

## EXPERTS ON SECURITY

### Influence in the world

The threats we face today are global in nature – whether it is Isis, cyber-crime, a more assertive Russia or even climate change – and international collaboration is the surest route to influence and impact.

Within the EU we have structural relationships and arrangements that add huge value to our effort to fight terrorism, and these would be lost if we walked away. We have the best of both worlds: the security and stability gained from being part of Europe but the flexibility to opt out of arrangements that aren't in our national interest.

### Intelligence sharing

Some of the most valuable EU arrangements are the European Arrest Warrant, which enables countries to track and deport suspected criminals, the Schengen Information System, which facilitates intelligence-sharing between EU member states, and Europol, which is an EU agency that strengthens cooperation between police forces across Europe.

This is why the British Director of Europol has said that fighting crime and terrorism in the UK would be costlier and "much less effective" if the UK leaves the EU.

### Border control

The UK has an opt-out from Europe's passport-free zone, the Schengen Zone. Britain is in the EU while retaining control of our borders.

- The UK is not part of the Schengen border-free zone, which means that migrants or refugees who arrive in Europe cannot simply hop on a bus and come to the UK, in the way they can freely travel around much of the continent.
- The migration crisis has shown that the UK has control of its own migration policy while within the EU: The Prime Minister had rejected calls to participate in the EU's quota system for migrants.

### Key quotes

- **Jens Stoltenberg, The NATO Secretary-General:** "A strong European Union with a strong Britain is good for NATO".
- **Home Secretary Theresa May:** "If we were not part of [EU information-sharing and cooperation arrangements] Britain would be less safe"
- **Sir Hugh Orde, former President of the Association of Chief Police Officers:** "Staying in Europe and co-operating with our European allies is essential to keeping British people safe"
- **Rob Wainwright, Director of Europol:** Leaving the EU "would make it harder for Britain to fight terrorism and crime"

# BRITAIN STRONGER IN EUROPE

- **Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, former Security and Counter-Terrorism Minister and Joint Intelligence Committee Chair:** “if we left the EU, our border control could well actually deteriorate ... security in Europe, including the UK, would be weaker... I disagree...with the contention that we would be better off [out]... It is in the national interest for the prime minister, home secretary and senior security officials to be in the room where decisions affecting UK security are made”
- **Sir Keir Starmer, former Director of Public Prosecutions:** “There’s the potential for a real reduction in our capacity to deal with serious and organised crime and terrorism. Anybody who’s been involved in this on a practical, operational level recognises the risks here. It’s a risk to the safety of people in this country.”
- **Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former NATO Secretary General:** “If the UK were to leave the European Union, the voice of the UK would be weakened. If you are a member of the EU, you also speak with a more heavy weight when you are speaking about the transatlantic relationship, but if you are outside the EU, that argument would diminish in importance.’

## Key facts

- The UK is not part of the passport-free Schengen zone and cannot be forced to join. All passengers entering the UK are checked against security and immigration watch lists on arrival at the border. Since 2010 we have refused entry to almost 6,000 EEA nationals at the UK border. Over 3,800 of these were stopped at Calais before they even got to the UK. In total, since 2010 nearly 95,000 people have been refused entry to the UK – over 23,400 of these stopped at the border in France.
- 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. Under the European Arrest Warrant, Britain has also sent 7,400 suspected criminals who had fled here back to the EU.  
*Source: National Crime Agency*
- If we leave the EU, we would lose our access to the European Arrest Warrant, making justice slower and reducing our ability to deport suspected criminals. The Association of Chief Police officers has said being “out of the EAW and relying on less effective extradition arrangements could have the effect of turning the UK into a ‘safe haven’ for Europe’s criminals”.  
*Source: National Crime Agency, ACPO*
- If we left the EU, our border might move back from Calais to Dover. The French Economy Minister, Emmanuel Macron, has said: “The day this relationship unravels, migrants will no longer be in Calais”. The French Interior Minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, has said “there might be a risk that if Britain left the EU after the referendum that the Touquet accords may not be maintained”, and that “it is obvious that leaving the EU will always result in countermeasures.” French President Hollande has said there will be “consequences” if we leave.