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# THESIS PRESENTATION

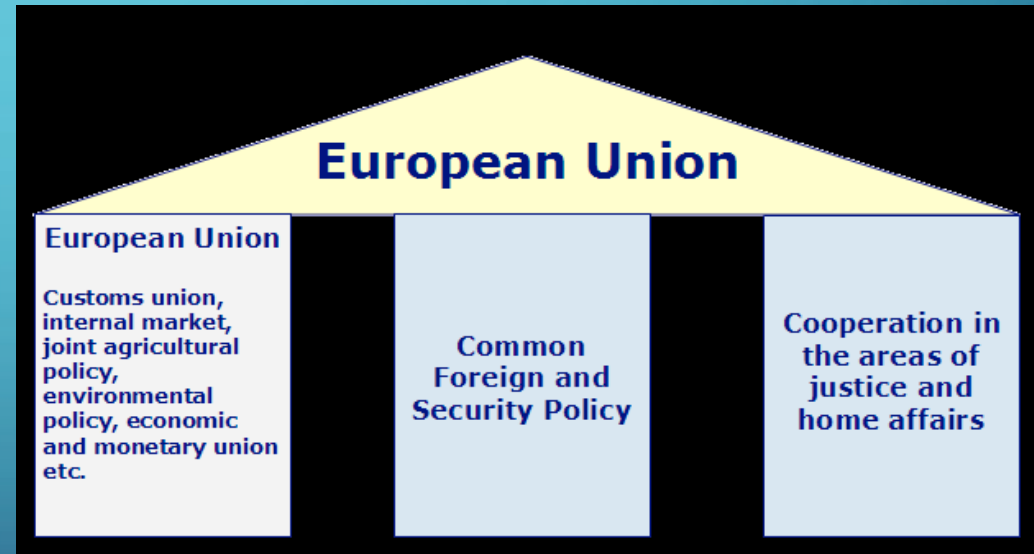
**NATIONAL IDENTITY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION: CASE STUDY OF BREXIT**

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# INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- British nationalism and its rise to European Politics
- Influence of British identity on EU relations
- Policy reflection and leadership influence
- Policy results and examples; Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the Maastricht Treaty.

Pillars of the Maastricht Treaty



Source: Schumann, Wolfgang 2014.

# BREXIT: FROM THE DEBATE TO THE REFERENDUM

- Basic argument and Background
- Parties involved and their Position
- Basic arguments
- Use of language and special effects
- Results of the referendum and possible effects On UK

Annual Impact of Leaving the EU in the UK After 15 Years (Difference from being in the EU)

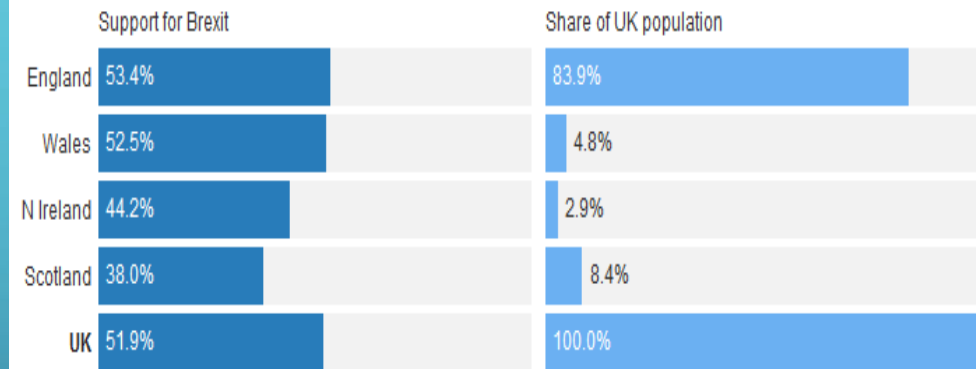
Annual impact of leaving the EU on the UK after 15 years (difference from being in the EU)			
	EEA	Negotiated bilateral agreement	WTO
GDP level – central	-3.8%	-6.2%	-7.5%
GDP level	-3.4% to -4.3%	-4.6% to -7.8%	-5.4% to -9.5%
GDP per capita – central*	–£1,100	–£1,800	–£2,100
GDP per capita*	–£1,000 to –£1,200	–£1,300 to –£2,200	–£1,500 to –£2,700
GPD per household – central*	–£2,600	–£4,300	–£5,200
GDP per household*	–£2,400 to –£2,900	–£3,200 to –£5,400	–£3,700 to –£6,600
Net impact on receipts	–£20 billion	–£36 billion	–£45 billion
Adapted from HM Treasury analysis: the long-term economic impact of EU membership and the alternatives, April 2016; *expressed in terms of 2015 GDP in 2015 prices, rounded to the nearest £100.			

Source: Yahoo Finance

# MAIN ISSUES PRESENTED AND REFERENDUM RESULT

- General assumption and tactics employed; the use of theories applied
- Institutional Challenge
- Economic challenge
- Immigration and security challenge

Brexit referendum results



Source: BBC

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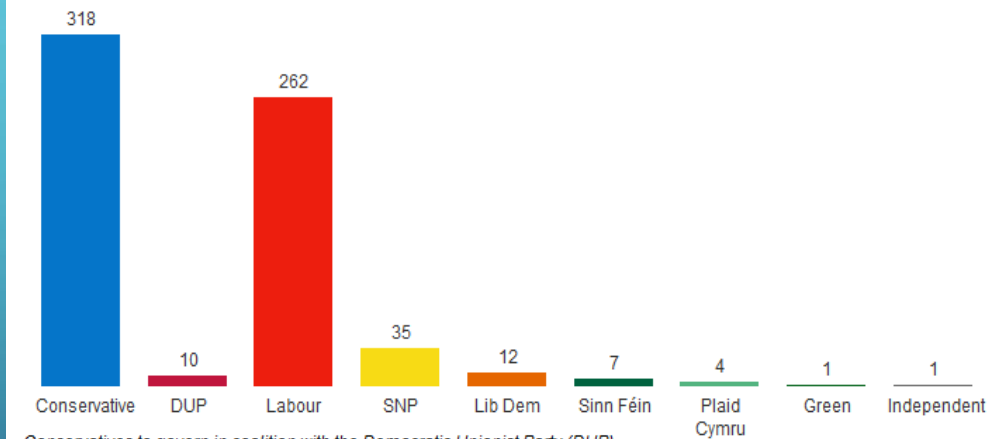
# ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED AND THEIR POSITIONS

- The media (social and news media) as a platform for parties involved
- Other organisations involved: NHS
- Academic institutions and their say
- Other sectors involved: ICTU, ETUC, SP ČR, CEOE, CBI, UGT, BCC, RMT

## Quick view of Shifting grounds

### 2017 election results

House of Commons seats: 326 needed for a majority (650 total)



Source: [BBC](#)

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# RESULTS OF THE MISINTERPRETATION OF BRITISH IDENTITY

- Societal and political divide
- Compromise of UK position in regional arrangement
- Failure of government and other societal challenges
- The Scottish question: Political devolution

Govt. promises already failing



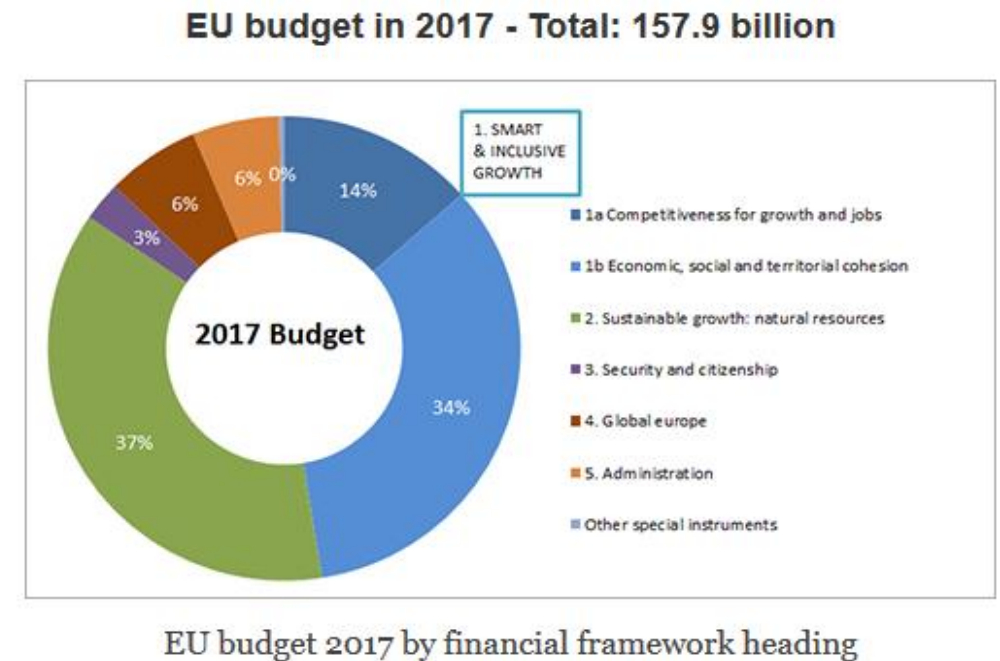
Source: Thetimes.co.uk



# FACT CHECKING ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY SCEPTICS DURING THE DEBATES AND CAMPAIGN

- EU explained as against Sceptics
- EU institutions and political arrangement
- Democratic procedure and rights of the citizens
- Answering the questions of Sovereignty, policy and funds control

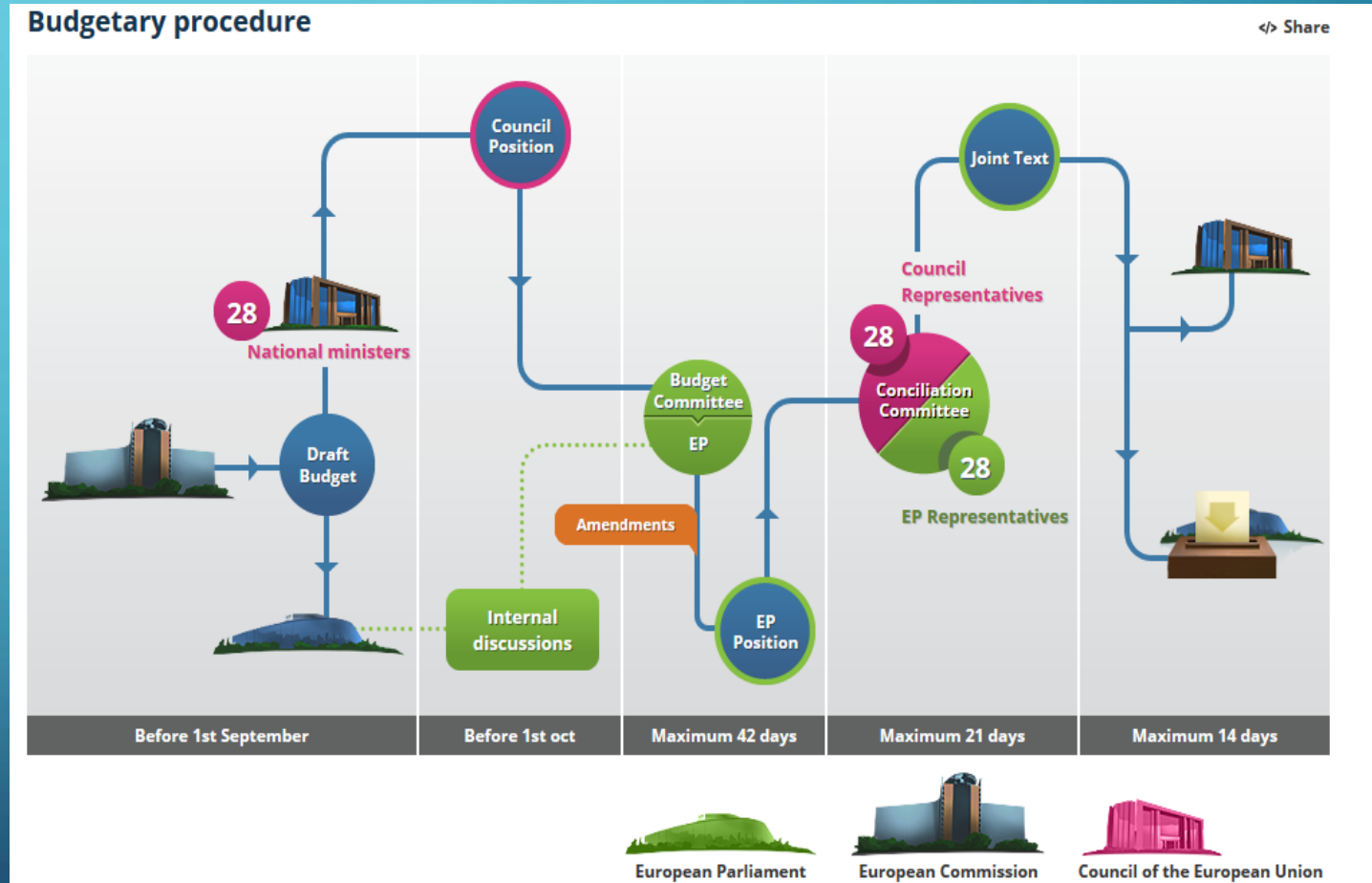
The EU budget breaks down into about 6 areas of expenditure.



Source: The EU

# EU BUDGET PROCEDURE

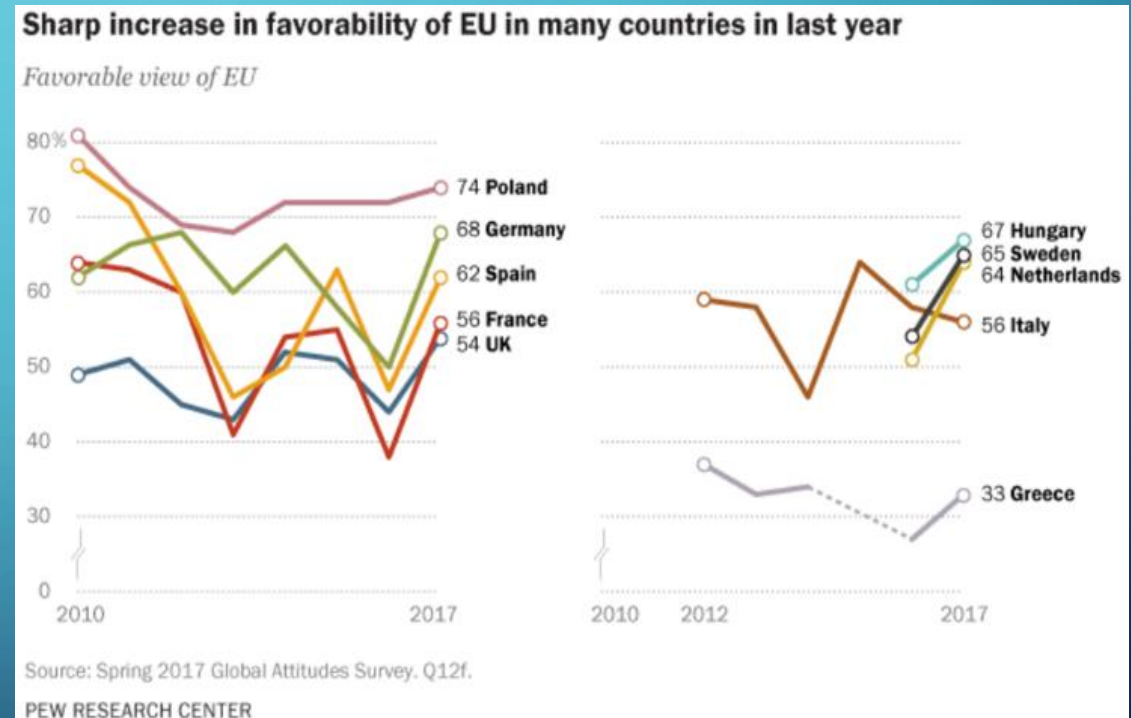
- How is the budget generated?
- How is it allocated?
- Who decides how it should be spent?
- What is the budget spent on?





# THE EFFECTS OF BREXIT ON THE EU

- Political consolidation and influence
- The spread of scepticism
- Better image and understanding
- What the future holds for the EU



# CONCLUSIONS

- The argument correlates with the methodology and theoretical assumptions
- From issues of identity to global events and outcome for the UK
- Brexit: a negative effect on the UK and bleak future for the nation
- Implications for the EU and outcome
- Will the referendum stand?

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