

EU membership for six Balkan countries

The EU is preparing to welcome its next group of member states by 2025 as it seeks to breathe new life into the bloc, tighten controls on migration and counter Russian influence in the Balkans



MONTENEGRO

Population* **0.62 million**
GDP* **\$4.37 billion**



EU candidate since 2010. Started entry talks in 2012. Could join 2025

SERBIA

Population **7.05 million**
GDP **\$38.29 billion**



Candidate since 2012. Started entry talks in 2014. Could join 2025

MACEDONIA

Population **2.08 million**
GDP **\$10.89 billion**



Candidate since 2005. Hopes to start accession talks this year

ALBANIA

Population **2.87 million**
GDP **\$11.86 billion**



Candidate since 2014. Hopes to start accession talks this year

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Population **3.51 million**
GDP **\$16.91 billion**



Requested to join EU in 2016. Entry talks not until 2023 at earliest

KOSOVO

Population **1.81 million**
GDP **\$6.64 billion**



Needs to normalize relations with Serbia to become candidate