

Online discussion about Scotland's European Path

An online event on 5 December will give two former Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) an opportunity to debate what is best for Scotland's future.

The two will discuss whether Scottish independence or remaining in the UK is the best route to enabling Scotland to regain its EU membership. Entitled "Common Ground" the discussion, between former Labour MEP David Martin and Alyn Smith, who was an SNP MEP, will analyse how best to achieve Scotland's return to the EU.

They will also talk about the importance of cross-party working and why each believes their own preferred constitutional route is best for the country.

The European Movement in Scotland which is organising the event say that in the 2016 referendum, which resulted in the UK leaving the European Union, Scotland voted 62% Remain. Every local authority district in Scotland recorded a Remain majority. Polls since then have shown that Scotland continues to be strongly pro-EU membership.

The **Common Ground** debate is on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm. Tickets for the event, which is free, can be booked on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/common-ground-scotlands-european-path-tickets-1088642702629).

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Common Ground is being hosted by the European Movement in Scotland (EMiS), the leading all-party group campaigning for a return to European Union membership. David Martin is president of EMiS, and Alyn Smith a vice-president.

David Clarke, chair of EMiS said: "Alyn and David are passionate Europeans who share similar views about building an unstoppable momentum that sees us eventually rejoin the EU. They will discuss how that momentum is built and the competing claims of independence or union as the most likely route back to Europe."

The European Movement in Scotland says the debate is "must see" event for everyone interested in Scotland's European future and how pro-EU politicians from across the party divide can work together to achieve ever-stronger ties of trade, education, culture and friendship with our EU friends.