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# ROADMAP TOWARDS EU MEMBERSHIP

Beginning negotiations on concluding the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) and signing it once an agreement is reached.

The country submits the application for EU membership to the European Council (EU Member States).

The European Commission submits an opinion on the application.

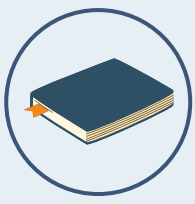
The European Council unanimously decides to grant candidate country status.

The European Commission recommends opening accession negotiations with the candidate country.

The European Council unanimously decides to open accession negotiations.

EU membership negotiations start.

The country prepares to implement EU laws and standards during negotiations, structured according to six clusters and 35 chapters. All EU Member States must agree that all requirements are met.



Once negotiations are finalised, the European Commission recommends closing the chapters.

The European Council must approve it unanimously, and the European Parliament must give its consent, too.

All EU Member States and the candidate country sign and ratify the Accession Treaty. The country becomes an EU Member State!