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EUROPEAN UNION: THE RIVAL PLANS

In order to have a clear understanding of what the EU referendum is about, here is noted the comparatives of David Cameron's proposals side-by-side with the Leave Alliance's proposals for future UK-EU relations.

Whether or not David Cameron gets the other EU states to agree to any of his proposals, there is overwhelming advantage in the 'Leave Alliance' model which is entitled 'Flexcit'. The full details of Flexcit can be obtained from the websites and addresses below.

This can briefly be described as an initial move to the position of Norway and Iceland with continued participation in the Single Market through membership of EFTA and the EEA. UK relationships with the EU institutions will change from voluntary subordination to a supranational set of institutions to a model of independent countries co-operating inter-governmentally. This is the model of all other countries in the world outside the EU.

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Comparing the proposals of David Cameron and the 'Norway/Iceland' model proposals of The Leave Alliance

	THE 'CAMERON' MODEL	THE 'FLEXCIT EEA/EFTA' MODEL
Common Foreign and Security Policy	Continued EU control	Return to British control
Common Policy on Justice and Home Affairs	Continued EU control	Return to British control
EU Economic and Monetary Union (Stages 1 and 2)	Continued EU control	Britain leaves
EU Commission	Continues to apply to UK	No role in the UK
EU Court of Justice	Continues to apply to UK	No role in the UK
Charter of Fundamental Rights	Continues to apply to UK	No role in the UK
Customs Union	Continues to apply to UK	UK Controls own Customs
Common Trade Policy	Continues to apply to UK	UK Controls its own Trade Policy
Common Agricultural Policy	Continues to apply to UK	UK in full control of agricultural policy
Common Fisheries Policy	Continues to apply to UK	UK in full control of fisheries policy
EU Budget Contributions	Continue and rising	UK contributes only for approved policy, services provided and help for Eastern Europe
"Joint and several liability" for EU debts	Continues to apply to UK	No liability
Liability for specific debts of EU institutions	Continues to apply to UK	Transitional negotiations followed by no further liability
Taxation	Likely to come under some EU control or harmonisation	Sole UK control
Four Freedoms	EU interpretation by ECJ continues to apply to UK	UK upholds the Four Freedoms subject to EEA provisions including the Safeguard clauses Article 112 and 113
Single Market and associated provisions	Continue to apply to UK. Justiciable in ECJ	Continue to apply to UK. Justiciable in EFTA Court
Ever closer union	Possibly no longer applies to UK	Irrelevant to UK after leaving
Protection for non-eurozone countries	Possible new provisions	Irrelevant to UK after leaving
Group of national Parliament having some voice in EU law	Possible new provisions	Irrelevant to UK after leaving
Minor controls on benefits for EU migrants	Possible new restrictions	Subject to provisions of EEA and immigration to the Safeguard Clauses of EEA agreement, Articles 112 and 113.
Existing EU acquis (all laws passed by the EU) up to withdrawal of UK	All existing EU laws and all future EU laws will apply to UK	Repatriation of the existing acquis to the UK with the UK able to repeal unwanted EU laws. No further EU laws to be applicable to the UK

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