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Britain could potentially leave the European union as early as next year as Prime Minister David Cameron is allegedly already putting plans in motion to bring forward an in/out referendum by a year.

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If Britons vote to leave the EU, this means the country could technically start severing its ties by the end of 2016.

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The Conservatives won the May 7 General Election with a 12 seat majority.

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The Tories will have to deliver a referendum by 2017 over whether Britain will stay part of the EU or not, since it was a linchpin pledge during the campaign.

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According to the Guardian newspaper, which cited unnamed government sources, Cameron is keen to move the referendum forward, in order to capitalise on Tory support and to avoid being caught up in the French and German

However, although the Tories are pushing through the promise of a referendum, the party is largely against leaving the EU.

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In January last year, UK Chancellor George Osborne said that the Tories were determined to deliver on the promise of a referendum but they would prefer to stay within the EU and negotiate "a better deal."

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"Our determination is clear: to deliver the reform and then let the people decide," said Osborne in a speech at a Tory party conference on January 14.

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"It is the status quo which condemns the people of Europe to an ongoing economic crisis and continuing decline."

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And so there is a simple choice for Europe: reform or decline.

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