



European Movement United Kingdom

What a week it has been in politics. Far from the promise of “no border in the Irish Sea”, we are now threatened with a trade war over Boris Johnson’s government’s decision to overturn its own treaty commitments on Northern Ireland.

The plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda is unravelling, bringing with it the usual Brexiter reaction that this country should abandon the post-war European Convention on Human Rights, based on democracy, individual freedom and the rule of law and set up in part as a beacon of hope to the countless millions enslaved under communist dictatorship.

Queues are back. Thanks to Brexit, there are queues to see doctors, queues at A&E departments, queues at airports, queues at ports, queues at passport offices. Farmers turn their crops unharvested back into the soil.

Meanwhile the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has predicted that the UK will grind to a halt in 2023. Only Russia is performing worse out of the G20 group of wealthy nations.

As I wrote in my article in the Financial Times this weekend: "The consequences of Boris Johnson and Brexit are coming home to roost in a week of economic and political chaos, the British people are realising they have been deceived."

Now is the time for us to build a movement that will rebuild our relationship with Europe. Be at the heart of the movement that will make this happen. Become a member today.

I wrote last week that the gardener's instinct in me had detected a new spring for those who know Brexit to be a disaster. My argument was the mounting evidence of its consequences and of a growing resistance. This week those shoots have flourished, with headlines ranging from "The Remainers are regrouping amid the total failure to capitalise on Brexit" to "Spooked investors sell sterling."

The surprise should not be that Remainers are regrouping. It is that it took us so long.

British people are realising that they have been taken in by a tissue of lies. There was never going to be any upside to compensate for the loss of our closest market.

That is why now is the time to restore this vision of our country as a major European partner in one of the world's most powerful and influential organisations. We owe that to generations that are yet to come.

It will not be easy. Of course, the prime minister will fight for his Brexit legacy. More than any other single person he got Brexit done — or, more realistically, half done. It now needs to be undone, and the quicker the better.

Brexit was achieved by a small group who never gave up, and now we must do the same. Our purpose is clear, and we all have a part to play in this fight for our country.

This is our most important fight yet. And the European Movement UK is leading the way. Be at the centre of the movement, by becoming a member today.

Best wishes,
Lord Michael Heseltine
President of the European Movement UK