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## French far-right leader Le Pen calls on Europeans to “wake up”

**F**RENCH far-right leader Marine Le Pen urged European voters to follow the example of Americans and the British and “wake up” in 2017 at a meeting of far-right leaders.

Le Pen told several hundred supporters in the German city of Koblenz that Britons’ vote last year to leave the European Union would set in train a “domino effect”.

“2016 was the year the Anglo-Saxon world woke up. I am sure 2017 will be the year the people of continental Europe wake up,” she said to loud applause yesterday.

Le Pen, head of the anti-EU, anti-immi-

grant National Front (FN) and seen by pollsters as highly likely to make a two-person runoff vote for the French presidency in May, has marked out Europe as a major plank in her programme.

The far-right leaders met under the slogan “Freedom for Europe” with the aim of strengthening ties between their parties, whose nationalist tendencies have hampered close collaboration in the past.

“The key factor that is going to set in course all the dominos of Europe is Brexit. A sovereign people chose ... to decide its destiny itself,” Le Pen said.



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