



Scottish Government EU Office

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The work of this office complements the work of the United Kingdom Permanent Representation (UKRep), which remains responsible for representing the views of the UK as a whole to the EC institutions.

The main functions of the office are:

- to provide support and advice to the Scottish Government on EU matters;
- to gather information in Brussels and relay it back to the experts in Scotland as soon as possible;
- to assist in influencing EU decision making;
- to raise Scotland's profile in the EU

The Scottish Government EU Office has close links with the [UK Permanent Representation](#). A [concordat](#) governs relations between the UK government and the devolved administrations on EU issues. Foreign and EU policy issues are reserved matters and so are not included in the range of matters for which the devolved administrations are responsible. However, the Scottish Government is involved as directly and fully as possible in decision making on EU matters which touch on devolved matters (including non-devolved matters which impact on devolved areas and non-devolved matters which have a distinctive impact of importance in Scotland). The Scottish Government is also responsible for the implementation of EC/EU legislation and obligations where they relate to devolved policy areas, such as environment, fisheries and agriculture. Consultation, the exchange of information and the conventions on notifications to EU bodies, in general, continue according to the arrangements in place prior to devolution.