

# Irish treaty rejection plunges EU into crisis

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DUBLIN (AFP) - Irish voters dealt a stunning blow to the European Union's grand reform plans Friday by rejecting a new treaty and plunging the bloc into a new crisis.

The Lisbon Treaty, designed to replace the EU constitution torpedoed by French and Dutch voters three years ago, was rejected by 53.4 percent to 46.6 percent in a referendum, according to official figures.

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