

# **Scheming Germany plots to REVERSE Brexit and offer Britain new EU membership terms**

GERMAN businessmen who are trying to reverse Brexit by offering new EU membership terms met with European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker today as Berlin attempts to throw its weight around in the bloc.

German MEP Hans-Olaf Henkel attempted to bend Mr Juncker's ear and convince him to offer Britain a new EU membership deal that hands more sovereignty to the UK parliament.

In particular, he believes Britain should gain the controls over immigration initially demanded by David Cameron when he tried to renegotiate terms in 2015-16.

He hopes this would change Brits' minds about leaving the EU and prevent a split in the bloc.

As they met in Strasbourg today, Mr Henkel, who is backed by lobbying group "A New Deal for Britain", vowed to warn the EU Commission boss that Brexit will have huge economic impacts on the EU.

He planned to remind Mr Juncker: "Britain is the largest single customer of the remaining 27 EU-countries, importing much more from than exporting to the continental EU-countries."

Mr Henkel said although many EU leaders believe Brexit will cause problems for Britain while leaving their countries unscathed, complex international business relationships will suffer.

He believes tens of thousands of jobs will be at stake if Britain leaves the EU – some in Britain, but many in Europe as well.

Mr Henkel said: "It is so obvious, Brexit will result in a lose-lose situation for both, Britain and the EU."



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Hans-Olaf Henkel planned to take on Jean-Claude Juncker today

While he believes a change in immigration policy is the least the EU could do for Britain.

Mr Henkel said: "I will also remind President Juncker of the fact that EU politicians have a share in the responsibility for Brexit, and that their refusal to offer Britain some more autonomy to control its own immigration contributed to the outcome."

He will meet with Mr Juncker as a representative of "A New Deal for Britain", a group supported by German industrialists and economists who believe Brexit could spell disaster for European businesses.

Besides Mr Henkel, the group's leading backers include three former presidents of the Federation of German industries, Berger founder Roland Berger, former Bayer CEO Manfred Schneider, and economics professor Hans-Werner Sinn.

It is unclear if their proposals will sit well with Mr Juncker, an arch-federalist who insists on freedom of movement and open borders.

However with Germany still regarded as the long-term driving force behind the EU, the business figures may hold some sway over the Commission boss.

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