

PRESS RELEASE

EU CITIZENS STAND UP FOR SCOTLAND

EU NATIONALS' PLEA TO EU OFFICIALS: "LISTEN TO SCOTLAND'S BREXIT CONCERNS"



Following [Michel Barnier's recent visit to Scotland's devolved parliament](#), and coinciding with the [European Day of Languages](#) on Tuesday 26th September, EUCIS (EU Citizens for an Independent Scotland) have coordinated a [letter and petition campaign](#) aimed at raising awareness of the concerns for constitutional, citizen rights, and human rights facing Scotland as the UK bulldozes its way through Brexit negotiations.

EUCIS, a group with more than 39,000 supporters across Europe, will release their plea in almost every official EU working language, to all MEPs in the EU Parliament, as well as Michel Barnier's EU Commission Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom with the aim of engaging both EU institutions and their fellow citizens across EU member countries to "Stand Up For Scotland".

The writers of the letter describe themselves as having "called Scotland our home for several decades and span generations of interwoven and diverse European families." While others are "more recent residents of Scotland, following the European ideal of cross-national community, camaraderie, and mutual prosperity."

Referencing recent UK headlines on the impact the uncertainty of Brexit is having on EU27 nationals currently living in the UK, the group highlights their concerns for mental health, residence and family issues, as well as the general "hostile environment" and "discrimination" being created at institutional levels. In contrast however, the group states that their experiences in Scotland are very different from the wider UK, as they describe a more welcoming and supportive environment, both among its citizens and its devolved government.

The letter goes on to describe the issues facing Scotland and other parts of the UK under the government of Theresa May, removing democratic process, potentially greatly reducing citizen rights and possibly disabling the competencies of devolved parliaments and administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in a "power grab".

In closing, the group say they recognise the "political sensitivity" the subject of Scottish Independence must be treated with by the EU, but that given the actions of the UK government, they plead with the EU to listen to the people of Scotland, who voted by 62% to remain in the EU, and address their concerns for their treatment under the UK government.

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