Why was Britain called an "awkward member" of the EC?

"Let's get out of Europe!"

"I want my money back!"

Annotations:
* European Monetary System: linking European currencies → first step towards a European currency
** European Exchange Rate Mechanism: system to reduce the variability of the exchange rates of European currencies

Margaret Thatcher (Conservative)

Prime Minister 1979-1990
1964: negotiates special rebate for GB

currency attack on Britain (1992)
damage: more than £3bn caused a recession...
and forced Britain to leave the ERM

anti-European attitudes become stronger
"Trade is fine, but more European integration means less sovereignty for Britain"