

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TREATY



Stop the EU Bulldozer

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JOBS

Is your job safe?

Rulings of the EU Court of Justice (ECJ) mean that workers contracted by East European firms can work in Ireland for **lower wages** and displace Irish workers from their jobs. Remember the Irish Ferries Dispute?

ECJ rulings, like Laval and Rüffert, are enshrined in Art. 52 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, which is made binding by Lisbon (Art. 6).

A race to the bottom

Lisbon would further encourage the displacement of Irish workers and **lower the wages** for tens of thousands of Irish workers, many of whom would have to leave the country.

Lisbon gives the EU exclusive power to decide the rules on **foreign direct investment**. This could affect investment into Ireland (Arts.206-7 TFEU).

 
Departures

"...contractors from other Member States could... provide services... at the same rates and conditions of employment... as in their country of origin. Depending on the country of origin this could seriously undermine the competitive position of Irish contractors."

Labour Court ruling.
Determination No. Rep091, 26.02.2009



IMMIGRATION



*Would you like **MUCH** more immigration?*

"No Lisbon, no enlargement," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said last June. Lisbon facilitates an **'ever closer Union'** that is also **EVER EXPANDING**

The three main parties support the EU entry of Turkey - an economically underdeveloped country of 75 million people - mostly small farmers and low paid workers. The EU has started talks to welcome Turkey into the EU and plans to push the issue forward.

If Nice helped bring us half a million migrants, how many will Lisbon bring? Do we need more mass immigration of cheap labour undermining Irish workers? What about the farmers' share of dwindling CAP payments?

Lisbon gives the EU full control over immigration (Arts. 79 and 67 TFEU).

"After Turkish entry the EU will simply be unable to sustain its current agricultural and regional policy. Europe would implode."

Frits Bolkestein, former Internal Market Commissioner, *The Guardian*, 08.09.2004



FREE
MOVEMENT
FOR 75 MILLION
PEOPLE



TAXES

Do you want to pay for the EU?

Big EU bill just round the corner

Ireland is expected to become a **net contributor** to the EU budget from 2013, with an annual net contribution of **€500 million**. Net receipts will have fallen from €1.6 billion in 2004 to around zero by 2011, when Ireland will contribute as much as it receives from the EU budget.

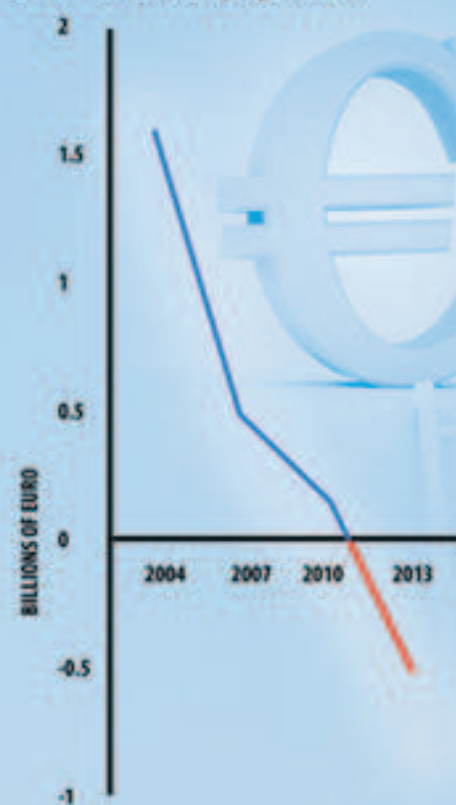
(Source: data given to a Dáil finance committee by the Department of Finance secretary general David Doyle, Finfacts.ie, 22.02.2008)

Lisbon undermines Ireland's economic future

Lisbon grants the EU Court of Justice the power to order the **harmonisation of national indirect taxes** if it decides that this causes a "distortion of competition" in the EU market (Art.113 TFEU).

Standardised Corporation Tax: Ireland's No vote to Lisbon halted EU moves to introduce a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB). The introduction of an EU Corporate Tax Base will take a jackhammer to Ireland's economic future and undermine the attraction of Ireland for foreign business.

Net receipts/contributions
2004 – 2013 (incl. projections)



"I am absolutely convinced this [CCCTB] is a **Trojan horse** to bring in common tax rates."

Turlough O'Sullivan, director general of business lobby group IBEC,
Irish Independent, 07.06.2008

POWER & DEMOCRACY



Do you want Ireland to become an EU province?

LISBON makes the EU a State

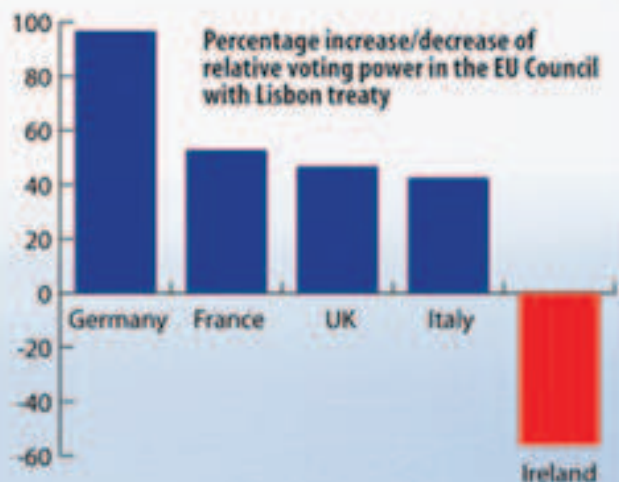
The Lisbon treaty gives the EU a State constitution that is superior to the national constitutions of member states (Arts.1 and 47 TEU; Declaration 17). With Lisbon the EU would have a President (Art.15 TEU), a minister for foreign affairs and security policy (Art.18 TEU), and its very own citizens (Art.9 TEU).

LISBON reduces member states' powers

Lisbon reduces the powers of national parliaments in 50 policy areas and abolishes the national veto in 32 areas. These include, among others, criminal justice and policing, immigration, public services, energy, transport, tourism, sport, culture, public health, the EU budget and international measures on climate change.

"I like to compare the European Union... to the organisation of empires. The empires! Because you have the dimension of empires."

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, 10.07.2007 (Youtube.com)



LISBON reduces Ireland's voting power by 50%

Lisbon bases legislative power on population size. This means that Germany's relative voting power in the key EU Council is doubled, while Ireland's power is halved.

Ok one more time everybody sing it



*A province once again, a province once again,
and Ireland long a Nation be...
a province once again!*

Source: <http://www.itsk.com/photos/4122/7576404>



FREEDOM & VALUES

Do we need an EU 'supreme court' to overrule our values?

EU Court of Justice superior to the Supreme Court

Lisbon makes the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights binding. This means the rights and responsibilities of all EU citizens would fall under the rule of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Luxembourg (Art.6 TEU).

The ECJ legislates through case law, and its main role is to ensure that common standards apply uniformly across the Union. Under the Lisbon treaty, today's diversity in civil liberties and ethical issues would be at the mercy of the ECJ.

Art 81 (TFEU) allows for more harmonisation of civil laws across the EU.

***Will we get
EUthanasia?***

TRIAL BY JURY

PRESUMPTION
OF INNOCENCE

HABEAS CORPUS

UTERANASIA

LABOUR LAW

SUCCESSION LAW

FAMILY LAW

MARRIAGE LAW

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



YOUR VOICE



"To attempt to rerun a referendum as a means of reversing the democratic decision taken by the people would be rightly regarded as an affront."

Dick Roche T.D.,
in the Dáil,
21.12.2001



Why are you having a second referendum?

Because bureaucrats are fighting for their income, their careers and more power.

It is the reason why they bulldozed the French, Dutch and Irish referendum results.

It is an insult to the Irish people to be asked to vote again on the same treaty. Lisbon would allow the EU to further empower itself without ever having to ask the people (Art. 48 TEU, 352 TFEU).

You are voting on behalf of the democratic, freedom-loving peoples across the Union.

What if Ireland again votes No?

Millions of citizens across the EU would rejoice. It would force the EU to allow the peoples of Europe to exercise their right for a genuine debate on the future of Europe.

Ireland will have stood shoulder to shoulder with the peoples of France and Holland, who have already voted No. Ireland will not be bullied.

LET THE PEOPLE
DECIDE



"There is no provision in the existing treaties to isolate anybody. There is no provision to throw out anybody, unless unanimously all the existing members of the club agreed to throw you out. And I doubt, now or in the future, any Irish Government is going to unanimously agree to throw themselves out."

Former EU Commissioner **Charlie McCreevey**, *Hot Press*, December 2008.



RURAL IRELAND



The WTO veto strengthens Ireland's hand in negotiations and ensures Irish interests are protected. But with Lisbon, member states lose their veto powers in commercial policy agreements with international organisations (Art. 207 TFEU).

Do you want to give up Ireland's WTO veto?

Do we need more EU Red Tape?

An avalanche of EU directives and regulations makes life harder – it increases bureaucracy and smothers farms in rural Ireland.

Put the brakes on EU hyper-regulation by giving less power to EU Commission bureaucrats.

Do you wish to split up the family farm?

The Irish Constitution (Art 43) has rock solid defence of property and inheritance rights.

But Art. 17 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in Lisbon says, "No one may be deprived of his or her possessions, **except in the public interest and in the cases and under the conditions provided for by law...**" Laws? Conditions? Cases? Who decides?

The EU Commission withdrew proposals on the partial harmonisation of inheritance law throughout the EU **for fear of upsetting Irish voters** (*Irish Times* 20.05.2009). **Why?**

These EU proposals could mean that continental law would prevail in some inheritance cases and farmers would not be able to pass on the family farm as a single working unit to one of their children.

Are you willing to risk this?

DO WE NEED WORTHLESS GUARANTEES?

Brian Cowen had asked for "legally binding guarantees". Instead he got worthless "clarifications".

**They're not worth the paper
they're written on!**

This is admitted in the Council document itself, where the "guarantees" are described as "clarifications" that change nothing in the treaty.

The "guarantees" are a PR con job. You are voting on the exact same Treaty that the Irish people rejected last year.

DO WE TRUST THEM?



If NAMA is nuts, Lisbon is Lethal
STOP them from handing over your money to **BANKSTERS** and your power to **EU BUREAUCRATS** – to an unelected EU Commission and an EU Council in which we will have less than 1% of the vote.

**Make your voice heard
on October 2nd**

"(v) the Protocol will in no way alter the relationship between the EU and its Member States. The sole purpose of the Protocol will be to give full Treaty status to the clarifications set out in the Decision to meet the concerns of the Irish people. Its status will be no different from similar clarifications in Protocols obtained by other Member States. **The Protocol will clarify but not change either the content or the application of the Treaty of Lisbon.**"

From the "guarantees" document – EU Council Presidency,
18-19 June 2009 (10.07.2009)



"Brian Lenihan's assurances have all the value of a debased currency. We have been fooled so often even in the recent past that it would be well to discount all his pledges as utterly worthless."

Joan Burton T.D., Irish Times,
29.08.2009