

Agreement fever – time to cool down

The UK government is trying to get worked up about a possible EU agreement. Just remember this is not a possible future trading or partnership agreement. It is not anything the UK actually wants. They are talking about the EU's Withdrawal Agreement, which contains many things including £39bn that Leave voters do not agree with.

I just hope the Cabinet realises in time that trying to sign such a deal will go down badly with many voters, and would place the UK in a very weak position. There are plenty of Conservative MPs who have said they would not vote for it, and it will need primary legislation. The government cannot commit the UK to this. Only Parliament can.