

## THE UK AND EUROPE SINCE 1945

**Task:** After presenting the sources, describe and explain Britain's relationship to Europe between since the 1970s

**Source 1:** Demonstration in support of the European Community (London, 8 June 1971), (Source: Pour le Marché commun. Londres: Keystone, 1971.)



**Source 2:**

But my main time was spent on the negotiations on *le problème budgétaire*. My French friends referred to it as the 'British problem'. I said, 'It's not the British problem, it's just *le problème budgétaire*.' [...] My part of the Treasury was responsible for the Treasury role in the negotiations on trying to obtain a rebate mechanism for the British budget contribution. I attended many Ecofin Councils, European Councils, I travelled with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and often with the Prime Minister, and I was actually there all night at Fontainebleau, in 1984, with the Prime Minister,

Margaret Thatcher, when we finally got our rebate mechanism, which we still have today. And again, that was a very exciting time, which brought me into close contact with the Prime Minister.

Transcription of the interview with Sir Brian Unwin, a senior official in Her Majesty's Treasury from 1968 to 1985, carried out on 22 May 2015

**Source 3:** A demonstration of UKIP members in London in October 2014 (Source: Lemonde.fr 24/10/2014)

