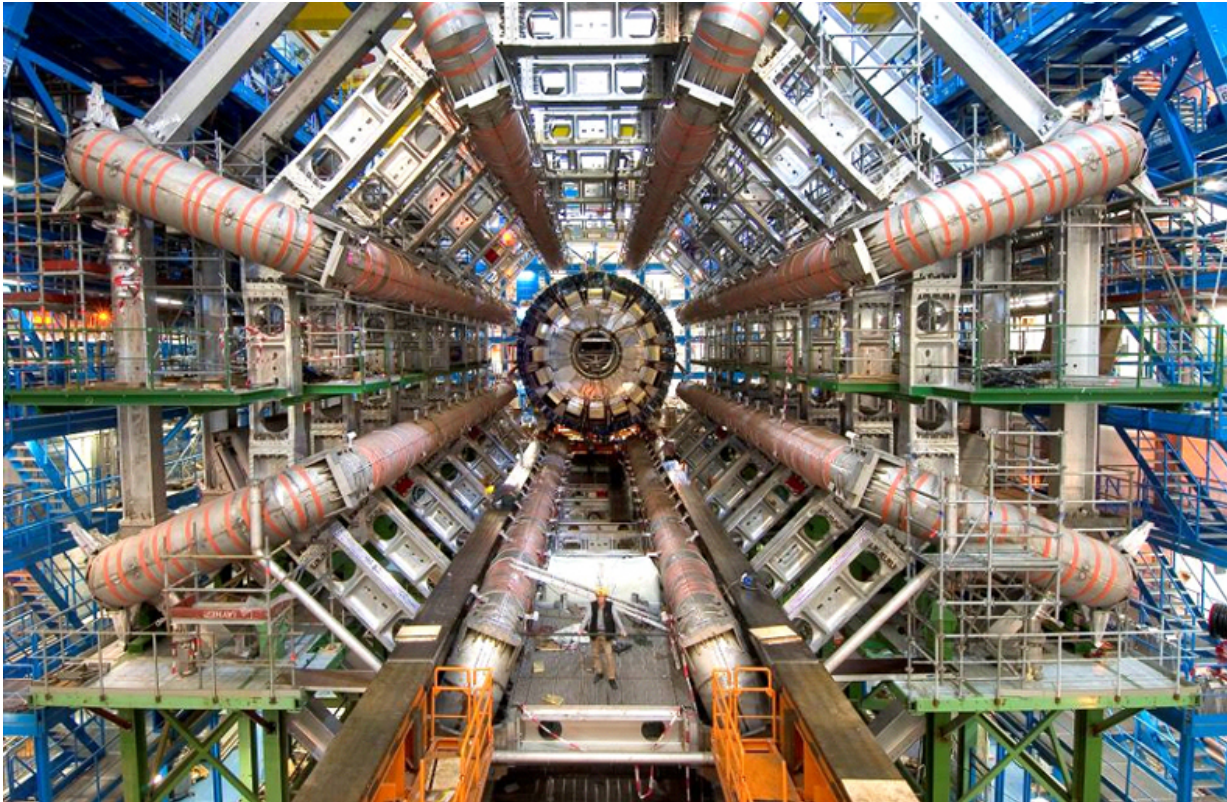


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**As most publications predictably publish round-ups of the year gone past, we have decided to do something different for Hogmanay 2012 – here is our retrospective from the future.**

With the help of our friends at CERN and the University of Edinburgh, we have been able to compile a list of the main news headlines for the year 2016, which we present to you here in an historic first for Scottish online publishing.

Oddly, the main news items for that year, all seem to confirm the accuracy of the many scare stories which were planted in the Scottish and UK press by the anti-independence parties and No campaigns throughout 2012. Who knew that would happen?

We begin in January 2016, less than 14 months after the referendum which, as we now know, was won by the Yes campaign with a vote of just over 56%.

This was the month in which the constituency of Govan announced its intention to remain within the rump United Kingdom (rUK), now known as Greater England after Westminster's refusal to form a new union with Northern Ireland, for what they referred to as "reasons of affordability".



In February, the MoD laid claim to the land surrounding Coulport and Faslane, sending a contingent of marines to ensure no civilian access was possible. Following complaints from the SNP government, Westminster announced their plan to "move out nuclear capability to an alternative site, just as soon as we can find one". Nobody in Scotland was impressed.

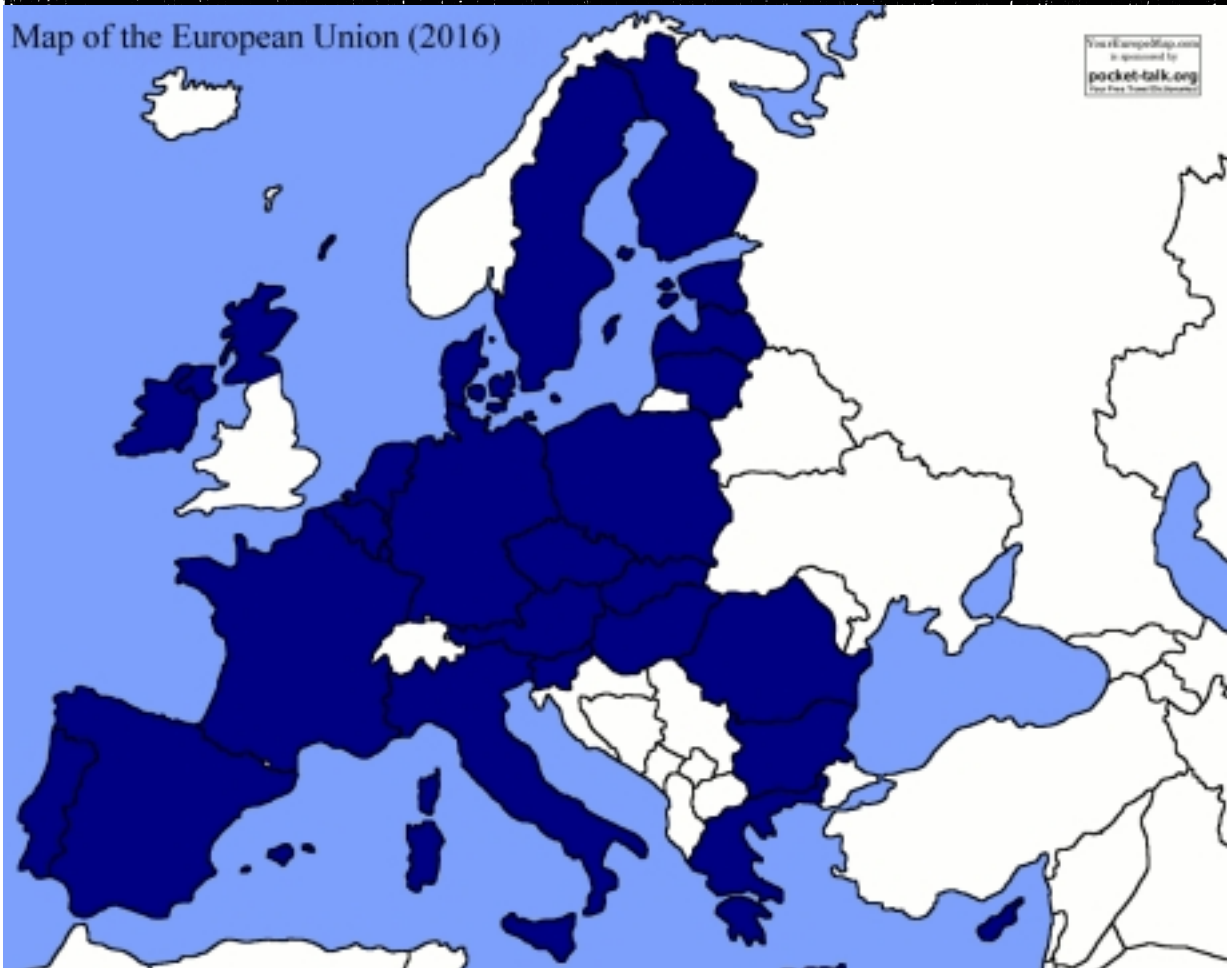
In early March, during preparations to form a Scottish Broadcasting Corporation from the remains of BBC Scotland, the BBC in London announced an embargo on Dr Who, David Attenborough and all FA football being shown North of the border, in retaliation for some unkind things said about the BBC on Newsnet Scotland. People were quite upset.

Later in the month, the embargo was extended to include East Enders and Strictly come Dancing. People were less upset now and began to issue requests for other shows to be added to the list. The One Show became the Nation's favourite choice for banning.





Map of the European Union (2016)







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