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Why being in Europe is essential to Britain's security

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Working together and sharing intelligence with other EU countries helps us fight crime and terrorism – keeping UK families safer.

As part of the EU, we get access to the European Arrest Warrant, which means people who commit crimes in the UK can't escape justice even if they flee abroad – and makes it easier for us to deport dangerous criminals.

We only get access to the European Arrest Warrant as a member of the EU – we would lose it if we left.

The European Arrest Warrant allows us to share intelligence quickly with European partners.

Without this we would rely on extradition procedures which are costly, slow and less effective. This would put us at risk.

Using the European Arrest Warrant, we have removed over 7,000 suspected criminals to face justice across Europe – and over 1,000 suspects on our wanted list have been brought back to Britain to face justice (Source: National Crime Agency).

Hussain Osman, a terrorist involved in the July 2005 London bomb attacks, faced justice in Britain thanks to the European Arrest Warrant.

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