



Core Cities **IN** Europe

The Core Cities UK Leaders and Mayors believe the UK should remain a member of the European Union.

EU membership has:¹

- **CREATED MORE THAN 63,000, AND PROTECTED AT LEAST 16,800 JOBS ACROSS THE TEN CORE CITIES**
- **PROVIDED £1.8billion OF INVESTMENT, INCLUDING VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM TRAMLINES TO TRUNK ROADS**
- **ATTRACTED MAJOR INVESTMENT ON THE BACK OF THIS ENABLING US TO GROW OUR CITY ECONOMIES**
- **ATTRACTED SKILLED WORKERS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR LABOUR SUPPLY IN A COMPETITIVE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE.**

From Birmingham to Brno, Manchester to Marseille, Liverpool to Leipzig, the economic fortunes of our great cities and the millions of people who live in them are closely linked to the great cities of the Continent.

Economic security is a big reason to stay **IN**, but our cities also benefit from membership of the EU in other, softer ways that boost our profile and help us prepare for the challenges ahead.

The Core Cities Cabinet – the leaders and mayors of our city authorities – are clear.

WE ARE BETTER OFF **IN EUROPE.**

¹Figures for city, city region or surrounding region between 2007 and 2013

Jobs IN Europe

European funding helps us create and protect thousands of jobs. It plays a role in helping people start their own businesses and helps us train our workforces to adapt to new industries and technologies.

In Liverpool, investment in John Lennon Airport helped create 2,500 new private sector jobs. Over the next seven years, EU funding will help the Leeds city region support more than 5,000 businesses, and at least 100,000 people will be supported to gain and stay in work by improving their employability and skill levels.

Skills IN Europe

Across the EU, 400,000 people a year study or train abroad, with £70billion going to fund research and innovation across universities. For the Core Cities and other UK universities, this represents another 15% of funding on top of what they receive from our own government.

Being in Europe creates skilled worker migration, improves innovation, productivity and intercultural understanding across and between big cities.

Trade IN Europe

The EU is our biggest trading partner, with almost half of UK trade being with the EU. The EU single market gives our cities access to 500million customers, many of whom consume products and services supplied by companies based in our Core Cities.

Nottingham estimates that 45 per cent of the value of its exports goes to the European Union and there are 80 companies based within the city boundaries that have parent companies within the EU.

Investment IN Europe

The EU has helped us change the economic face of our cities and the places that surround them. Often EU funding is the catalyst that kick-starts substantial private sector investment.

In Newcastle, the city's prestigious Science Central development received more than £5million in ERDF investment. This helped to build The Core, a state-of-the-art serviced office block for high-growth tech and science-based businesses. In Sheffield, EU money

has helped create high-quality, Grade A office accommodation in the city centre, while in Cardiff, Butetown was regenerated using £2million of EU investment.

Transport IN Europe

The EU is helping transform our cities' transport networks, making it easier and quicker to get to work. Improving transport helps us grow our economies and makes life easier for everyone.

In Manchester, European funding has helped pay for a second Metrolink crossing that will kick-start development on surrounding sites. This will make a contribution to Manchester's economy of more than £200million a year by 2017. Birmingham's landscape was transformed by an EU investment to remove a key part of its inner ring road – known as the 'Concrete Collar' – opening up commercial sites and improving travel-to-work times across the city.

Influence IN Europe


Our membership of the EU gives our cities unrivalled access to European expertise and networks. This helps us to create cleaner, greener cities and boost our profile through cultural and twinning initiatives.

Bristol became the UK's first-ever European Green Capital in 2015. The award helped the city to cement its growing reputation as a leader in sustainability and was successful at local, national and international levels, also helping to secure future commitments as part of the COP21 agreement. In addition, the £2.5million funding received from the European Local Energy Assistance programme (ELENA) has been instrumental in enabling the city to set up its own municipal energy company and develop a major sustainable energy programme. This helps to support energy-efficiency in homes, businesses, communities and within the Council, as well as other public sector sites, and also helps to tackle fuel poverty.

Meanwhile, Glasgow has taken advantage of close ties with Europe to win the bid to co-host – with Berlin – the inaugural European Sports Championships in 2018, attracting almost 3,000 athletes to the city for a festival of sport.

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Councillor John Clancy
Leader, Birmingham City Council



Mayor George Ferguson
Mayor of Bristol



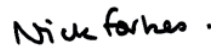
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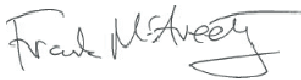
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