

## Alex Salmond: we want to contribute to Europe

Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond says Scotland wants to contribute positively to the European Union

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**British euroscepticism poses the biggest threat to Scotland's position in the European Union**, the country's first minister said, pledging that it would be a more constructive member of the bloc than Britain if it won independence.

"Europe and Scotland is a bit like the weather, you know. Everybody complains about it, but very few people want to abolish it.

"The difference is in Westminster, there's lots and lots of people, who see abolition of Europe, drifting off into the id-Atlantic as a viable option.

"In Scotland, we want to contribute, do things positively to make Europe more meaningful to the lives of working people across this continent," Mr Salmond said.

In a speech designed to gather support for Scotland's EU membership should it split from the United Kingdom, Alex Salmond said that while London was hostile, he expected EU countries to quickly welcome an "enthusiastic" Scotland as a member.

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