

# Expanding the Union – a costly business

From 1 January 1995, Sweden, Finland and Austria will become the newest members of the European Union. However, while these countries will be net contributors to EC funds, the cost of absorbing the poorer East Europeans now queueing up to join could prove very expensive for existing members

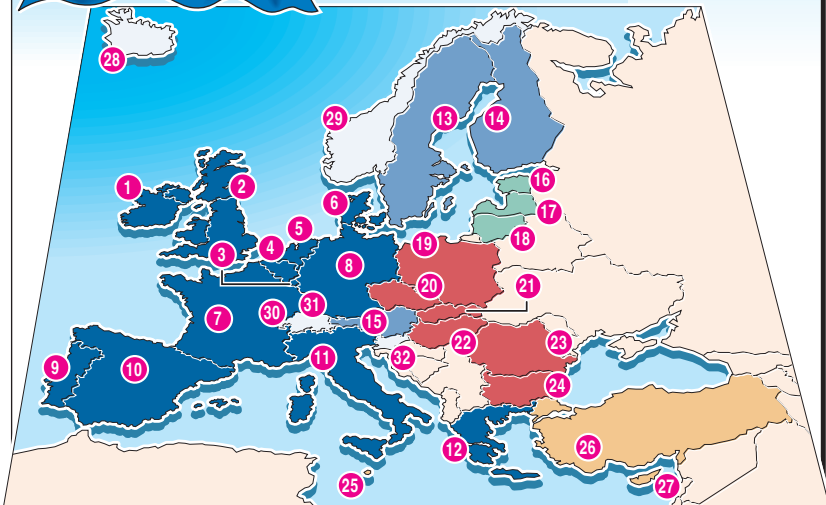


## Current members

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| 1 Ireland    | 7 France   |
| 2 UK         | 8 Germany  |
| 3 Luxembourg | 9 Portugal |
| 4 Belgium    | 10 Spain   |
| 5 Holland    | 11 Italy   |
| 6 Denmark    | 12 Greece  |

## New members

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| 13 Sweden  |
| 14 Finland |
| 15 Austria |



## Waiting in the wings

### Planning association agreements

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| 16 Estonia   |
| 17 Latvia    |
| 18 Lithuania |

### Preparing for integration into the single market

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| 19 Poland         | 22 Hungary  |
| 20 Czech Republic | 23 Romania  |
| 21 Slovakia       | 24 Bulgaria |

### Applied for full membership

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| 25 Malta  |
| 26 Turkey |
| 27 Cyprus |

## EFTA members – happy where they are?

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| 28 Iceland                         | 29 Norway | 30 Liechtenstein | 31 Switzerland |
| Seeking to join EFTA – 32 Slovenia |           |                  |                |