

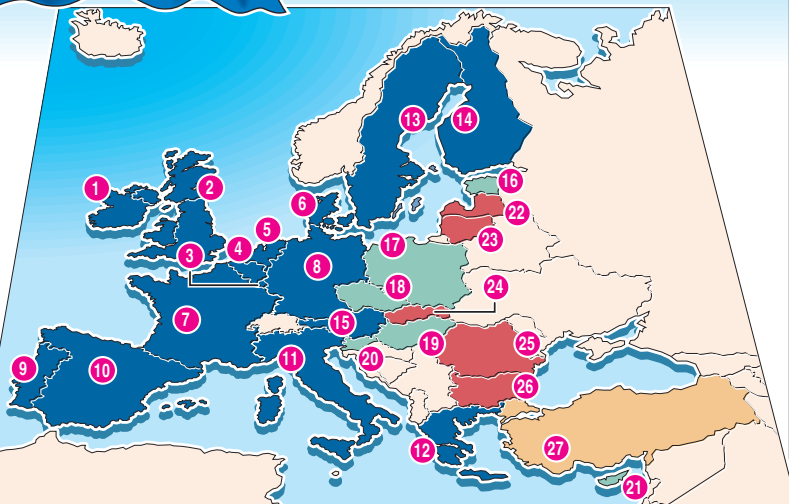
Agenda 2000 – expanding the EU

The vision of an ever closer union of countries is shifting inexorably towards a larger, looser association with the Commission's latest plans for enlargement – increasing the population by one third, but adding only 5% to total GDP. The first six new applicants are hoping to negotiate EU membership by 2002



Current members

1 Ireland	7 France	13 Sweden
2 UK	8 Germany	14 Finland
3 Luxembourg	9 Portugal	15 Austria
4 Belgium	10 Spain	GDP per capita
5 Holland	11 Italy	ECU 17,300
6 Denmark	12 Greece	Population 372.1m



Waiting in the wings

First wave (GDP per capita – ECUs)

16 Estonia (3,900)	19 Hungary (6,300)
17 Poland (5,300)	20 Slovenia (10,100)
18 Czech Rep (9,100)	21 Cyprus (10,173)

Second wave

22 Latvia	25 Romania
23 Lithuania	26 Bulgaria
24 Slovakia	

27 Turkey Despite having tried to join the EU for the past 25 years, Turkey has so far only been promised closer association