



Enlargement policy and Public health

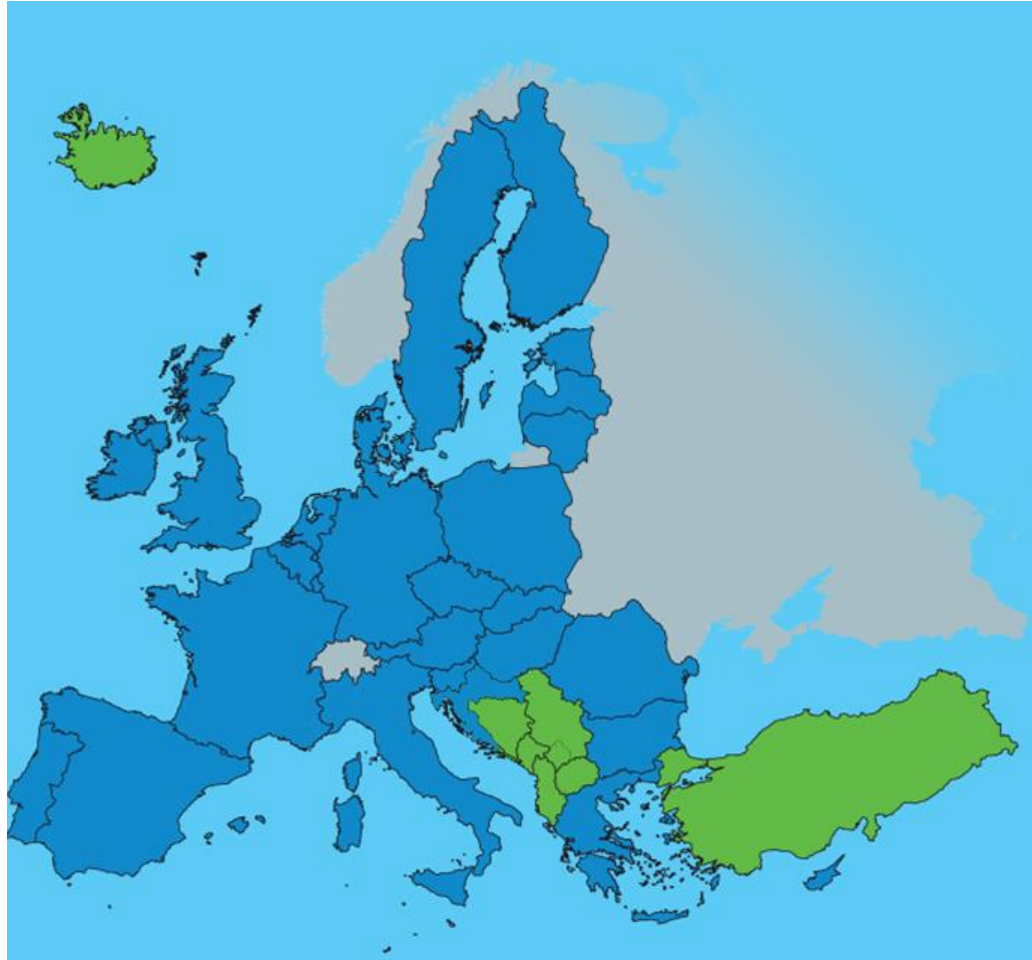
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The current enlargement agenda



How to get in: conditions for membership

- *Copenhagen criteria (1993)*
 - → *Political*
 - **Stable democratic institutions**
 - **Human rights, protection of minorities**
 - **Rule of law**
 - → *Economic*
 - **Functioning market economy**
 - **Capacity to cope with competitive forces in EU**
 - → *Ability to take on obligations of membership*



Accession negotiations: Chapters

1. Free movement of goods
2. Freedom of movement for workers
3. Right of establishment and freedom to provide services
4. Free movement of capital
5. Public procurement
6. Company law
7. Intellectual property law
8. Competition policy
9. Financial services
10. Information society and media
11. Agriculture and rural development
12. Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy
13. Fisheries
14. Transport policy
15. Energy
16. Taxation
17. Economic and monetary policy
18. Statistics
19. Social policy and employment
20. Enterprise and industrial policy
21. Trans-European Networks
22. Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments
23. Judiciary and fundamental rights
24. Justice, freedom and security
25. Science and research
26. Education and culture
27. Environment
28. **Consumer and health protection**
29. Customs union
30. External relations
31. Foreign security and defence policy
32. Financial control
33. Financial and budgetary provisions
34. Institutions
35. Other issues

Negotiating chapter "Consumer and Health protection"

Public health

Tobacco control

Communicable diseases

Blood, tissues, cells and organs

Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare

Mental health

Drug abuse prevention, health inequalities, nutrition, alcohol related harm reduction, cancer screenings, healthy environments including prevention of injury, promotion of safety and rare diseases

Administrative capacity

Negotiating chapter "Consumer and Health protection"

Administrative capacity

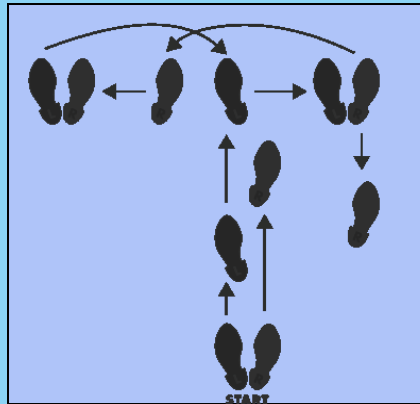
It is mostly entirely for each Member State to decide which structure it will use, provided that the effect of implementing the requirements of the *acquis* is achieved. Public health systems in the candidate countries should become sustainable, based on adequate organisational structures and financial resources, aiming at contributing to the health and well-being of the population.

This is largely a question of **strengthening existing institutions**, in order to enable them to carry out new tasks. A sufficient and well-trained public health workforce should also be ensured.

Steps from potential candidate to member

Potential candidate
submits
application

1



Commission
opinion →
Council
decides on
candidate
status

2

Accession
negotiations

3

**Continuous
monitoring
of progress**

**European
Parliament**
has to give
consent

4



States
sign & ratify
accession
treaty

5

Accession negotiations: The Process

- **Opinion** (*avis*) of the Commission
- Member States' **decision** to open accession negotiations
- **Opening of chapters in the negotiations:**
 - ➔ **Screening process**, chapter by chapter, followed by a Commission recommendation on the opening of chapters
Currently ongoing with Montenegro
 - ➔ EU-27 unanimous decision (intergovernmental conference)
- **Setting of closing benchmarks in view of closing the negotiations**

Accession negotiations: The Process

- Chapter **provisionally closed** following unanimous decision by the Member States.
- Chapters **definitively closed** only when all negotiations with the candidate country are concluded.

Accession negotiations: The Process

Follow-up:

Monitoring process

→ Monitoring of commitments taken in the accession negotiations



Enlargement toolkit

- *Reporting, monitoring*
- **Enlargement package 2013**
- *Network of agreements; economic & political dialogue*
- *Financial & technical assistance*

Monitoring of the accession process

- Annual Progress reports by the Commission

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/countries/strategy-and-progress-report/index_en.htm

- Framework of the Association agreements

Stabilisation and Association Agreements (Western Balkans)

Association Agreement (Ankara Agreement TR)

- Specific technical meetings

- Peer reviews/assessments

IPA – Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

- **5 components:**
 - I. Transition Assistance and Institution Building (IB)**
 - II. Regional and Cross-Border Cooperation**
 - III. Regional Development**
 - IV. Human Resources Development**
 - V. Rural Development**

- **Eligibility to IPA**
 - ➔ Candidate countries: **access to all 5 components**

 - ➔ Potential candidates:
 - support to SAA process
 - **eligibility to components I and II**
 - IB projects for other components eligible under I

Objectives of IPA II

- Support for political reforms
- Support for economic, social and territorial development and reforms, with a view to a sustainable, smart and inclusive growth
- Strengthening of the ability to fulfil the obligations stemming from membership (progressive alignment with and implementation of the *acquis* and EU structural, cohesion, agricultural and rural development funds and policies)
- Regional integration and territorial cooperation involving beneficiary countries, Member States (as well as third countries under the European Neighbourhood Instrument, as appropriate)

Guiding principles for designing IPA II

- Reinforced link between the financial assistance and the policy agenda
- Contribute to the objectives of the EU 2020 Agenda
- Good governance and capacity building remain core themes of financial assistance
- **More attention to socio-economic development** and lasting impact
- Stronger ownership of the reform agenda and related financial assistance



TAIEX Facility

(Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument)

For CCs and PCs

Who?

Civil servants, European or national social partners, etc.

Taiex does not provide direct support to civil society, private citizens or to individual companies.

What for?

Seminars, conferences, study visits...

What kind of support?

Technical support

Rental of rooms, equipment, interpretation facilities

Travel arrangements

How to proceed?

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