

# Turkey backs Sweden's NATO bid

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has agreed to support Sweden's application to join NATO after months of resistance, accusing Stockholm of hosting Kurdish militants

## Europe's NATO members

- 1949: Founders (includes U.S., Canada, Iceland)
- 1950-2000
- 2000-present
- Imminent



● **May 18, 2022:** Sweden and Finland apply to join NATO following Russia's invasion of Ukraine

● **Apr 4, 2023:** Finland joins NATO. Sweden's membership blocked by Turkey and Hungary

● **Jul 10:** Turkey reverses veto. Hungary expected to drop opposition to Sweden's membership