Two big questions loom over the United Kingdom: Will the UK leave the European Union? And what will happen to the UK’s own five hundred year old union in the British Isles? Looking across the continent, the question of a “Brexit” looms large, mixing into questions about the membership of other countries as well. At home, a UK referendum on continued EU membership will be shaped by the refugee crisis, Eurozone economic concerns, and domestic politics.

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