

Top 10 Facts

1. As part of Europe, British businesses have free access to sell to **500 million consumers**. If we left the EU, our trade would face tariffs and barriers.
2. Independent experts have found that **over 3 million jobs in Britain** are linked to our trade with Europe.
Source: HM Treasury
3. A strong economy means households are better off in Europe. If Britain were to leave Europe, the hit to the economy would be equivalent to **£4,300 for each UK household**.
Source: HM Treasury
4. Being in the EU means a stronger economy, which means **more investment in public services. Leaving would mean spending cuts of £36bn**.
Source: HM Treasury
5. **44% of the UK's international exports are to EU countries, worth £229 billion in 2014**
Source: Office for National Statistics
6. Between 2004 and 2014, the average investment from European countries every year was £24.1 billion - that's **over £66 million a day in investment from Europe**.
Source: Office for National Statistics
7. The **cost of holidays are cheaper in the EU, for example because the price of flights has come down 40%** because the EU changed the rules to allow low-cost airlines like EasyJet to set up in Europe.
Source: European Commission
8. **Over 200,000 UK students have spent time abroad on the Erasmus exchange programme**. Students who have undertaken placements on the Erasmus programme are 50% less likely to experience long-term unemployment than their counterparts.
Source: Universities UK
9. **Workers' rights are protected by EU legislation**, including entitlements to paid holiday of at least four weeks a year, maximum working hours, anti-discrimination laws and statutory paid maternity and paternity leave.
10. Our access to the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) has meant over 1,100 suspected criminals have been arrested in the EU and returned to Britain to face justice. Also under the European Arrest Warrant, **Britain has sent 7,400 suspected criminals who had fled here back to the EU**.
Source: National Crime Agency