



The CIBUK Clear Water Partnership Newsletter

Welcome!



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Newsletter

On behalf of the **CIBUK Clear Water Partnership**
it gives us great pleasure to share this, our first
newsletter with you, our influencers, supporters
and subscribers.

**With your help and operating as the special operations team of the
Campaign for an Independent Britain (CIBUK), our mission is threefold:**

1. To publicise and promote the achievements and successes arising from the UK's departure from the European Union.
2. To rebut the arguments of those who wish to take the UK back inside the EU.
3. To highlight the on-going opportunities to the UK outside the EU, to highlight the risks of inaction and to encourage those in charge to bring their influence to bear.

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Summary

There are three articles summarised in this newsletter:

1. **Political developments within the EU – How the UK ‘dodged a bullet’**
2. **The migrant crisis and the EU’s porous borders**
3. **The success of the Anglo-Indian Joint Agreement in April**

**It’s now confirmed – the UK dodged a bullet by leaving the
EU**

**We begin our round-up with news of profound political change taking
place within the EU:**

Almost entirely overlooked by our mainstream media, the Conference on the Future of Europe (29-30 April 2022) adopted a series of proposed changes which will fundamentally alter the balance of power between the EU Commission and its constituent member states.

A Federal Europe Beckons

Unable to contain his fervour, Guy Verhofstadt, the Conference's co-chair tweeted the vision to his followers:

"Conference on the Future of Europe approves radical overhaul of the EU: end of unanimity, abolishment of veto's, launch of Joint Armed Forces of the Union, transnational lists and many other reforms..."

The implications are hard to overstate:

- End of unanimity and abolition of national vetoes
- Launch of Joint Armed Forces of the Union
- Transnational political parties – national parliaments will become more like local councils
- European Parliament to have the right to propose legislation
- More spending on climate change policies

In other words, a full assault on nation state democracy and a complete overhaul of Europe's defences to a completely untried and untested Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

The full article can be read here: https://cibuk.org/eu_federal_statism/

Exclusive: How EU's porous borders are fuelling UK's boat migrants' crisis

To another existential matter: The EU's borders and a growing crisis no one on either side of the Channel can ignore any longer.

In this report, which covers illegal immigration alone, the figures are alarming. According to data from the EU's border and coastguard agency (FRONTEX)

- The number of illegal detections in 2021 were up 83% on 2020, and even up 61% on 2019 – a pre-Covid year.
- In hard numbers there has been an increase from 141,741 (2019) to 228,561 (2021).

More than 9 out of 10 illegal entrants were male

The media have been conspicuous in avoiding this fact. A statement from Frontex expresses it this way:

"Just as in 2020, women continued to make up fewer than one in ten arrivals in 2021."

Europe's most porous borders: Eastern Europe and the West African Route

Numbers coming through Eastern Europe and via the West African route to Spain are the most porous, up over 1,000% and 900% respectively.

As Alp Mehmet, the Chairman of Migration Watch observed to us:

"This problem will only grow unless the EU takes decisive action at its external borders and removes many more of those who shouldn't be in the EU. The Commission and Member States could start by ditching the woefully out-of-date Schengen arrangements, taking tougher action at the external borders and working with the UK to deal with what is an issue of major concern to the whole of Europe."

Three important conclusions can be drawn from the current crisis:

- The failure of the EU to control its borders has a direct knock-on effect for everyone in Europe including the UK.
- Re-joining the EU as some have argued with all its obligations including mandatory quotas, would simply exacerbate an already deteriorating situation.
- Political disillusion across Europe is widespread, with millions looking to Britain to lead the way back to nation-state democracy. The UK needs to show it can do it and do it successfully.

The full article can be read here: <https://cibuk.org/eu-borders-migrant-crisis/>

World's largest democracy to fast-track trade deal with Brexit Britain this year - 20x faster than EU

We conclude on an optimistic note and are pleased to report on the Prime Minister's role in leading discussions for a future trade deal with India.

Flying out on a 24 hour visit at the behest of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the two leaders agreed to fast-track a trade deal with the aim of completing it by this coming October.

In new deals already worth £1billion and 11,000 jobs, this first bi-lateral meeting represents the tip of the iceberg.

EU Late to the Party

In marked contrast the EU has still failed to agree a trade agreement with India, 15 YEARS after it first embarked on negotiations.

Embarrassed at being so comprehensively upstaged, the EU Commission President's

Head of Cabinet, Bjorn Seibert, flew into Delhi, cap in hand, the day after the PM's departure, in the hope of preparing the way for Ursula von de Leyen to start securing a similar deal.

Indian economic potential dwarfs the EU

The raw data alone is awesome with huge underlying potential for British business in the years ahead:

- Population : 1.35 billion (3 times the size of the EU and the world's 2nd-largest after China)
- India is the largest democracy in the world
- 1.6 million people of Indian heritage live in the UK – the largest Indian diaspora
- GDP : \$1.9 trillion (No.6 in the world, bigger than 16 of the 27 EU countries combined)
- Land mass : 1,269,219 sq miles (78% of all EU27 countries combined)

The full article can be read here: https://cibuk.org/uk_india_deal/

About CIBUK: The Campaign for an Independent Britain ([CIBUK](https://cibuk.org/)) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK's longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.