



Better railways

). The Riviera Line from Exeter to Paignton has introduced more frequent services and improvements to stations, thanks to the EU Citizens' Rail Project. Also part-funded by the EU, a 'passing loop' installed at Penryn station has doubled the number of trains running between Truro and Falmouth – and more than doubled the number of passengers.

Less red tape

Yes, you read that right! Being in the EU makes it easier to patent an invention or register a trademark, because a single application is valid across all 28 member countries. That's a big plus for Devon and Cornwall's innovative small businesses.

7 More exports

/. Plymouth and Exeter top the list of UK cities trading with Europe. In 2014, Exeter sent 70% of its exports to EU countries, while Plymouth sent 68%. The South West has the highest percentage of exports to the EU of all UK regions.

Renewable energy

Australia-based company Carnegie Wave Energy is to bring its new wave power and desalination technology to a test site off the Cornish coast. The project's first phase, which will generate enough electricity to power 6000 homes, has received funding of £9.6 million from the European Regional Development Fund.

Student grants

Students can receive grants to take courses or complete work placements on the continent. The grants are from one of the EU's most popular programmes, Erasmus. The University of Exeter has Erasmus agreements with over 120 universities in 20 countries across Europe.

🔿 Eden

↓ A unique celebration of plant diversity and a major visitor attraction, Cornwall's Eden Project has created jobs for 400 core staff and a further 200 seasonal labourers. The EU contributed capital funding totalling £26 million.

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