



### What is the Lisbon Treaty?

The Lisbon Treaty is a re-run of the European Constitution, already rejected by French and Dutch voters.

Except that this time they're not being given the chance to vote again.

Lisbon is about increasing the power of the centre — of the Commission and the big member-states.

And it's the small countries, like Ireland, that would lose out.

Our voting strength would be halved, while that of the big countries would be doubled.

And if we vote Yes, future treaty changes could be made by the Council of Ministers without reference to us: no more referendums.

The EU would be superior to its member-states and would take a major step towards being a state itself, recognised in international law, while Ireland became a mere province within it.

### Cad atá cearr le Liospóin?

Mhéadódh Liospóin cumhacht an láir agus lagódh sé tionchar na hÉireann.

Cheanglódh Liospóin le míleatachas na hEorpa muid — go dlúth.

Cheana táimid faoi ionsaí i dtaobh táillí uisce, brú núicléach agus díchur an chomhpholasaí talmhaíochta ag Mandelson. Bheadh sé níos measa má ghlacaimid le Liospóin.

Ar son na Saoirse

**Vótáil NÍL**

### WHAT SORT OF EUROPE DO YOU WANT?

**A Europe where control is centralised, where small countries have no influence?**

**Or a Europe where the small countries, like Ireland, have an equal voice and would have a greater say?**

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# VOTE NO to a centralised Europe



# VOTE NO to Lisbon





# Why you should **VOTE NO** to Lisbon



**1.** Ireland would lose more influence, as power would be centralised in Brussels.

**2.** We would lose the power to stop a “race to the bottom,” as EU “competition” laws would take legal precedence over established standards in workers’ wages and conditions.

**3.** We would give powers to the EU to raise its own taxes from citizens of the member-states, leaving their governments with less to spend.

**4.** It would become obligatory to have competition in public services in such areas as health and education. This would lead to further privatisation and increased inequality.

**5.** For five out of every fifteen years Ireland would not have a Commissioner: no-one at the table where all EU laws are proposed.

**6.** Ireland’s voting strength would be halved, while the big countries’ strength would be doubled.

**7.** Population size would be the new basis for voting in the Council of Ministers.

**8.** We would lose the power to block laws we don’t want in more than thirty new areas, including foreign affairs.

**9.** Ireland would become active in EU military policy. A European armaments agency would be enshrined in the treaty.

**10.** For the first time ever, this treaty contains a “mutual defence” clause.

**11.** We would be obliged to spend more on defence—at a time when we need more money to develop our public services.

**12.** The treaty would make us part of the nuclear option: a legally binding protocol commits us to support Euratom.

**13.** At WTO talks our influence on trade will be further weakened.

**14.** The new EU would be able to negotiate treaties binding on Ireland—and we would have reduced voting rights to control this in the Council of Ministers.

**15.** Future Treaty amendments could be made by the Council alone, without any need for a referendum.

**VOTE NO TO RESTRICTIONS ON WORKERS RIGHTS.**

**VOTE NO TO MILITARISATION.**

**VOTE NO TO PRIVATISATION.**

