such strong pressure building, the Prime Minister cannot continue to disregard the wishes of the vast majority of the British people. We simply want to be given the opportunity to have our say on the Treaty in a free and fair vote. This is Gordon Brown's chance to show that he is serious when he talks about strengthening British democracy and restoring trust in politics."

While all are welcome to attend the outdoor rally free of charge, tickets for the speaker event in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre are priced at £10 each and must be bought in advance. They are available online at ([www.proreferendumrally.co.uk](http://www.proreferendumrally.co.uk)) or by writing to: Pro-Referendum Rally, 78 Carlton Road, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 1PH. Cheques should be made payable to "Pro-Referendum Rally".

More information on the referendum campaign can be obtained by visiting ([www.eurosceptic.org.uk/referendum](http://www.eurosceptic.org.uk/referendum)) or calling the Campaign for an Independent Britain on 020 8340 0314.

## It's the same old story

*"In varying degrees the Tories, Lib Dems and the Labour Party are all caught up in the same politically correct stance of being unable or unwilling to take a critical attitude, not*

*just in detail but in general, to developments within the EU. The result is that - time after time - they finish up first rubbishing, then tolerating and finally reluctantly supporting*

*integrationist policies even though they do not really believe in them."*

Labour Euro-Safeguards Campaign Bulletin, September 2007.

## Living in a different country

*"It would be a breach of confidence for a government elected on a promise to hold a referendum now not to have one. If the treaty becomes law, we shall be living in a different country: we shall have lost our independence in 2007*

*just as the Scots did in 1707 I do not think that Gordon Brown is English, or that he understands that English nationalism is just as attached to independence as Scottish. He cannot, even as a politician, go back on his*

*manifesto promise of a referendum. That could destroy him and his party. All sound politics is based on trust."*

William Rees-Mogg, *The Times* 17th September, 2007.

# Northern Rock: what part did the EU play in the drama?

*As British and EU law become ever more enmeshed there are likely to be further instances where public servants are confused because of “ambiguities”.*

One reason why Mervyn King, the Governor of the Bank of England could not save Northern Rock from impending catastrophe was an EU law that prevented him from acting in the way that he would have wished, or so he told the House of Commons Treasury Committee hearing on 20th September.

Mr King stressed that he was unable to prevent the public from panicking [*the word “panic” implies irrationality, in fact there was nothing irrational about the reaction of savers-Ed*] because “the interaction between four apparently unconnected pieces of legislation prevented us from carrying out the operation we wanted to do”.

One option would have been to arrange a speedy take over by a “safer bank”. That was not possible because the takeover code would not permit such a rapid transfer of ownership.

The second - and King’s preferred option - was to mount a covert support operation, as lender of last resort, without immediately publishing that fact. But this was not permitted by the EU’s Market Abuse Directive of 2005. King told MPs: “*We were unable to carry out a covert operation in the way we would have done in the 1990s*”.

The EU Commission disputes this. “*The very notion of the directive including such a limitation is*

*outlandish as it would render any central bank activity to help an ailing institution virtually impossible,*” said a spokesman.

It is tempting for eurosceptics to blame everything bad that happens on the EU, but unsupported or careless allegations discredit the eurosceptic case which is so strong that it does not need be bolstered by exaggeration or misrepresentation. Who is right?

It is clear that EU provisions do require immediate disclosure of bank intervention in such circumstances but also allow exemptions, if not the degree of freedom that EU spokesmen claimed.

## Stabilisation Period

However, as that incomparable researcher and blogger Richard North was the first to point out, the exemptions are not contained in the Directive, but in a separate Commission Regulation, EC no 2273/2003. This permits information to be withheld while a “stabilisation” operation is in progress, with the proviso that the details are released, “within one week of the end of the stabilisation period...”.

What conclusions may be drawn from this episode?

Most obviously, that the Governor

would have faced fewer constraints in this matter if Britain was not a member of the European Union. Second, the same “gold plating” mentality which leads middle ranking civil servants at Defra or the Environment to make bad EU laws even worse exists throughout British public life. Third, it is not only Gordon Brown’s clunking fist which limits the independence of the Bank, but EU law. Fourth, as British and EU law become ever more enmeshed there are likely to be further instances where public servants feel inhibited or confused because of what Mervyn King described as “ambiguities”. This seems especially likely in the complex field of financial services: the precedent he set in putting adherence to EU law before the pursuit of the British public interest is an unfortunate one.

In the coming months it is very likely that Spanish, Italian or Irish banks may be seeking bail-outs from the European Central Bank as the result of problems similar to those faced by Northern Rock, if indeed they are not already doing so. It will be fascinating to see how it reacts. The record would seem to suggest that while European institutions prattle on about the need for transparency they very seldom practise it.

## Will the EU go the same way as Belgium?

*“The first lesson for the EU should be obvious: fail to show respect for core national identities at your peril. If Belgium is having problems holding two national groups together in a single state, crass attempts by deep*

*integrationists to bind closely together the fate of 27 may end in tears. The greatest long-term danger to the EU may not, therefore, come from the proverbial British eurosceptic banging on about the threat posed by Brussels*

*to the great British sausage. It may come from among its most passionate supporters.”* Robin Shepherd, Senior Fellow of the RIIA writing in *The Financial Times*, 19th September, 2007.

## Events diary June Press/eurofacts

As the controversy over the Government’s refusal to hold a referendum on the EU Constitution intensifies there is likely to be an upsurge in the number of meetings. There have already been instances

where these have clashed. One way of avoiding this is to keep up to date by viewing the Events section of the June Press web site ([www.junepress.com](http://www.junepress.com)) - updated daily - and reading the Meetings Section of *eurofacts* on page

seven. Please submit proposed or confirmed details of meetings, conferences and activities as soon as possible to avoid the clash of events to ([info@junepress.com](mailto:info@junepress.com)) or *eurofacts* on 08456 12 12 65.

# LETTERS

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## Why the Constitution Matters

Dear Sir,

May I express to you the opinion that it is a big mistake of democrats and EU-critics in Britain and internationally to neglect to draw attention to the fact that the proposed new EU Constitutional Treaty would establish what would be constitutionally and legally quite a new European Union in the form of an EU Federation - in effect a State - and would make us all real citizens of this new supranational State for the first time, with real citizens' duties and obligations to the new Union.

That message has the potential, it seems to me of "getting through" to ordinary citizens as no other aspect of the new EU Treaty has. It shows convincingly why the new Treaty would really bring into being an EU Constitution and a supranational EU Federation built upon that.

But this point, so far as one can see, is scarcely ever mentioned in EU-critical propaganda against the new Treaty. That is really rather baffling.

It is very important to grasp that under its provisions the European Council, the quarterly EU summit meetings, would become a formal EU "institution", whose acts, and failures to act, would be subject to review by the Court of Justice, as with any EU/EC institution. Your readers will agree, I am sure, that it is quite important that the EU summit meetings would no longer be meetings of EU Heads of State or Government acting "intergovernmentally", but that the latter would - at least if they act in accordance with their obligations under the new Treaty - be expected to have their EU hats on all the time, collectively and individually.

Also under the new Treaty the members of the European Parliament would become representatives "of the citizens" of the new Union, not "of the peoples" of the EC Member States as hitherto, which is an indicator of the constitutional change the Treaty would

bring.

ANTHONY COUGHLAN  
Dublin

## A Question of Trust

Dear Sir,

So Liberal Democrat leader Sir Menzies Campbell now judges that there is no case for holding a public vote on the EU, unless the question is simply "in or out".

Fair enough, and he could certainly incorporate his new analysis in the Liberal Democrat manifesto for the next general election, remembering to explain whether that would also exclude a referendum on the euro.

However the manifesto on which he was actually elected in 2005 took a different view, pledging a referendum on the constitutional treaty even though that would not be an "in or out" question:

*"We are therefore clear in our support for the constitution, which we believe is in Britain's interest - but ratification must be subject to a referendum of the British people."*

To depart from that clear promise of a referendum would mean that he, and all the other MPs who stood on that manifesto, were elected on false pretences.

And to offer such a self-evidently spurious excuse only adds insult to injury.

No wonder the aforementioned British people no longer trust their politicians.

Dr D R COOPER  
Berkshire

## Implications of EU Citizenship

Dear Sir,

*eurofacts* in its article: "UK passport may be changed" (21st September), stressed that this is to "take account of the political fact of European citizenship".

I have been concerned about European, or in reality EU, citizenship for quite some time. With citizenship comes a duty to serve your country, as John Kennedy stated: "Ask not what my country can do for me, ask what I can do for my country". If we are all

forced to be EU citizens then it will expect us to have a duty to it.

As many of our British treason laws have been repealed and what's left virtually ignored, I can envisage a time when the EU introduces its own laws on treason. This will beg the question; will the editor and every reader of this august publication be committing treason against the EU by producing and reading *eurofacts*?

It is with such issues in mind that some time ago I personally wrote to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the then Home Secretary and Prime Minister to officially renounce European citizenship and requested that from that date I was to be classed as a British subject only. I have since produced a document for others to do likewise which was used on the Freedom Association web-site, and more recently I have launched a petition on the Downing Street web-site calling for the right to allow British subjects to renounce European citizenship thus allowing them to hold British, not European, passports, also that as British subjects only no EU laws would apply to them. To sign my petition please go to: (<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Optout/>).

DEREK BENNETT  
West Midlands

## Brown's Hypocrisy

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on a most lucid, clearly and factually expressed comprehension of the Referendum situation (*eurofacts* 7th September). The longer Gordon Brown holds off his dreadful negation from all parties and our people generally, the more unsafe his own position.

His cautious nature refusing the obvious gamble on a quick Election in October will assuredly cost him dearly, as the indignation of the British people mounts at the sheer hypocrisy of asserting that this present Constitution rehash is any different from the original assault on British sovereignty, patriotism and freedom under our Laws.

HARRY BECKHOUGH  
Wiltshire

# MEETINGS

## UK Independence Party

01789 751088

Tuesday **9th October**, 7.30 pm

### Rt Hon the Lord Willoughby de Broke

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Trinity Parish Centre, Old Town,  
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37

(opposite Shakespeare's Church)

**Admission Free**

## UK Independence Party

01767 631259

Wednesday **24th October**, 7.30 pm

"Why I changed to UKIP"

### Rt Hon the Lord Willoughby de Broke

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Colmworth Hall, Church Road,  
Colmworth, Bedfordshire

(10 miles from Bedford)

**Admission Free**

## Democracy Movement

(Louth Branch)

01507 601699

Friday **26th October**, 7.30 pm

"Referendum Now"

**Marc Glendening**, *Campaign Director,*  
*Democracy Movement*

**Roger Helmer** MEP

**Lindsay Jenkins**, *Author*

#### PUBLIC MEETING

Conoco Room, Northgate, Louth,  
Lincolnshire LN11

(above Louth Library)

**Admission Free**

## Campaign for an Independent Britain

020 8340 0314

Saturday **27th October**, midday

Rally to demand a referendum on the EU  
Reform Treaty

Midday - Westminster then QEII centre

**Speakers at QEII centre**

#### RALLY & MEETING

**Admission to QEII centre £10** (tickets  
www.proreferendumrally.co.uk or con-  
tact CIB on 020 8340 0314)

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### Better off Out Campaign

www.betteroffout.co.uk

### British Declaration of Independence

www.bdicampaign.org

### British Weights & Measures Assoc.

www.bwmaOnline.com

### Bruges Group

www.brugesgroup.com

### Campaign Against Euro-Federalism

www.caef.org.uk

### Campaign for an Independent Britain

www.cibhq.co.uk

### Democracy Movement

www.democracymovement.org.uk

### EU Observer

www.euobserver.com

### EU Truth

www.eutruth.org.uk

### European Commission (London)

www.cec.org.uk

### European Foundation

www.europeanfoundation.org

### European No Campaign

www.europeannocampaign.com

### Foreign Affairs

www.foreignaffairs.org

### Freedom Association

www.tfa.net

### Global Britain

www.globalbritain.org

### Global Vision

www.global-vision.net

### June Press (Publications)

www.junepress.com

### Labour Euro-Safeguards Campaign

www.lesc.org.uk

### New Alliance

www.newalliance.org.uk

### Open Europe

www.openeurope.org.uk

### Regional Assemblies

www.regionalassemblies.co.uk

### Speak Out Campaign

www.speakout.co.uk

### Sovereignty

www.sovereignty.org.uk

### Statewatch

www.statewatch.org

### The People's "No" Campaign

www.thepeoplesnocampaign.co.uk

### United Kingdom Independence Party

www.ukip.org

## SELECT COMMITTEES

### House of Lords

020-7219 3000

Tuesday **9th October**, 3.40 pm

Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into the Economic Impact of Immigration* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Wednesday **10th October**, 10.40 am

Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into FRONTEX - the European External Borders Agency* from witnesses to be announced.

Thursday **18th October**, 10.00 am

Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into the European Commission's proposed replacement Timeshare Directive* from Mr Gareth Thomas MP, Minister of State, Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.

Thursday **25th October**, 10.00 am

Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into the European Commission's proposed replacement Timeshare Directive* from Prof Geraint Howells; and Dr Christian W. Twigg-Flesner.

*Note:*

*Committee Meetings can  
change from Public to Private  
without warning*

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### 2007

UK Independence Party **5-6th October**  
Conference  
London

UK Parliamentary **8th October**  
Recess Ends

### 2008

France takes over **1st January**  
EU presidency

Sweden takes over **1st July**  
EU presidency

### 2009

Czech Republic takes **1st January**  
over EU presidency

European Parliamentary **June**  
Elections

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