

Robert Oulds: Independent from the EU

Last October, Robert Oulds of the Bruges Group delivered a presentation entitled “Independent from the EU and into the wider world” at a CIB-hosted meeting at Chelwood House, Somerset. Robert explained how we could exit seamlessly from the EU by invoking Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty and negotiating to re-join EFTA. No other exit option is viable for, if we left the European Economic Area (which we would not under this scenario), the barriers to trade with the EU would take years to address, thus putting many UK businesses at risk.

Although much has happened since Robert gave this presentation, the arguments he set out last year still form the basis of the EU exit strategy most likely to command sufficient popular support to secure the all-important “out” vote in the forthcoming referendum and the only one which can answer all the concerns of the business community. The video can be accessed [here](#).