



EURIS Paper 11

EURIS position on the Governments plans for Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

EURIS members are primarily focussed on the market in the United Kingdom, including N Ireland, but many include the Republic of Ireland as part of the 'Home' market. Therefore they have a strong commercial interest to retain the open trade relationship between the UK and Ireland. The Main objectives of the Government paper are supported, but EURIS believes that there are some very serious barriers to a successful outcome that both protects the political agreements between north and south, allows that preferred open board and customs arrangements, and can be compatible with the free movements of workers objectives.

A number of the suggested solutions are also covered in the Government's plans for the customs Union, about which EURIS paper 6 covers in detail.