

## Member States and EU applicant countries: chronology of EC/UE association and accession agreements

**Caption:** Chronological table on Member States and EU applicant countries showing the date of the agreements preceding accession (Association or Europe Agreements) as well as the various stages in the admission process.

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	Association or Europe Agreement (Art.310 EC)	Application for accession	Opening of accession negotiations	Closing of accession negotiations		Referendums on accession in acceding countries (*)	Accession	Miscellaneous
1959	Applications for association: - Greece (June); - Turkey (July) (beginning of negotiations in September)							
1961	Greece (July, entry into force November 1962)	Ireland (July); United Kingdom, Denmark (August)	United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark (October)					
1962	Application for association: Spain (February) (without result)	Norway (April)						
1963	Turkey (Ankara Agreement) (September, entry into force December 1964)		United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark: suspension of negotiations (January)					The French President Charles de Gaulle's first veto of UK accession to the EC (January)
1967		United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark (2nd application); Norway						Charles de Gaulle's second veto of UK accession to the EC (November)

1970	Malta (December, entry into force April 1971)		United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Norway (June)					
1972	Cyprus (December, entry into force June 1973)			United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Norway (January)	United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Norway (January)	Norway (September) = no; Ireland (May), Denmark (October) = yes		
1973							United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland (January)	
1974								United Kingdom: request to renegotiate Accession Treaty
1975		Greece (June)						United Kingdom: referendum on its remaining within the EC = yes (June)
1976			Greece (July)					
1977		Portugal (March), Spain (July)						
1978			Portugal (June)					
1979			Spain (February)	Greece (May)	Greece (May)			
1981							Greece (January)	
1982								Greenland (belonging to the EC as part of DK) opts in a referendum for withdrawal

								(February)
1985		Morocco (rejected in 1987)		Portugal, Spain (March)	Portugal, Spain (June)			Greenland quits the EC, remaining associated as overseas territory (February)
1986							Portugal, Spain (January)	
1987		Turkey (April)						
1989		Austria (July)						
1990		Cyprus, Malta (July)						German reunification: the 'Länder' of former East Germany join the EC (October)
1991	Europe agreements with Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia (December, entry into force February 1994)	Sweden (July)						
1992		Finland (March); Switzerland (May) (pending); Norway (November)						
1993	Europe agreements with Romania		Austria, Finland, Sweden (February);					

	(February); Bulgaria (March); Slovakia, the Czech Republic (October)		Norway (April)					
1994		Hungary (March), Poland (April)		Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden (March)	Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden (June)	Austria (June) = yes, Finland (October) = yes, Sweden (November) = yes; Norway (November) = no		
1995	- Entry into force of Europe agreements with Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic (February) - Europe agreements with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (June)	Romania, Slovakia (June); Latvia (October); Estonia (November); Lithuania, Bulgaria (December)					Austria, Finland, Sweden (January)	
1996	- Entry into force of Customs Union with Turkey (January) - Europe Agreement with Slovenia (June)	Czech Republic (January), Slovenia (June)						
1998	Entry into force of Europe	Malta (reactivation after	Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia,					

	agreements with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (February)	suspension)	Hungary, Poland, Slovenia (March) (Luxembourg group)					
1999	Entry into force of Europe Agreement with Slovenia (February)	Recognition of Turkey as applicant country (December)						
2000			Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovakia (January) (Helsinki group)					
2001	SAA with Croatia (October)							
2002				Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia (December)				
2003		Croatia (February)			Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia (April)	Malta, Slovenia (March), Hungary (April), Lithuania, Slovakia (May), Poland, the Czech Republic (June), Estonia, Latvia (September)		

2004	Entry into force of SAA with former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (April)	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (March); Recognition of Croatia as applicant country (June)		Bulgaria (June); Romania (December)			Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia (May)	
2005	Entry into force of SAA with Croatia (February)	Recognition of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as applicant country (December)	Croatia, Turkey (October)		Bulgaria, Romania (April)			
2007							Bulgaria, Romania (January)	
(*) After being signed, the Accession Treaty has to be ratified by all the Member States and by all the acceding States in accordance with their constitutional laws. Unless a referendum is called in the acceding countries, there is a parliamentary procedure of ratification. SAA = Stabilisation and Association Agreement								