

# Working for Wales in Europe



“Now more than ever we need European funding to support Wales’ economy and bring the jobs here that we need. Almost 200,000 jobs in Wales depend on the EU, that’s around 1 in 7 jobs, and trade between Wales and the EU is worth £5 billion. Plaid Cymru’s goal is for Wales to be an equal nation with all of the other full members of the European Union. Then we can make Wales a more prosperous nation.”

*Jill Evans* MEP

**Plaid Cymru wants Wales to be an independent nation within the European Union. Wales benefits from our membership and we will not put hundreds of thousands of jobs in Wales at risk through leaving.**

## Wales’ voice in Europe

Plaid Cymru wants Wales to be an independent country, a member of the European Union with a seat at the United Nations. We believe that Wales should have a voice at the top table and be directly represented, rather than have the UK Government speak on our behalf – and often against our Welsh national interest.

An independent Wales would have a seat at the EU Council, an EU Commissioner and an increased number of Members of the European Parliament representing Wales. As Wales benefits from

European Union membership, Plaid Cymru will continue to make the case for Welsh membership of the European Union.

If a referendum on the UK’s membership of the European Union is held, then there should be no withdrawal from the European Union if that is not supported in all four of the nations consulted.

Plaid Cymru is opposed to the ‘repatriation’ of powers over regional funding to the UK. Funding for West Wales and the Valleys and other regional funding should continue to be passed directly to Wales for distribution, not to Westminster. We insist that any re-negotiation with the

European Union over powers must not weaken Wales’ interests. Any re-negotiation must include the transfer of powers directly from Brussels to Cardiff and other devolved governments.

We will continue to support the Common Agricultural Policy that supports Welsh farming.