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**1959**

July: Turkey applied to join what was then the EEC

**1995**

June: Romania applied to join the EU  
December: Bulgaria applied to join the EU

**1997**

July: EU recognised Bulgaria and Romania as candidates

**1999**

December: EU recognised Turkey as a candidate

**2000**

February: EU opened accession negotiations with Bulgaria and Romania

**2003**

January: EU opened SAA negotiations with Albania  
February: Croatia applied to join the EU

**2004**

June: EU recognised Croatia as a candidate  
March: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia applied to join the EU  
December: Bulgaria and Romania completed accession negotiations

**2005**

April: Accession Treaty with Bulgaria and Romania signed  
October: EU opened accession negotiations with Turkey and Croatia  
October: EU opened SAA negotiations with Serbia and Montenegro  
October: European Commission recommended opening SAA negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina  
October: European Commission recommended recognition of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as a candidate

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S ENLARGEMENT WEBSITE**

The European Commission's enlargement website offers more detailed profiles and regularly updated background information on each country – acceding states, candidates, and potential candidates in the Western Balkans. It also provides in-depth information on the EU's enlargement process. <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/index.htm>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON:**

<http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/leg/en/s40000.htm>  
[http://europa.eu.int/pol/enlarg/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/pol/enlarg/index_en.htm)  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional\\_policy/themes/enlarge\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/themes/enlarge_en.htm)  
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**EU Enlargement  
WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION  
ON THE ACCEDING STATES,  
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES,  
AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES**

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Bulgaria and Romania are EU acceding states. They completed accession negotiations in December 2004, and signed an Accession Treaty in April 2005. They are scheduled to join the EU at the start of 2007.

Croatia and Turkey are EU candidate countries. They opened accession negotiations in October 2005. The date of their accession to the EU depends mainly on the speed of their negotiations. In December 2005, the Council has granted candidate status to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Fyrom).

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro are potential candidate countries. Their progress towards being recognised as candidates depends on their engagement in the Stabilisation and Association process, which the EU has created to help bring them closer towards European integration.

This brochure provides brief profiles of these countries, and indicates where to obtain further information about them, and about the EU enlargement process in general.

## ACCEDING STATES, CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES:

### COUNTRY PROFILES

#### ■ ALBANIA (SAA NEGOTIATIONS OPENED 31 JANUARY 2003)



- Population: 3.1 million
- Area: 28,748 sq. km
- Borders: former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro
- Capital: Tirana
- Principal languages: Albanian, Greek
- Predominant religions: Muslim, Orthodox, Roman Catholic
- Currency: lek 1€ = 127.7 leks

##### Delegation of the European Commission in Albania

<http://www.delalb.cec.eu.int/>

##### Government

<http://www.mfa.gov.al/english/>

##### Mission to the EU

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##### General

<http://www.albaniannews.com/>

##### Culture and history

<http://www.mfa.gov.al/english/info.asp>

#### ■ BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (AWAITING OPENING OF SAA NEGOTIATIONS)



- Population: 4 million
- Area: 51,000 sq. km
- Borders: Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro
- Capital: Sarajevo
- Principal languages: Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian
- Predominant religions: Muslim, Orthodox, Roman Catholic
- Currency: convertible mark (KM) 1€ = KM1.95

##### Delegation of the European Commission

<http://www.delbih.cec.eu.int/en/index.htm>

##### Government

<http://www.predsjednistvobih.ba/index.aspx?lang=en>

##### Mission to the EU

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##### General

[http://dmoz.org/Regional/Europe/Bosnia\\_and\\_Herzegovina/](http://dmoz.org/Regional/Europe/Bosnia_and_Herzegovina/)

##### Culture and history

<http://research.the-bac.edu/bosnia/>

#### ■ BULGARIA (EU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 14 DECEMBER 1995)



- Population: 7.8 million
- Area: 110,910 sq. km
- Borders: former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey
- Capital: Sofia
- Principal languages: Bulgarian, Turkish
- Predominant religions: Orthodox, Muslim
- Currency: lev (BGN); 1€ = 1.95583 BGN

##### Delegation of the European Commission in Bulgaria

<http://www.evropa.bg/bg/del/>

##### Government

<http://www.government.bg/>

##### Mission to the EU

<http://www.bulgaria.bg/Europe/EU/en/default.htm>

##### General

<http://www.bulgaria.com/>

##### Culture and history

<http://www.historymuseum.org/>

#### ■ CROATIA (EU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 21 FEBRUARY 2003)



- Population: 4.4 million
- Area: 56,594 sq. km
- Borders: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia
- Capital: Zagreb
- Principal languages: Croatian, Serbian, Italian
- Predominant religions: Roman Catholic, Orthodox
- Currency: kuna (HRK); 1€ = 7.56 HRK

##### Delegation of the European Commission in Croatia

<http://www.delhrv.cec.eu.int/en/index.htm>

##### Government

<http://www.vlada.hr/default.asp?ru=2>

##### Mission to the EU

<http://eu.mfa.hr/?mv=297&mh=31>

##### General

<http://www.hr/wwwhr/abouthr/index.en.html>

##### Culture and history

<http://www.hr/wwwhr/arts/history/index.en.html>

#### ■ ROMANIA (EU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 22 JUNE 1995)



- Population: 21.7 million
- Area: 238,391 sq. km
- Borders: Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, Ukraine,
- Capital: Bucharest
- Principal languages: Romanian, Hungarian, German
- Predominant religions: Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic
- Currency: new leu (Ron); 1€ = 3.6 Ron

##### Delegation of the European Commission in Romania

[www.infoeuropa.ro](http://www.infoeuropa.ro)

##### Government

<http://www.gov.ro/engleza/index.php>

##### Mission to the EU

<http://ue.mae.ro/>

##### General

<http://www.ici.ro/romania/>

##### Culture and History

<http://domino.kappa.ro/guvern/istoria-e.html>

#### ■ SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO (SAA NEGOTIATIONS OPENED 10 OCTOBER 2005)



- Population: 8.1 million
- Area: 102,000 sq. km
- Borders: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Capital: Belgrade
- Principal languages: Serbian, Albanian
- Predominant religions: Orthodox, Muslim, Roman Catholic
- Currency: dinar (CSD) 1€ = CSD 81 (in Montenegro, the currency is the euro)

##### Delegation of the European Commission

<http://www.eudelyug.org/en/index.htm>

##### Government

<http://www.gov.yu/start.php?je=e&id=6>

##### Mission to the EU

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##### General

<http://www.philb.com/cse/serbia.htm>

##### Culture and history

<http://www.arhiv.sv.gov.yu/e1000002.htm>

#### ■ THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (EUROPEAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE STATUS 9 NOVEMBER 2005 FOLLOWING ITS EU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 22 MARCH 2004)



- Population: 2 million
- Area: 25,700 sq. km
- Borders: Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro
- Capital: Skopje
- Principal languages: Macedonian, Albanian
- Predominant religions: Orthodox, Muslim
- Currency: Macedonian denar MKD) 1€ = MKD 61.4

##### Delegation of the European Commission

<http://www.delmkd.cec.eu.int/>

##### Government

[http://www.vlada.mk/english/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vlada.mk/english/index_en.htm)

##### Mission to the EU

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##### General

<http://www.sinf.gov.mk/english/default.htm>

##### Culture and history

<http://www.sinf.gov.mk/english/default.htm>

#### ■ TURKEY (EU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 14 FEBRUARY 1987)



- Population: 70.7 million
- Area: 769,604 sq. km
- Borders: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Syria
- Capital: Ankara
- Principal languages: Turkish, Kurdish
- Predominant religion: Muslim
- Currency: Turkish lira (TL) 1 TL = €0.56

##### Delegation of the European Commission in Turkey

<http://www.deltur.cec.eu.int/Default.asp?lang=1>

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##### General

<http://www.turkey.com/>

##### Culture and History

<http://www.kultur.gov.tr/>