



Shock UK sign-up as Government joins EU defence programme

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As we commemorate Armistice Day, UK binds itself to EU's Common Defence Policy



- The UK government commits Britain to one of the European Union's most important defence projects – 'PESCO'
- This is the "Permanent Structured Cooperation" on Defence

In Brussels on Thursday the EU was jubilant:

"I am happy to announce that the United Kingdom will join us on a Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) project on military mobility."

- Josep Borrell, de facto EU Defence Secretary, EU Vice President and Head of the European Defence Agency, Brussels, Thurs 10 Nov 2022



As the nation gathers this weekend to commemorate all those who fell in the defence of freedom, **CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the oldest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – and its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** – summarises the main points in the PESCO agreement and its wider implications for UK defence policy.

A win-win for the EU

1. Access to the UK's superior armed forces
 2. Money
 3. A step on the road to sucking the UK back into EU control, one step at a time
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Commenting, CIBUK's Communications Director Ben Philips said:

"It is significant that Thursday's statement was made in Brussels and not in London. Indeed, the UK government press office has remained silent on the matter. That itself should set alarm bells ringing. The UK already co-operates highly successfully with the EU on defence matters through NATO and as we outline below, this new initiative raises as many questions as it answers."

In a hard-hitting report, CIBUK provides a summary of the agreement and its implications for the UK, along with our recommended response which you can read in full [here](#).