

IS BRITAIN IN THE EUROPEAN UNION?

Most countries in Europe are members of an organisation called the European Union (E.U.), which aims to help the region take advantage of economies of scale and cooperate for mutual benefit. It has its own currency, the euro, which many but not all of its members have adopted. Both the United Kingdom and Eire are members of the E.U.

Eire thinks the European Union is great, and they've converted all of their street signs to kilometres and adopted the euro currency. They've recently started an extensive government-funded programme to give every member of the Irish population a euro symbol tattoo on a posterial cheek of their choice.

Britain thinks that the European Union legislature is made up of a bunch of snotty French tossers who want to mess around making laws about the curvature of bananas and steal their money. There's a part of the British psyche which hasn't quite realised that Britain is no longer a world superpower, and so Brits are not so keen about being pushed around by the rest of Europe. Especially the French.

The downside of falling out with Europe is that lately the U.K. has had to make friends with America, which means spending your free weekends invading people. Eventually the U.K. will probably have to start toeing the line a bit more dutifully as far as the European Union goes, but for the moment they're members mainly in order to defeat the beast from within.