



East of England
European Partnership

Norwegian Local and Regional Representatives Presentation

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Our regional partners



Local Government

- East of England Local Government Association

Local Enterprise Partnerships

- Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP
- Hertfordshire LEP

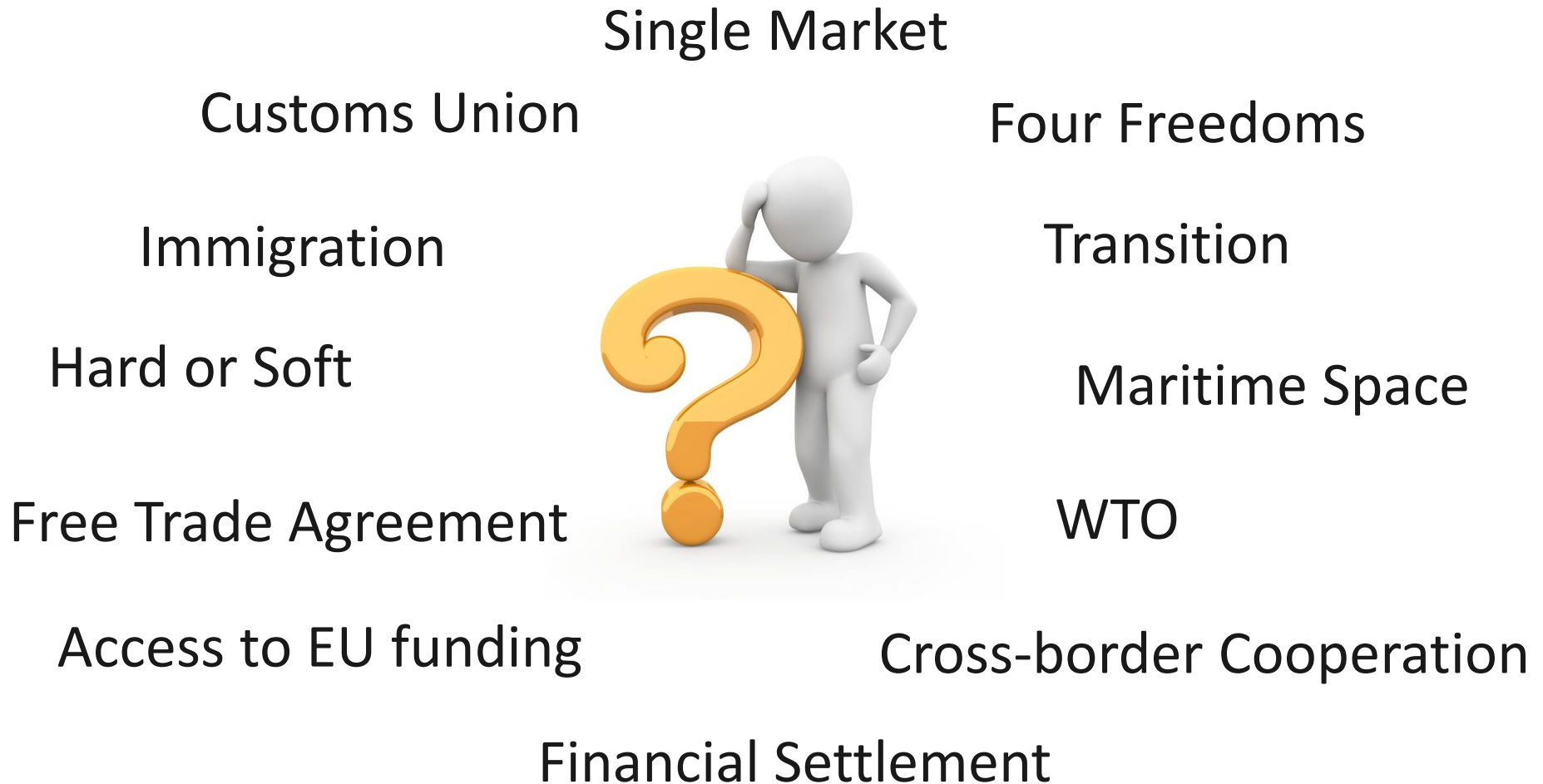
Universities

- University of East Anglia
- University of Essex
- Anglia Ruskin University

Utility Providers

- Anglian Water

The uncertainty of Brexit...



Brexit implications for local authorities?



➤ **Public procurement**

- UK Public Contracts legislation stems from EU law, also subject to WTO agreements (also Government Procurement Agreement)

➤ **Regulatory services / trading standards / licensing etc**

- Significant areas covered by EU law, to be incorporated into UK law via Repeal Bill

➤ **Environment**

- Environmental legislation mostly stems from EU law. Future of fines (for waste, air quality etc.)?

➤ **Employment**

- EU legislation provides for minimum rights
- Free movement and labour supply

➤ **Planning**

- EU directives establish minimum requirements for environmental impact assessments
- Protecting bio-diversity and wildlife

➤ **Data and data protection**

- General Data Protection Regulation 2016 to form part of Repeal Bill

➤ **Finance and funding**

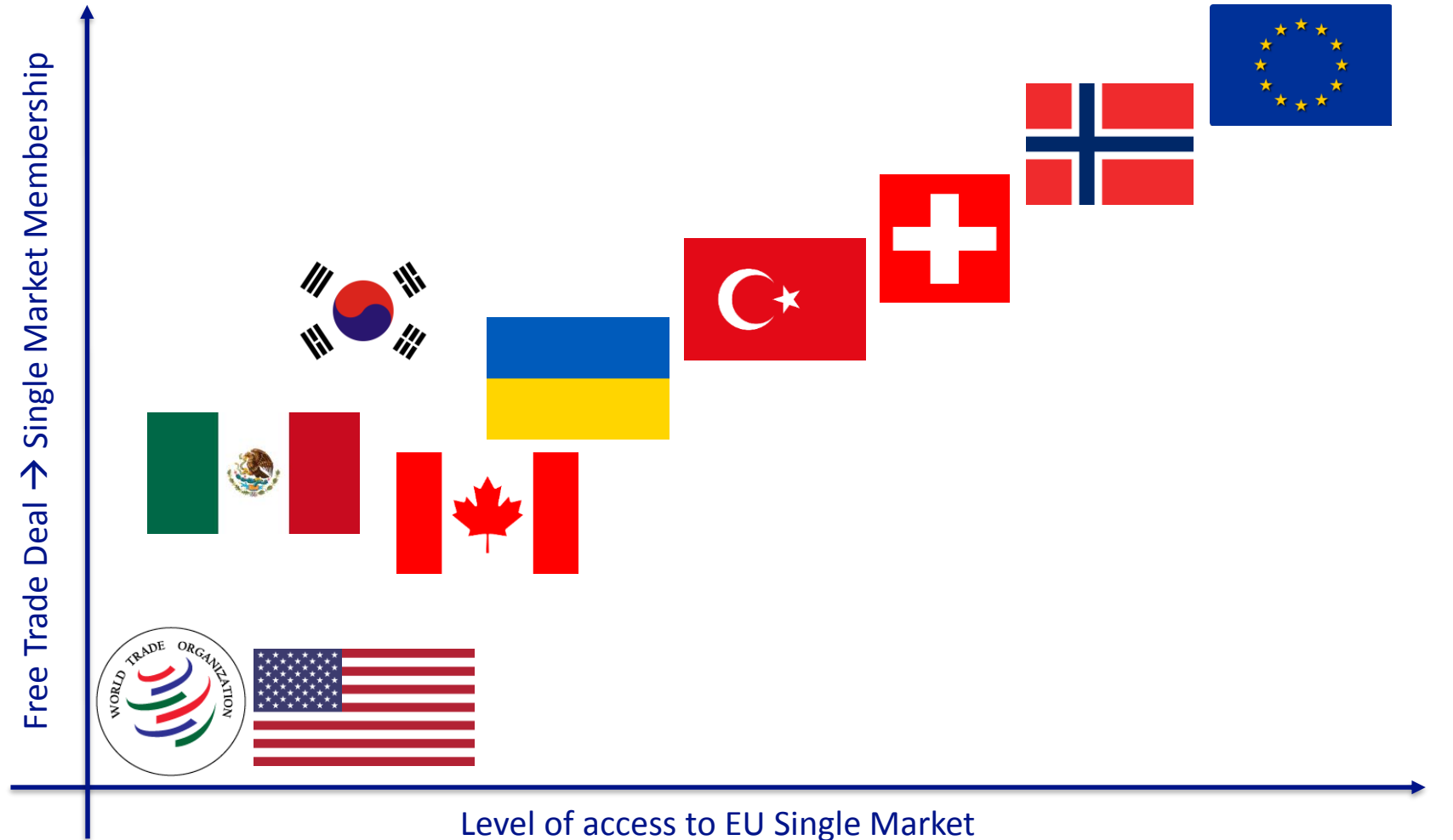
- EU VAT rules frame council VAT treatment by HMRC
- EU rules on investments for financial products used by councils
- Access to economic development funding (ERDF, Interreg, CEF Transport etc)

East of England priorities for Brexit



- **Devolution / Subsidiarity**
 - *EU Withdrawal Bill, localism, returning powers from Brussels*
- **EU growth funding / Economic Development**
 - *Interreg, Shared Prosperity Fund*
- **Environment**
 - *Waste, air quality*
- **Employment and Skills**
 - *Domestic skills agenda, sectoral labour supply*
- **Research and Innovation**
 - *Horizon 2020, attracting and retaining talent, mobility of staff & ideas*

Existing EU cooperation models



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