



Montenegro

European Union begins accession talks with Balkan state on June 29

Full name: **Republic of Montenegro**

Area: **13,812 sq km**

Population: **632,000 (2010)**

Population aged 0-14 years: **19.2%**

Life expectancy: **73 years (men),
77 years (women)**

Background: Part of communist Yugoslavia until 1992. Joined with Serbia, first as **Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**, then as **Serbia and Montenegro** after 2003. Independent in 2006 after 55 percent of population voted for severing ties with Serbia

Economy

GDP: **\$4.11 billion (2010)**

GNI per capita: **\$6,740 (2010)**

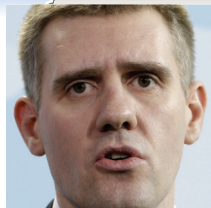
Inflation: **0.5% (2010)**

Labour force: **251,000 (2011 est.)**

Jobless rate: **10.7% (2008)**

Poverty rate: **6.6% (2010)**

GDP by sector: Agriculture **0.8%,
industry **11.3%, services **87.9%******



Prime Minister
Igor Lukšić

Recent events: EU membership application in 2008. Candidate status granted December 2010. Could join by 2016, but concerns remain over high-level corruption and need to establish independent judiciary