

Strong bonds with European neighbours is the only tonic to toxic Trump

In response to [Starmer joining the EU 27 this evening](#), Greens are urging him to put European unity at the top of his agenda to provide a united front against the toxic impact of Trump's trade wars.

Commenting, Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

"Tonight represents a historic opportunity for the UK. Starmer will be the first PM to attend an EU summit since we left the European Union.

"In the face of increasing international hostility from President Trump, the UK needs to be clear that we stand united in the face of his aggression.

"Starmer cannot do that by parroting Trump's talking points on defence spending.

"Strong bonds with our European neighbours are the only antidote available to this toxic Trump Presidency.

"In the short-term, Starmer should embrace the idea of young people being able to move freely across their continent to work travel and study and respond positively to the EU's offer of a youth mobility scheme"

He continued:

"Brexit has resulted in tens of billions of pounds draining from our economy.

"The Office for Budget Responsibility [estimates](#) that Brexit will deliver a 15% long-term hit to UK trade.

"We should, as a matter of urgency, be looking to rejoin the Customs Union as a first step to plugging this hole.

"And the PEM deal the EU has offered is a no brainer.

"If Starmer is serious about taking tough decisions for economic stability then this would be a good starting point, not pumping money into climate-rocketing projects like Heathrow expansion."

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