

# What Europe thinks about Britain's EU deal



**1 GERMANY:** Chancellor **Angela Merkel**, Europe's most powerful leader, wants to keep Britain in EU, but freedom of movement is non-negotiable. Germany would likely profit from rules allowing UK to curb **welfare tourism**

**2 POLAND:** President **Andrzej Duda** opposes UK's so-called **emergency brake** – four-year limit to in-work benefits for EU migrants. 700,000 Poles now live in Britain – they are second largest foreign-born group in UK, after Indians

**3 FRANCE:** Brexit would be triumph for Front National leader **Marine Le Pen**, boosting hardline anti-immigrant, anti-EU forces. Club Med – France, Italy and Spain – Èwould form three biggest EU states after Germany

**4 DENMARK:** Prime Minister **Lars Lokke Rasmussen** broadly supports UK's proposed cut to migrants' child benefits payments, restricting freedom of movement. Wants to adopt Britain's emergency brake policy

**5 NETHERLANDS:** Wants to keep UK in EU. Shares Britain's vision of more competitive EU and cooperation with U.S. and Canada. Key concerns include welfare tourism and undercutting of local wages by EU migrants. Prime Minister **Mark Rutte**, current rotating president of EU, could play critical role in brokering any agreement

**6 BRUSSELS:** EU Council chief **Donald Tusk** fears Brexit will be disaster for both Britain and EU

 **IRELAND:** Exposure of Irish economy to UK means Brexit would have massive impact

 **SWEDEN:** Opposes UK's demands. Practises most generous immigration policies