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# EXXPATS

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# THE VOTE



● 10,000 people sign petition to the British government and parliament calling for all British citizens living abroad to be given the vote in the European Union referendum in June.

● **Under British law when the petition reaches the 10,000 mark** the British government has to respond. **Mr. Cameron we are waiting for your explanation.**

**T**HE petition to the British parliament and government calling for all British expatriates to be given the vote in the forthcoming referendum on European Union membership reached the 10,000 signature mark yesterday and now, the British government, must respond. The move is a huge triumph for the expat community across Europe because it clearly shows that British citizens want to vote. At the moment only British citizens who

have lived in Europe for less than 15 years can vote in the referendum in June. The British government is opposed to the voting limit but says that there is not enough time before the EU referendum to introduce new legislation which would give expats the vote for life.

Naturally, the referendum and scare tactics from both the “out” and “in” camps are causing concern amongst the thousands of British citizens living abroad.

There are many unanswered questions about the fate of British citizens living in EU countries if Britain leaves the European Union.

But also views on the EU are mixed amongst expats. One British resident on Majorca said yesterday that she would be voting for the “out” campaign even though it could mean that she would have to leave Majorca and would lose her Spanish pension rights. **See Letters, comment.**



Cameron: will have to respond.