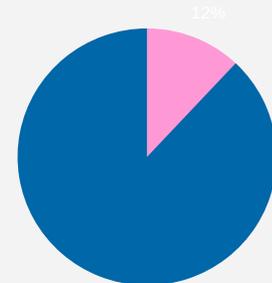


# Business for Scotland Brexit survey results

Business for Scotland surveyed 758 business owners and directors across Scotland to map out how the business community feels about the Brexit negotiations. The combined number of employees of the firms the respondents represent was 199,000.

## Securing a deal in the Brexit negotiations

 46% believed that the UK Government will fail to secure a deal of any kind.



 **90%** do not trust the UK Government to secure the best deal for **Scotland**

 **88%** do not trust the UK Government to secure the best deal for the **UK**

## Voting in the EU referendum

 Almost 79% want to see a second EU referendum after the terms of Brexit are clear.

 84% voted Remain in 2016, and 87% would vote Remain in a second referendum.



## EU nationals working in the UK

**78%** of the respondents believed Brexit negotiations would be more productive with direct involvement and representation of the devolved administrations.

In total, the respondents' companies employ approximately 199,000 people, of which around **11,000** are non-UK born EU nationals.



 41% of all respondents had at least one non-UK born EU national on their staff.

 All companies with more than 50 workers stated that they employ at least one non-UK born member of staff.

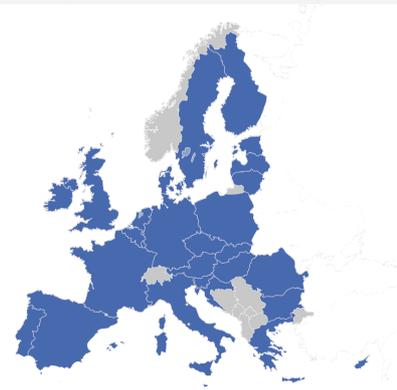
## Comments from respondents

Director of a FTSE 100 company commented:

“When the virtually inevitable car crash happens, the Scottish end of the business will most probably be moved to Europe which is a crying shame as the expertise at home is unsurpassed in our market segment. However, with no likelihood of stability it will be a logical step to move.”

The owner of a major hotel and leisure group said:

“We need to retain our current EU labour base and allow additional EU nationals to join us.”



The director of one of Scotland's largest waste and recycling companies said:



“I think the negotiations are being handled terribly by the UK Government. They treat the EU negotiating team with disdain it would appear and don't seem to understand all of the potential impacts of a failed negotiation.”

A senior manager of a global organisation with 800 employees in Scotland and 80,000 world wide said:

“Appalling incompetence and condescending to the devolved administrations.”



Business for Scotland CEO Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp commented:

“Scottish business is rejecting the UK Government's shambolic Brexit plans and has made it very clear that Brexit is bad for business, bad for the economy, bad for jobs and could be disastrous for key sectors, so we need the opportunity to think again on Brexit once the arrangements are finalised, especially if they don't include arrangements for Scottish business to have full membership of the Single Market and Customs Union.”