

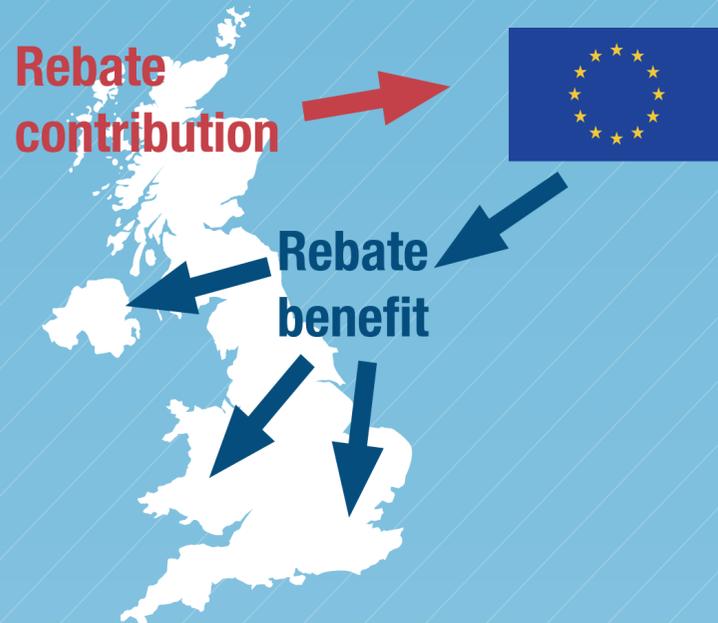
Scotland analysis: European Union (EU) Budget

As part of the United Kingdom, Scotland benefits from the UK's EU Budget rebate.

The UK has secured a rebate from the EU Budget, worth £3.1bn to UK taxpayers in 2012.



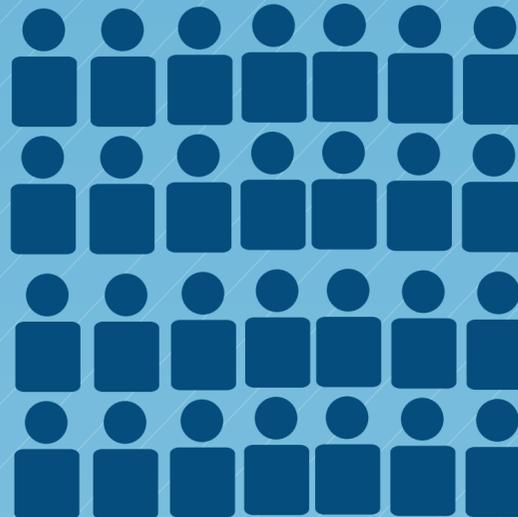
As a member of the EU an independent Scotland would no longer benefit from the UK rebate, but would have to contribute to it, like other member states.



On joining the EU an independent Scotland would have to negotiate the terms of its membership. Other member states will not want to fund a Scottish budget correction (rebate).

EU membership negotiation

28 EU Member States



In the context of the EU Budget, Scotland is significantly better off as part of the UK, than it would be as an independent state. As part of the UK its net contribution to the EU budget will be between £750 and £1470 lower per average household, from 2014-20.

Compared to independence, by being part of the UK, Scottish households will save between...



And...



...on the cost of their EU membership, from 2014-20