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## Weekly Media Review - Week of November 30th

### 1) Europe

- Scottish first minister Alex Salmond has urged the EU to help his country develop its potential to become Europe's "capital" for renewable energy.
  - [Scotland 'can become Europe's green powerhouse'](#)
- Catherine Stihler, Labour MEP for Scotland expressed her objections over the SNP's White Paper and doubts that an independent Scotland would automatically be recognized as a member of the EU.
  - [Euro MP Slams Salmond's White Paper](#)
- SNP MEP Alyn Smith called on the EU to intervene in the widely publicised case of Gary McKinnon to prevent his extradition to the United States.
  - [Calls On EU To Intervene In McKinnon Row](#)

### 2) Renewing Democracy

- The SNP's White Paper on an independence referendum dominated the news media and opinion pages since its release on St. Andrew's Day on Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>. Reactions to the paper ranged from critical scepticism to outright rejection both in the media and press releases by the opposition parties.
  - [What the SNP White Paper says](#)
  - [SNP makes the case for Scottish independence](#)
  - [WHITE PAPER IS WHITE ELEPHANT](#)
  - [Alex Salmond sets out case for independence](#)
- The release of both the UK and Scottish government's papers has renewed the debate on the constitutional future of Scotland once again putting the question of Scottish independence and Alex Salmond's SNP at the centre of national media attention.
  - [The Big Question: Is Scotland ready for independence, and if so what form will it take?](#)
  - [Salmond under attack over 'vanity' referendum on Scottish independence](#)
  - [Salmond: Only poll on independence can deliver change](#)
  - [Salmond warns foes over not giving Scotland a referendum](#)
- Responding to rumours of the SNP's strategic planning ahead of the outcome of the General Election next year, the Scottish Conservatives dismiss an inbuilt advantage for the SNP in Scotland under a Conservative government in Westminster.
  - [David Cameron: Salmond is wrong. A Tory win will not help him](#)

- The Scottish Liberal Democrats urged for a speedy implementation of the proposals on devolution as set out by the Calman Commission.
  - [Rennie calls on Government to “get on” with implementing Calman Proposals](#)
  - [Scotland's Future in the United Kingdom - The UK Government's response to the Calman Commission](#)