

# BTS TECHNICO-COMMERCIAL

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### **'Brexit' Vote Has European Workers in Britain Unsure of Future**

Until last year, Filipe Graca had struggled to find any kind of a job in his native Portugal. But when he arrived in London, he was able to work almost right away.

"I don't think the U.K. will vote for a Brexit, but if they do, it would be bad," said Mr. Graca, who was working to help finance his studies for a computer science degree.

"Look around," he added, gesturing to colleagues who hailed from 10 nations across Europe. "Everyone here is from another country." Step into nearly any London restaurant, hotel or retail shop and chances are that most people serving your meal, checking you in or ringing up your sale are not British. Peer inside a construction site, and a hive of nationalities is busy building. Even the British farm vegetables on your plate were probably harvested by European immigrants.

As Britain prepares to vote on whether to retain its membership in the European Union, dire warnings have been multiplying about the punch to the British economy, and especially the vaunted financial industry, should the so-called Brexit happen.

Adapted from *The New York Times*, Liz Alderman, June 13, 2016.

Note: Britain will hold a referendum on June 23 on whether to leave the European Union, a decision nicknamed "Brexit."