

Scotland this morning – David Martin MEP



Scotland Maintains the Best of all Worlds by David Martin MEP

This morning I hope I am waking up to a Scotland that has voted to remain part of the UK. This will give us the maximum representation – and strongest leverage – for the Scottish people within all political forums. That position gives us the best of all worlds: representation in Edinburgh, London and Strasbourg. We have a Parliament in Edinburgh to deal with particularly Scottish issues, we have MPs in Westminster to look after our interest in the United Kingdom and we have MEPs in Strasbourg to promote our position in the European Union (EU) – the largest single market in the world.

We have, with our English, Northern Irish and Welsh friends and neighbours, built a strong UK that punches above its weight in European and World affairs. The financial crash was for me an illustration and wake-up call, an acute reminder that the UK does not only let Scotland share in the rewards of working together, but also gives us protection from the, sometimes, volatile and aggressive outside world economic forces. In our current position we have the strength of two unions around us: the British Union and the European Union.

I believe that the best future for the Scottish people remains firmly within the UK, and with unbroken membership of the EU. I believe it is crucial that we continue to send MPs to Westminster and play a prominent role in shaping the policy and future of the UK and the EU.