

Dear Friend,

Following the Queen's Speech and the confirmation of an EU in/out referendum, your committee has been very busy putting together plans for our "Yes" campaign. After my radio interview on BBC Good Morning Scotland last week, we have been approached by the BBC again, this time to appear on their programme "The Big Questions" which will be televised from Leith next Sunday 7th June. Committee member Alex Orr will be representing us there.

Last week, we had our letter printed in the Scotsman, Herald and Independent Newspapers. The full draft can be read on the [Scotsman website](#).

Similarly our press release concerning the voting franchise for the referendum was also quoted in The Herald, The Press & Journal and The National. You can read the full draft on [our own web site](#).



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

Derek Hammersley  
Chairman

## Events

There are a few late notices of upcoming events that may be of interest. Do let us know as soon as possible.

### **\*NEW\*** - What can we learn from 20 years of Cohesion policy in the new Member States?

*Wednesday 3 June 2015, 1200-1300*

(followed by a buffet lunch)

**European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, (Graham Hills Building, main (south east) entrance, 9th floor), 40 George Street, Glasgow**

Location map: <http://www.strath.ac.uk/maps/grahamhillsbuilding>

This seminar will address the relationship between overall development policy and cohesion policy in the context of countries that acceded to full EU Membership from 2004. It will critically assess both the value-added attributed to Cohesion policy, as well criticisms as to why such an extensive financing mechanism might not be efficient and effective.

The seminar will be based on Dr Peter Wostner's own research, but will at the same time also build on his first-hand experience of cohesion policy design and delivery. The latter will also be used in putting forward first impressions of how the reformed cohesion policy for the new 2014-2020 period is improving upon its past performance.

Dr. Peter Wostner, FAcSS, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Slovenia  
There is no charge for attending the seminar, but places are limited so please contact Alyson Ross ([alyson.ross@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alyson.ross@strath.ac.uk)) at EPRC if you are planning to attend.

### **\*NEW\*** - Knowledge Exchange Forum on a UK referendum on Europe

*Thursday, 4 June 2015, 12:00 - 15:00*

**UNISON, Douglas House, 60, Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3UQ**

12:00-12:40 : Registrations & Buffet Lunch

12:40-13:20 : Public perspectives on the Europe Union. Introducing the dialogical citizen in the European public sphere (Kesi Mahendran, The Open University)

13:20-13:50: Do the public in Ireland and Scotland – share views on the European Union? Ima Jackson (Lecturer School of Health and Life Sciences, Glasgow Caledonian University/GRAMNET)

13:50-14:40: Panel Debate – Could the public decide the UK's relationship with the European Union?

- Christina Boswell (Edinburgh University)
- Alison Cairns (SCVO)
- Henri Krishna (CPAG in Scotland)
- Maggie Lennon (The Bridges Programme)

14:40-15:00: Plenary – questions and opinions from the audience

Organised by CCIG/Open University in Scotland.

This event is free and open to all. Further details and registrations here:

<http://www.open.ac.uk/ccig/events/ccigopen-university-in-scotland-%E2%80%93-knowledge-exchange-forum-on-a-uk-referendum-on-europe>

**Meet Your MEP, Ian Duncan (Conservative)**

*Friday 5 June, 12:00 - 14:30*

**European Parliament Information Office in Edinburgh, 4th Floor, The Tun, 4 Jackson's Entry, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ**

Ian Duncan will discuss Energy Union and the other work he is currently involved in at the European Parliament.

His presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Free to attend, but please click [here](#) to register on Eventbrite.

### **Swedish Elections; probably the best elections in the world**

*Tuesday June 9th 2015, 6pm*

#### **Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP**

The recent UK General Election had a 'high' turnout of 66%. The last General Election in Sweden produced no single party with a working majority - Swedes have used PR since 1909 and coalition government is normal. So is last year's turnout of 85.8% – higher even than Scotland's record breaking referendum. The turnout for the last council elections was 38% in Scotland but 82% in Sweden.

How do the Swedes do it? Could Scottish democracy learn from a system like this?

Speaker: Kristina Lemon from the Swedish Elections Authority

Chair: Lesley Riddoch, broadcaster & writer & Nordic Horizons Director

Organised by Nordic Horizons

Please book this free event via [Eventbrite](#).

### **\*NEW\*- "The Ukrainian Crisis: Reflections on Power in Today's World"**

College of Humanities and Social Science Fulbright lecture 2015

*Thursday 11 June 2015, 5.15pm-6.15pm*

#### **Lecture Theatre G.03, 50 George Square, Edinburgh**

Ambassador Jack Matlock (Former US Ambassador to the Soviet Union, 1987-1991) will deliver the fourth Fulbright annual lecture focussing on the crisis in the Ukraine.

For more information and reserve tickets visit the [Eventbrite page](#).