

European Movement in Scotland



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Not a clean break; a dirty deal

We now know that the UK Government intends to pursue a hard Brexit. We explore on the next page how leaving the Single Market will damage Scotland.

Opposition in the House of Commons has been powerless to prevent or constrain the rush to triggering Art. 50. We will see in the next weeks if the House of Lords can make any difference to the terms if not the fact of the Bill which permits the PM to start our withdrawal from the EU.

But we cannot rely on Westminster. If we value our EU citizenship and rights, it is clear that each of us must take responsibility for fighting for what we want for Scotland.

Join us at events, online and at marches to stand up for our European future. Only a persistent demonstration in overwhelming numbers of our determination will carry any weight with the UK Government in how it deals with Scotland's needs.



Breakfast not Brexit – one of a number of ways we meet in EMiS to share views about why the EU matters to us and how we can take action.

EMiS Events

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Café EMiS

Wednesday 22 February

Come and chat about the EU over coffee and cake.

4.00-5.30pm

Patisserie Florentin, 5 NW
Circus Place, EH3

Book at:

info@euromovescotland.org.uk

What Next for Scotland in Europe?

Thursday 23 February

Panel discussion

6.30-8.00pm

ROSL, 100A Princes St, EH2

Book at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk

Now waiting list only

Save the date...invitation to follow....

60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome

Thursday 23 March

Lecture and reception at the
Scottish Parliament.

5.30-7.30pm

Booking opens shortly

It's about more than trade flows

Much has been made of recent trade figures showing that Scottish exports to England, Wales and Northern Ireland are greater than to the rest of the EU. This has been used to argue that the integrated market with the UK is more important than our place in the Single Market. Here are the reasons why the EU Single Market is actually fundamental to Scotland's future prosperity:

1. Trade flows on which the data for intra-UK estimates is notoriously shaky - are not the sole indicator of a nation's economic health. **You need to look at the economy as a whole.** The UK's National Institute for Economic and Social Research expects that leaving the Single Market will be associated with a long term reduction in total UK trade of between 22% and 30%, Scotland would suffer as part of that decline.
2. Many sectors of the Scottish economy are dependent on EU labour. **Ending Freedom of Movement will impact heavily across the Scottish economy**, reduce population growth, as well as tax take under the new income tax powers devolved to the Scottish Parliament. This will reduce the sustainability of public investment and inclusive growth in Scotland.
3. Scotland desperately needs to improve productivity and growth. **Trading in a larger, more competitive market leads to higher growth rates** in the medium to long term and higher SME growth.
4. Leaving the Single Market would **impact badly particularly on key growth and high productivity sectors** such as food and drink, digital technologies, engineering and the university sector.
5. **New trade opportunities would not compensate** for the loss of barrier free access to the world's wealthiest single market on our doorstep. Any trade deals would take time to develop given the complexity of the different regulatory systems, and, in the case of the US, most of our current exports, including whisky, are tariff-free already.
6. **EU investment**, including from the European Investment Bank and private foreign direct investment would decrease considerably on leaving, which would have a major effect on key industries where Scotland has forged ahead recently, such as renewables, and where UK funding has dried up.
7. Membership of **the Single Market gives input into decision making** on regulations and trade strategies which affect Scotland; especially important for sectors dependent on international trade such as whisky, food and textiles.
8. Scotland maintaining its place in **the Single Market need not jeopardise existing trade flows with the rest of the UK.** The Prime Minister has made clear that she wants the UK to achieve a tariff free and frictionless customs deal with the rest of the EU; that would apply to ongoing trade with Scotland if it remained in the Single Market.