

As always, your feedback is welcome and you can email me at [chair@euromovescotland.org.uk](mailto:chair@euromovescotland.org.uk).



## TTIP

We have submitted our own report on TTIP to the Scottish Government. You can download it from our website [here](#).

## Events

We are currently planning an event for March but there are still not enough concrete details to tell you more at the moment.

In the meantime, there are some other Europe-related events in Scotland which may be of interest. Do let us know of any interesting events in your area.

### Scotland's future: jobs, services and the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership

Thursday, 19 February 2015 from 17:30 to 19:30

#### Committee Room 1, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

Christina McKelvie MSP, Convener of the European and External Relations Committee, invites you to join them at the TTIP Summit to discuss the biggest free trade negotiations in history and their implications for Scotland's future.

- Colin Brown - Deputy Head of the Dispute Mechanism and Legal Aspects of Trade, European Commission
- David Martin MEP - Spokesperson for the Socialist and Democrat Group on international trade
- Christina McKelvie MSP - Convener, European & External Relations Committee
- Chair: Joyce McMillan - political & social columnist & theatre critic, The Scotsman

Organised by the Hansard Society and the European Parliament UK Office

The event is free but registration is required [here](#).

### Open EU - How do you want to talk to EU policymakers?

Thursday, 26 February 2015 from 18:00 to 21:00

#### Thomson's Land, Holyrood Road, EH8 8AQ

This is the first event of Demsoc's Open EU program. (<http://www.demsoc.org/>) Who do citizens and the third sector in Edinburgh think should be involved in shaping EU policy? How could this be achieved? During this evening's event we will be creating a shared vision of what participants want and need from an open process and what they think the Commission's goals should be for future policy making processes.

Tickets and more info from [Eventbrite](#).

### Trouble in the Neighbourhood? The Future of the EU's Eastern Partnership

26th Feb 2015 18:00 – 19:30

#### St Giles Suite, Radisson Blu, Royal Mile

Speaker:

- Christina McKelvie (MSP, Convenor of the European & External Relations Committee)
- David Martin (MEP, European Parliament Sub-committee on Human Rights)
- Dr Carmen Gebhard (University of Edinburgh)
- Prof. Rick Fawn (University of St Andrews)

More info from the University's International and Foreign Relations [website](#).

More information about the new publication, "Trouble in the Neighbourhood? The future of the EU's Eastern Partnership" can be found on the website of the [Foreign Policy Centre](#). The publication is produced as part of a project in partnership with the European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom and its key findings will be discussed at a series of events in London, Birmingham and Edinburgh in February and March 2015.

### The Strategic Partnership between France and the United Kingdom

Friday 27 February 2015 at 10.00 a.m

#### The Senate Room, University of Glasgow, (University Avenue G12 8QQ)

Lecture by Her Excellency Madame Sylvie Bermann, Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom.

In an increasingly dangerous and unstable world France and the United Kingdom retain global responsibilities as

permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and major strategic powers and players in Europe and the world.

To discuss the current situation and our security challenges the French and British ministers of Foreign

Affairs and ministers of Defence just met recently in London.

Interested guests should reserve places by contacting <http://frenchambassadoruofg.eventbrite.co.uk>.

## Scottish European Youth Conference

*28 February, 11:00–16:00*

### **Rainy Hall (New College)**

The Edinburgh University “European Union Society” and the student-led think tank “Buchanan Institute” are organising the first Scottish European Youth Conference in Edinburgh. Topics will include European Neighbourhood Policy, Economic Development, Climate Change, Immigration and Youth Empowerment, among others.

With the current challenges and untapped potential of the European Union, this is no better time for societies and organisations from universities across Scotland to come together to shape our European future.

As students we have the ideas, energy and vision to make the changes necessary for a brighter Europe.

This day will focus around a brainstorm in which students from different universities will share ideas to craft alternatives to current European concerns. The conference will include renowned Key Note speaker Humza Yousaf, and provide the opportunity to engage with leading politicians and academics.

The ideas generated from this event will then become a springboard for collaborative proposals that will carry weight in the Scottish and EU Parliaments.

In the evening we will conclude with a celebratory social of this momentous occasion!

Come along and re-claim the Europe of YOUR future.

More information on the [Society's Facebook page](#).

## Scotland and the EU

*6pm Thursday 5th March, Serenity Café, Edinburgh*

### **The Serenity Café, 8 Jackson's Entry, The Tun, 111 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ**

A Scottish Fabians debate featuring Catherine Stihler MEP, Ann McKechnin MP and Claire Baker MSP.

For Scotland, as a small part of a large member state, one of the challenges is to get the most out of EU membership and ensure that on issues that really matter to it, its voice is heard. Meanwhile, the Tories promise to renegotiate the UK's membership and hold a referendum, pandering to UKIP rather than delivering what is best for the UK's citizens and businesses.

More information on the [Scottish Fabians' website](#).

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