# What has the EU done to ensure our safety and that of others?

- The EU has prevented war between member countries for 70 years and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

- The EU arrest warrant means a person who has committed a serious crime in an EU country but who lives in another can be returned to the first country to face justice quickly and with little administrative burden. The previous extradition process took a year or more and some countries did not allow extradition at all.

- Thanks to European co-operation on security and policing, more than 4000 suspected criminals have been sent back to other EU countries. This includes over 700 suspects who have been brought back to the UK to face justice.

- Europol, the EU law enforcement agency, broke the worlds' largest online child porn network making 184 arrests (121 in the UK) and rescuing 230 children (60 in the UK).

- The UK also leads the EU's anti-piracy mission, Operation Atlanta, off the coast of Somalia. As a result, hostages are down by 96% and vessels seized are up 100%.

- Our EU membership brings solidarity and co-operation in an uncertain and dangerous world. Member States work together to tackle serious organised crime, counter terrorism, money laundering and drugs and people trafficking. For the UK to do this alone would require a huge amount of extra resources and would be a duplication of efforts already underway.

- The UK does however have the right to opt out of any justice and home affairs issues under the Lisbon Treaty.

- EU diplomacy made a critical contribution in nailing down sanctions against Russia and also during the painstaking negotiations with Iran leading to a deal over nuclear weapons proliferation.

- The EU provides support to train security forces in African countries to allow them to become stronger and protect themselves.

- The EU is in the process of continued support of vital economic and political reforms in countries such as Turkey and the Western Balkans.

- The UK Government is firmly opposed to a centralised EU army and would block any attempts to create one.