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# **The EU Referendum and Northern Ireland**

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## 1) INTRODUCTION

The European Union Referendum Act 2015 provides for the question of whether the United Kingdom should remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union to be put to a referendum held in the United Kingdom and Gibraltar.

The date for the referendum has now been set as 23 June 2016 and the question that is to appear on ballot papers is:

***‘Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union’***

The answers that are to appear on the ballot papers are:

***‘Remain a member of the European Union’ and  
‘Leave the European Union’.***

This purpose of this document, which may be updated as appropriate, is to provide Members with a list of information resources which address the potential impacts on Northern Ireland of a decision by the UK to leave the European Union. For political, economic, geographic and social reasons, these impacts might be expected to differ in important ways from the impact of withdrawal on other parts of the UK.

For a broad overview of the issues relating to the referendum and the potential impact of a majority ‘Leave’ vote, Members may, amongst other sources, wish to consult material prepared by the House of Commons Library <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/>. The European Parliamentary Research Service <http://epthinktank.eu/about/> has also produced a small number of papers relating to UK exit from the EU.

## LEGISLATURES

### **NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly Information Management System (AIMS) provides easy access to information on MLAs and the procedural information published by the Northern Ireland Assembly. To search for questions asked of Ministers from the Northern Ireland Executive on the subject of the EU Referendum, go to the AIMS portal at: <http://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/questions/search.aspx> and type the term 'Brexit' into the 'Keyword/Phrase' search box.

*The EU referendum and potential implications for Northern Ireland (NIAR 32-16)*  
<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/globalassets/documents/raise/publications/2016/eti/2116.pdf>

*EU Matters- Issue (2) 2016*  
<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/eu-matters/newsletters/issue-2-2016/>

### **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
*UK Government's EU Reform Agenda (Inquiry)*

*Committee evidence to the House of Lords EU Select Committee.*  
<http://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/5f7645e8-26de-4302-9af8-8d8ece7aaff3?in=15:01:15&out=15:55:00>

## **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

### **THE EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

*EU reform and the EU referendum: implications for Scotland (ongoing inquiry)*

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/90965.aspx>

Briefing 15/71 by SPICe (Scottish Parliament Information Centre), 'The Impact of EU Membership in Scotland', 20 October 2015

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_EuropeanandExternalRelationsCommittee/General%20Documents/SB\\_15-71\\_The\\_impact\\_of\\_EU\\_membership\\_in\\_Scotland.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EuropeanandExternalRelationsCommittee/General%20Documents/SB_15-71_The_impact_of_EU_membership_in_Scotland.pdf)

Briefing by Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_EuropeanandExternalRelationsCommittee/Meeting%20Papers/EU\\_reform\\_and\\_EU\\_Ref\\_Adviser\\_briefing\\_revised.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EuropeanandExternalRelationsCommittee/Meeting%20Papers/EU_reform_and_EU_Ref_Adviser_briefing_revised.pdf)

Briefing by Michael Keating

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_EuropeanandExternalRelationsCommittee/Inquiries/Adviser\\_MichaelKeating\\_briefing.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EuropeanandExternalRelationsCommittee/Inquiries/Adviser_MichaelKeating_briefing.pdf)

Written evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/92303.aspx>

Evidence sessions:

25 February 2016	Implications for Scotland
21 January 2016	Alternatives to EU membership
17 December 2015	On the process of leaving the European Union
3 December 2015	Roundtable with key organisations in Scotland
19 November 2015	Evidence session with Scottish MEPs
25 February 2016	Implications for Scotland
21 January 2016	Alternatives to EU membership
17 December 2015	On the process of leaving the European Union

## **HOUSE OF COMMONS**

### **COMMONS DEBATE – WESTMINSTER HALL (16 March 2016)**

#### *EU Referendum: Northern Ireland*

Ms Margaret Ritchie (South Down) (SDLP): I beg to move,  
That this House has considered the effect of the UK leaving the EU on Northern Ireland...

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm160316/halltext/160316h0001.htm#16031631000002>

### **ORAL QUESTIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND – EU REFERENDUM (20th April 2016)**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-04-20/debates/16042034000014/EUReferendum#contribution-16042034000053>

### **NORTHERN IRELAND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### *Northern Ireland and the EU Referendum (ongoing inquiry)*

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/eu-referendum/>

#### Oral Evidence:

George Hamilton QPM, Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland, and Will Kerr, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland; David Gavaghan, Chair, CBI NI, Judith Totten, Chair of CBI NI Economic Affairs Network, Andy Bagnall, Director of Campaigns, CBI, Ian Sheppard, Chair, Economic Strategy Committee, Institute of Directors, and Dr Joanne Stuart OBE, Former Chairman, Institute of Directors Northern Ireland (at 10.15am); Glyn Roberts, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Independent Retail Trade Association (at 11.15am); Robin McCormick, General Manager, SONI (at 12.00pm).

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/30348.pdf>

Mike Nesbitt MLA and Michael McGimpsey MLA, Ulster Unionist Party; Declan Kearney, National Chairperson, Paul Maskey MP, and Megan Fearon MLA, Sinn Féin (at 1.45pm); Gavin Robinson MP, Democratic Unionist Party (at 2.30pm); David Ford MLA, The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland, and Stephen Farry MLA, The Alliance Party of Northern Ireland (at 3.45pm); Jim Allister MLA, Traditional Unionist Voice, and Councillor Henry Reilly, Traditional Unionist Voice (at 4.15pm); Colum Eastwood MLA, Social Democratic and Labour Party (at 4.45pm); Steven Agnew MLA and Councillor Ross Brown, Green Party in Northern Ireland (at 5.15pm).

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/30347.html>

Professor Neil Gibson, Director, Economic Policy Centre, University of Ulster  
Dr Leslie Budd, Reader, Open University Business School  
Dr Graham Gudgin, Research Associate, Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge  
Dr Cathal McCall, Reader in Politics, Dr Lee McGowan, Senior Lecturer in Politics  
Professor Dagmar Schiek, Jean Monet Professor of EU Law, Queen's University Belfast

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/28395.pdf>

Tom Arnold, Director General, Institute for International and European Affairs  
John McGrane, Director General, British-Irish Chamber of Commerce  
Dan Mulhall, Ambassador of Ireland

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/29043.pdf>

Wilfred Mitchell OBE, Policy Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses Northern Ireland  
Roger Pollen, Head of External Affairs, Federation of Small Businesses Northern Ireland  
Patricia O'Hagan MBE, Chief Executive Officer, Core Systems Ltd

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/29654.pdf>

Conor Houston, Programme Director, EU Debate NI, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/30043.html>

Ben Wallace MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/31092.pdf>

Wesley Aston, Chief Executive, and Ian Marshall, President, Ulster Farmers' Union (2016)  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/oral/30348.pdf>

#### Written Evidence:

Professor Gordon Anthony and Professor Christopher McCrudden  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29012.html>

CBI Northern Ireland  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29652.html>

Centre for Cross Border Studies  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29489.html>

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/28997.html>

Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/30349.pdf>

David Donaldson Barbour  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29077.html>

Mr Mark Gardiner  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/32131.pdf>

Institute for International and European Affairs  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29399.html>

IoD Northern Ireland  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/32037.pdf>

Labour Party in Northern Ireland  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29044.html>

Mr Dan Mulhall  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29510.html>

Sylvia de Mars et al.  
<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29054.html>

The People's Movement

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/30322.html>

Jenny Pyper, Utility Regulator

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/31435.pdf>

RSPB Northern Ireland

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/29062.html>

Sinn Féin

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/28978.html>

Professor Dagmar Schiek

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/30924.pdf>

Northern Ireland Office

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/northern-ireland-affairs-committee/northern-ireland-and-the-eu-referendum/written/30974.pdf>

## **UK GOVERNMENT**

HM Treasury – News Release: Leaving the EU would 'significantly weaken' the financial services sector in Northern Ireland, warns City Minister (12th May 2016).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/leaving-the-eu-would-significantly-weaken-the-financial-services-sector-in-northern-ireland-warns-city-minister>



## **TITHE AN OIREACHTAS/HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS**

### **AN COMHCHOISTE UM GHNÓTHAÍ AN AONTAIS EORPACH/ JOINT COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

*Caidreamh Idir An Ríocht Aontaithe Agus An Taontas Eorpach Sa Tochcaí: Na Ciallachais a Ghabhann Leis D'Éirinn.*

*UK/EU Future Relationship: Implications for Ireland.*

(Meitheamh 2015/June 2015)

[http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/media/committees/euaffairs/Agreed-Report-UK-EU-Future-Relations\\_Updated.pdf](http://www.oireachtas.ie/parliament/media/committees/euaffairs/Agreed-Report-UK-EU-Future-Relations_Updated.pdf)

*Topical Issue Debate: UK Referendum on EU Membership (5 November 2015)*

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2015110500046#TT00350>

*Questions: UK Referendum on EU Membership (29 September 2015)*

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/takes/dail2015092900021>

## **GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND**

*Government Briefing Note for Oireachtas members on UK-EU Referendum (26th April 2016)*

[http://opac.oireachtas.ie/AWData/Library3/TAOdoclaid260416\\_171147.pdf](http://opac.oireachtas.ie/AWData/Library3/TAOdoclaid260416_171147.pdf)

*Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - PRESS RELEASE: Minister Flanagan calls for active Irish community engagement in EU referendum debate (8th April 2016).*

<https://www.dfa.gov.ie/news-and-media/press-releases/press-release-archive/2016/april/min-calls-for-irish-community-engagement-in-debate/#>

## 2) ACADEMIA AND THINK TANKS

### **CENTRE FOR CROSS-BORDER STUDIES**

<http://crossborder.ie/>

#### **UK EU Referendum**

<http://crossborder.ie/research-policy/policy/uk-eu-referendum/>

#### **CCBS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016**

*Bordering Between Unions: What Does the UK Referendum on Europe Mean for Us?*  
18/19 February 2016.

Papers and audio of event:

<http://crossborder.ie/centre-for-cross-border-studies-2016-annual-conference/>

### **CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING**

<http://eudebateni.org/>

*To Remain or to leave? Northern Ireland and the EU Referendum*

Prof. David Phinnemore (QUB) (editor), Prof. Yvonne Galligan (QUB), Dr. Cathal McCall (QUB), Dr. Lee McGowan (QUB), and Dr. Mary C. Murphy (UCC).

<http://eudebateni.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/To-Remain-or-Leave-Northern-Ireland-and-the-EU-Referendum.pdf>

### **ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

*Economic Consequences of Brexit for Northern Ireland*

Edgar Morgenroth, Associate Research Professor, Economic & Social Research Institute (ESRI), Adjunct Professor, Trinity College Dublin.

<http://crossborder.ie/site2015/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2015-Brexit-7-Edgar-Morgenroth-Economic-Social-Research-Institute.pdf>

*Scoping the Possible Economic Implications of Brexit on Ireland*

Alan Barrett, Adele Bergin, John FitzGerald, Derek Lambert, Daire McCoy, Edgar Morgenroth, Iulia Siedschlag, Zuzanna Studnicka

05 November 2015

<https://www.esri.ie/pubs/RS48.pdf>

### **EURACTIV**

*How a 'Brexit' could unravel the Northern Ireland peace process*

Paul Brannen, MEP

<http://www.euractiv.com/section/uk-europe/opinion/how-a-brexit-could-unravel-the-northern-ireland-peace-process/>

02 November 2015 (updated 3 Nov 2015)

**EUROPEAN FUTURES** (UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH)

*Brexit, Northern Ireland and British-Irish Relations*

Professor Christine Bell, University of Edinburgh

<http://www.europeanfutures.ed.ac.uk/article-3093>

26 March 2016

**INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

*Brexit, Northern Ireland and the Island Economy*

John Bradley

The Institute of International and European Affairs

[http://www.iiea.com/ftp/Publications/Brexit Northern Ireland and the island economy an update.pdf](http://www.iiea.com/ftp/Publications/Brexit_Northern_Ireland_and_the_island_economy_an_update.pdf)

December 2015

*Brexit – The Evolving Debate in Northern Ireland*

Tony Brown, Senior Fellow of the IIEA

<http://www.iiea.com/blogosphere/northern-ireland-debate-on-brexit>

March 2016

**LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS****COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF BRITAIN IN EUROPE**

*The EU referendum in Northern Ireland: Good Europeans or sectarian politics as usual?*

James Dennison, PhD candidate at the European University Institute, Florence.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/brexitvote/2015/11/12/the-eu-referendum-in-northern-ireland-good-europeans-or-sectarian-politics-as-usual/>

12 NOVEMBER 2015

*Theresa Villiers wants Northern Ireland out of the EU. That stance may be untenable*

Nicholas Wright (Teaching Fellow in EU Politics at University College London).

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/brexitvote/2016/03/04/theresa-villiers-wants-northern-ireland-out-of-the-eu-that-stance-may-be-untenable/>

*A British departure would have major consequences for Ireland, both North and South*

Paul Gillespie, senior research fellow adjunct in the School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/brexitvote/2016/03/14/a-british-departure-would-have-major-consequences-for-ireland-both-north-and-south/>

14 March 2016

*Troubles redux: Brexit would put the Good Friday Agreement in jeopardy*

Brendan Donnelly, Senior Research Fellow at the Global Policy Institute.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/brexitvote/2016/04/28/troubles-redux-brexit-would-put-the-good-friday-agreement-in-jeopardy/>

28 April 2016

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## **NEVIN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NERI)**

Working Paper: *The Economic Implications of BREXIT for Northern Ireland*

[http://www.neriinstitute.net/download/pdf/brexit\\_wp\\_250416.pdf](http://www.neriinstitute.net/download/pdf/brexit_wp_250416.pdf)

26th April 2016

## **OPEN UNIVERSITY**

*The Consequences for the Northern Ireland Economy from a United Kingdom exit from the European Union*

BRIEFING NOTE: CETI/OU, 2/15 (MARCH 2015)

Leslie Budd, Open University Business School

<http://crossborder.ie/site2015/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-03-22-brexit-ceti-specialist-advisor.pdf>

## **OXFORD ECONOMICS**

*The Economic Implications of a UK Exit from the EU for Northern Ireland*

*A Briefing Paper February 2016*

Commissioned by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI)

<http://www.oxfordeconomics.com/brexit/deti>

## **POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION**

*The UK's EU membership: An ethno-national debate for Northern Ireland's political parties?*

Henry Jarrett

<https://www.psa.ac.uk/psa-communities/specialist-groups/irish-politics-group/blog/uk%E2%80%99s-eu-membership-ethno-national-debate>

5 May 2015

## **QPOL (QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST)**

*Brexit: Implications for Northern Ireland*

Dr Lee McGowan, Queen's University Belfast

<http://qppl.qub.ac.uk/brexit-implications-for-northern-ireland/>

2 JUNE 2015

## **ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE (RUSI)**

Journal Article: Edward Burke (2016) *Who Will Speak for Northern Ireland?* The RUSI Journal, 161: 2, 4-12 (April 2016)

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/03071847.2016.1174477>

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## **THE UK IN A CHANGING EUROPE**

<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/about-us/>

*Starting gun to a referendum or a ticking time-bomb?*

Dr Lee McGowan, Queen's University Belfast

<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/starting-gun-to-a-referendum-or-a-ticking-time-bomb-implications-of-a-brex-it-for-northern-ireland/>

2 June 2015

*Brexit and the Irish peace process*

Dr Cathal McCall, Queen's University Belfast

<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/brexit-and-the-irish-peace-process/>

4 November 2015

*Divided by Europe: the UK nations and the EU referendum*

Professor Charlie Jeffery

<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/divided-by-europe-the-uk-nations-and-the-eu-referendum/>

15 January 2016

*Ireland, the UK and the EU*

Paul Gillespie

<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/ireland-the-uk-and-the-eu/>

17 March 2016

*Why Ireland wants the UK to remain in the EU*

Dr Lee McGowan

<http://ukandeu.ac.uk/why-ireland-wants-the-uk-to-remain-in-the-eu/>

17 March 2016

## **UNIVERSITY OF BATH**

*The EU debate in Northern Ireland*

Dr Sophie Whiting, Lecturer, Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies.

<http://blogs.bath.ac.uk/iprblog/2016/03/10/dr-sophie-whiting-on-the-eu-debate-in-northern-ireland/>

29 January 2016

## **WHAT UK THINKS: EU**

<http://whatukthinks.org/eu/>

*Disunited kingdom? Attitudes to the EU across the UK*

Rachel Ormston, Head of Social Attitudes at NatCen Social Research

<http://whatukthinks.org/eu/analysis/disunited-kingdom-attitudes-to-the-eu-across-the-uk/>

December 2015

## **WILFRIED MARTENS CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**

*BREXIT scenarios*

John Bruton

<http://www.martenscentre.eu/blog/brexit-scenarios>

### 3) INTEREST GROUPS AND ‘OTHER’

#### Interest Groups

##### **CBI Northern Ireland/Northern Ireland Food and Drink Association/Northern Ireland Independent Retailers Trade Association**

Joint Statement: *Leading Business Bodies highlight benefits of EU membership for Northern Ireland* (14 April 2016).

<http://www.niirta.com/news/leading-business-bodies-highlight-benefits-eu-membership-northern-ireland>

##### **Ibec** (for Irish Business)

Report: *The UK referendum on EU Membership – The impact of a possible Brexit on Irish business* (April 2016).

[https://www.ibec.ie/IBEC/Press/PressPublicationsdoclib3.nsf/vPages/Newsroom~brexit-uncertainty-demands-focused,-stable-government-05-05-2016/\\$file/The+impact+of+a+possible+Brexite+on+Irish+business.pdf](https://www.ibec.ie/IBEC/Press/PressPublicationsdoclib3.nsf/vPages/Newsroom~brexit-uncertainty-demands-focused,-stable-government-05-05-2016/$file/The+impact+of+a+possible+Brexite+on+Irish+business.pdf)

##### **Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

Congress Briefing: *The Case Against Brexit* (May 2016)

[http://www.ictu.ie/download/pdf/brexit\\_briefing\\_paper.pdf](http://www.ictu.ie/download/pdf/brexit_briefing_paper.pdf)

##### **Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

News Release: *Second NI Chamber EU Survey: Business vote tightens as referendum campaign heads to the finish line* (10 May 2016).

<http://www.northernirelandchamber.com/chamber-news/second-ni-chamber-eu-survey-business-vote-tightens-as-referendum-campaign-heads-to-the-finish-line/85849/>

##### **Trades Union Congress**

News Release: *Brexit would be a “huge gamble” with Northern Ireland’s future, TUC head warns* (14<sup>th</sup> April 2016).

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/international-issues/brexit-would-be-%E2%80%9Chuge-gamble%E2%80%9D-northern-ireland%E2%80%99s-future-tuc-head-warns?render=overlay>

## Other

### **AgendaNI Magazine**

*The implications of Brexit* BYLINE: Tom Healy, Director of the Nevin Economic Research Institute (20 April 2016)

<http://www.agendani.com/implications-brexit/>

*Brexit makes no sense* BYLINE: David Gavaghan, Chair of CBI Northern Ireland

<http://www.agendani.com/brexit-sense/> (20 April 2016)

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**2.05pm - Dr Lee McGowan (QUB) - *Does Europe matter? The implications of a Brexit for Northern Ireland***

**2.25pm - Dr Cathal McCall (QUB) - *Brexit and Britain's Borders***

2.45pm – Discussion

3.15pm – RalSe - Closing Remarks

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