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Icelanders give cold shoulder to EU's 'bureaucrats and warmongering' (VIDEO)

RT explores the reasons why people in the island
nation chose to keep the European Union at arm's
length

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A voter casts a ballot during Iceland's referendum on EU membership talks, Reykjavik,
August 29, 2026. © AP Photo / Marco Di Marco

Icelanders appear to have found a way to have their cake and
eat it by rejecting a proposal to restart integration talks with the
EU, RT's Rachel Marsden reports.

In a [referendum](#) on the weekend, almost 53% of voters in the
northern Atlantic nation supported maintaining the status quo
rather than exploring the possibility of EU membership.

The small island country already has access to many of the
benefits offered by the economic bloc, but cannot be dictated to
by Brussels on key domestic policy issues, such as access to
fishing resources or immigration policy.

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