
UK MINISTER: WE WANT TO REMAIN 'LEADING EU PLAYER'

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23.01.2013 EuroNews David Cameron wants to renegotiate the terms of Britains EU membership before a referendum, although he has not specified which powers he wants the UK to win back from Brussels. Euronews London correspondent Ali May interviewed Britains Minister for Europe, David Lidington. Ali May, euronews: [] Prime Minister has said, he wants Britain to remain in the EU. However, he spoke about some new settlements (renegotiations) within the Union. Doesnt that mean that, if he cannot reach those settlements, he will have to advocate a []A vote in the referendum? A David Lidington, British Minister for Europe: [] made it very clear today that his wish and his intention is to be campaigning energetically for a []A vote on the basis of a reformed fresh settlement within the European Union, which hes confident that he can achieve. We want Europe to succeed and we want Britain to continue as a leading player within the European Union, and thats the basis on which we will be conducting the negotiations. A euronews: [] spoke about Britains national interest when it comes to the European Union. But imagine if all the 27 member states adopted a similar approach 🗳️ A David Lidington: [] think, if you look at the prime ministers speech, it was framed very much in terms of common challenges facing Europe. Yes, well address the UKs concerns as part of that, but its very much our belief here in London that there is a common challenge here, and its in the interests of all the 27, soon to be 28 member states of the European Union that we get that right, that we have a settlement that reflects the diversity of the European Union today, that keeps Europe competitive, and outward-looking, not introverted, and that makes Europe more democratically accountable than it is now."

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