

## Should the UK be part of the EU ?

The European Union, or European Community (EEC) as it was known then, was established in 1957. It was created to look at the economy of some of the countries in Europe after the Second World War had dramatically crippled it. The committee was set up so that it would be easier for the countries to trade without too much trouble. This was called the common market. It was also set up so that there would be a lasting reconciliation between France and Germany (because obviously Germany was the 'enemy'.) Another reason why it was set up was to develop some kind of political union so that there would be less chance on a World War Three. So to summarise the European Union is a union which has 27 countries that all try to work together to help trade, tourism, social and environmental issues. It is constantly coming up with new ideas and rulings that make the country members of the EU nice places to live. The 27 countries that are part of the EU are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

The benefits of joining the EU There are several benefits for businesses and people:

- Can encourage trade between the member countries
- No commission will be needed on exchanging money
- More competition because there will be an increase in trade and might make business lower costs and boost the economy of the country.

The costs of joining the EU There are also many disadvantages too:

- Members of the EU has also got to pay an amount each year towards the EU budget. This can be a disadvantage, as it will decrease their budget for the country, which may result in less money for education and hospitals etc.
- Business may suffer from competition because companies may trade with other countries.

The EU has many aims such as remove all barriers, allowing trade among the member of the EU. For businesses as part of their aims

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objectives, it is to maximise sales and to improve the quality of a product while being competitive with other rival businesses. Investment also encourages businesses to compete. Economically the EU spreads its wealth evenly. Allowing people, goods services and, also introducing free movement and capital making it possible to exchange and invest in money anywhere in the EU. Because of the Single Market, European businesses are selling to a market where there are over 458 million people, which is making it harder for smaller businesses to make any money at all because all the larger foreign companies are taking business away because they can offer product for much cheaper price by importing it which affects small business in the UK but can also be an advantage for larger businesses that are well know over Europe. This is stopping people from expanding there smaller businesses so they can never become are larger well know company in Europe.

A second aim of the EU is change or weights and measurement units the same across Europe to make it easier to buy products abroad involving weight or size these can prevent people from being rip off when abroad these is good for the people of the UK because its makes it a lot easier to no what your buying something on holiday or over the internet and could save people from spending lots of money on objects they thought was larger or heavier.

A bad aim of the EU was to make it so any one can work in any EU countries these is because a lot of foreigners are coming to the UK and taking are jobs at lower wages which is lowering the overall wages in the country meaning there is less high paying jobs out there for people who were actually born in the country. It would work if they made sure that the foreigners coming in were properly qualified for the job there trying to apply for and the same for UK people who are going to work in county abroad these would stop foreign people from tacking all the good jobs because most are poorly qualified.

I think that the UK should be part of the EU because overall it is a good thing because it making it easier for people to travel and trade abroad and keeps the countries in the EU in contact so it will prevent wars within Europe there is a few problems with the EU rules and some of its aims aren't that good for the people of the UK but the problems are solvable and properly will be in a few

years. The best reason for join the EU is that it is trying to prevent global warming, which is going to be a major problem in years to come and trying to prevent this is key if we want to carry on with life the way we do today.