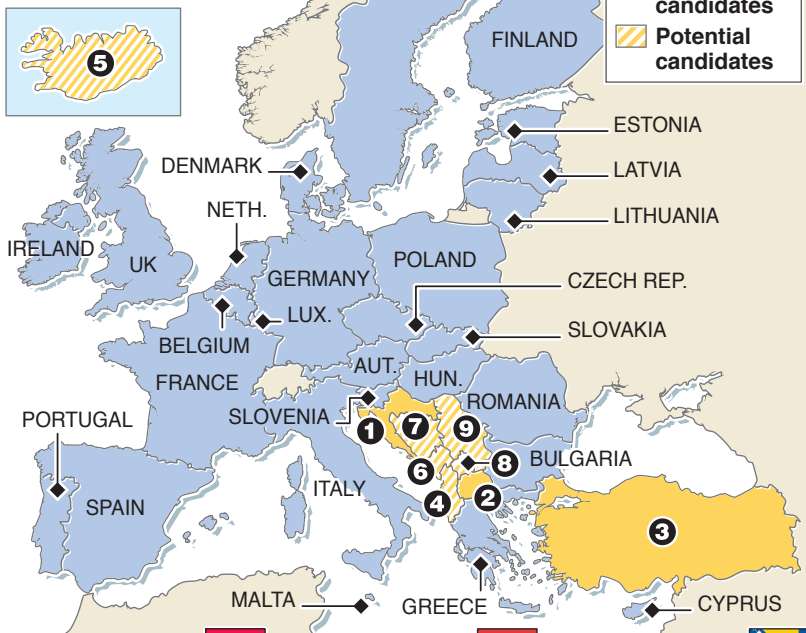


# Lisbon ratification paving way for bigger EU

With Poland likely soon to ratify the Lisbon Treaty and the Czechs optimistic about signing by the end of the year, EU leaders hope to get the treaty fully ratified before 2010, leading to expansion of the bloc



## 1. CROATIA



Applied for membership in 2003, due to join 2010

## 2. MACEDONIA



Applied 2004, entry talks yet to start

## 3. TURKEY



Applied 1987, could join in 2013 at earliest

## 4. ALBANIA



Applied April 2009, could join in 2015 at earliest

## 5. ICELAND



Applied July 2009, could join by 2011

## 6. MONTENEGRO



Applied 2008, aims to join by 2012

## 7. BOSNIA



Not expected to join until 2015 at earliest

## 8. KOSOVO



Hopes to join in 2015

## 9. SERBIA



Unlikely to join until at least 2015