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## ***EXCLUSIVE: EU'S Open Door Policy with Putin***

**EU27 continue to fund Putin's war with £15bn per month**



## ***Brexit Britain slams door shut with sanctions, but EU's are ineffective***

**The contrast could not be greater: while the EU paid £15bn to Russia for goods in June, the UK paid only £0.03bn.**

Exclusive research undertaken by [CIBUK](https://cibuk.org/) and our affiliate [Facts4EU](#) reveals the alarming and continuing flow of funds from the EU to the Putin regime even as the UK reduces theirs to a trickle.

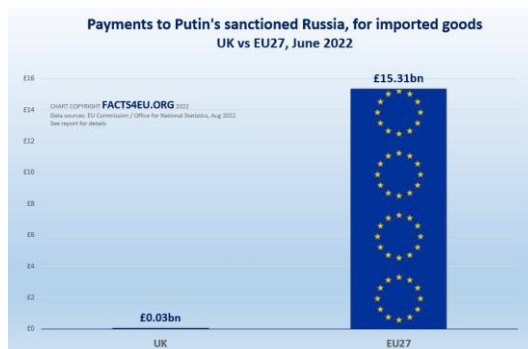
**CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – exposes the shocking disparity between the EU's sanctions on Putin's Russia, compared with that of the UK.

The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

## ***A Shocking Disparity***

### **Payments for goods from Russia, June 2022**

- EU27 : £15.3bn
- UK : £ 0.03bn



[Sources: EU Commission and ONS, import figures released Aug 2022. Euros converted into pounds at €1=£0.85.]

## ***UK vs EU: Percentage Change in payments to Russia***

- EU27 % change, June 2019 versus June 2022 : +61.6%
- UK % change, June 2019 versus June 2022 : -98.2%

[Sources: EU Commission and ONS, import figures released Aug 2022.]

### ***On imports the change could not be starker:***



### ***Compare and contrast with the actions taken by Brexit Britain:***

- 8 March 2022 – phasing out of oil imports by the end of 2022
- 25 March 2022 – additional 35% import tariff on a range of goods implemented
- 6 April 2022 – import ban announced on all iron and steel products
- 21 April 2022 – import bans announced on silver, wood products and high-end goods
- 1 June 2022 – further goods subject to the additional 35% tariff
- 26 June 2022 – import ban announced on gold

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## ***Summary:***

As a result of all the above, imports of goods from Russia decreased to £33 million in June 2022 and are at the **lowest level since records began** in January 1997. **There were no imports of fuels from Russia in June 2022** – again this is for the first time since records began.

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## **OBSERVATIONS**

**Consider the bare facts: The EU27 are spending 62% more with Russia than they did before the Covid pandemic.**

Part of this is down to their dependence on Russian gas which we now know to have been a huge geo-strategic mistake and from which they should have weaned themselves off years ago.

Conversely the newly-independent United Kingdom has been free to act – and act it has done. Putin's Russia is now receiving only 2% of what they were receiving from the UK pre-pandemic. With the UK being the fifth-largest economy in the world this is significant.

**Meanwhile Putin is still able to fund his illegal invasion of Ukraine, courtesy of more than €18bn euros per month being received from the EU27.**

For the full report click here: <https://cibuk.org/eu27-continue-to-fund-putins-russia-war/>

### **For editors and journalists**

**[The full report is now available here.](#)**

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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.