

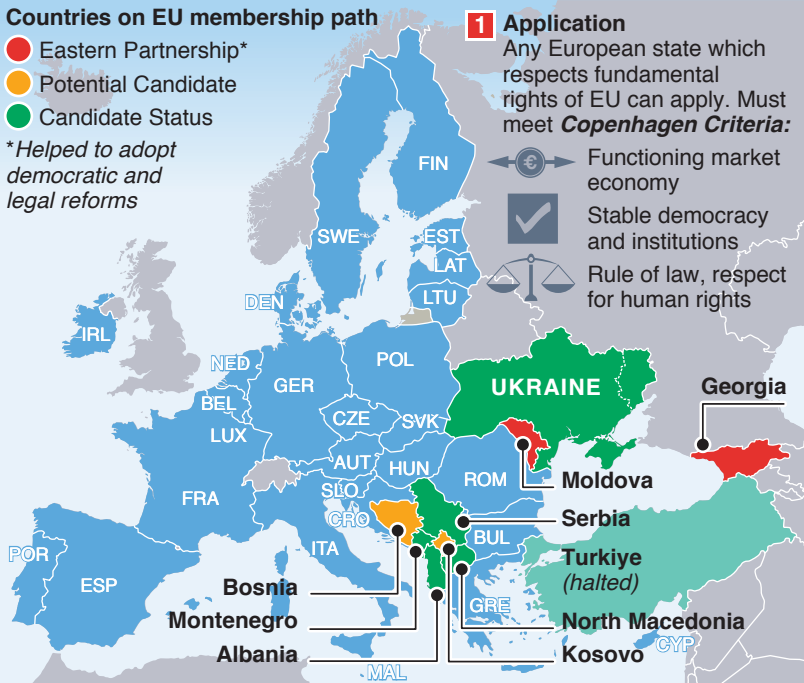
Steps to EU membership for Ukraine

Following the decision to grant “candidate status”, Ukraine’s application to join the European Union begins a years-long process that must receive the unanimous approval of member states

Countries on EU membership path

- Eastern Partnership*
- Potential Candidate
- Candidate Status

**Helped to adopt democratic and legal reforms*



1 Application

Any European state which respects fundamental rights of EU can apply. Must meet **Copenhagen Criteria**:



Functioning market economy



Stable democracy and institutions



Rule of law, respect for human rights

2 Pre-accession: Programme of judicial, economic, administrative reforms to meet EU regulations

3 Accession negotiations: Adoption of EU law into national law, preparations to join Euro

4 Treaty and ratification: Negotiations on 35 chapters of accession treaty must be unanimously approved by member states – some countries will require referendum