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Member countries of the EU (year of entry)

The European Union has 28 member countries:

- <u>Austria</u> (1995)
- <u>Belgium</u> (1958)
- Bulgaria (2007)
- Croatia (2013)
- Cyprus (2004)
- Czech Republic (2004)
- <u>Denmark</u> (1973)
- Estonia (2004)
- Finland (1995)
- <u>France</u> (1958)
- <u>Germany</u> (1958)
- <u>Greece</u> (1981)
- <u>Hungary</u> (2004)
- <u>Ireland</u> (1973)

- <u>Italy</u> (1958)
- <u>Latvia</u> (2004)
- Lithuania (2004)
- <u>Luxembourg</u> (1958)
- Malta (2004)
- <u>Netherlands</u> (1958)
- <u>Poland</u> (2004)
- Portugal (1986)
- Romania (2007)
- <u>Slovakia</u> (2004)
- <u>Slovenia</u> (2004)
- Spain (1986)
- <u>Sweden</u> (1995)
- <u>United Kingdom</u> (1973)

On the road to EU membership

Candidate countries

- Albania
- Montenegro

- Serbia
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

• <u>Turkey</u> Potential candidates

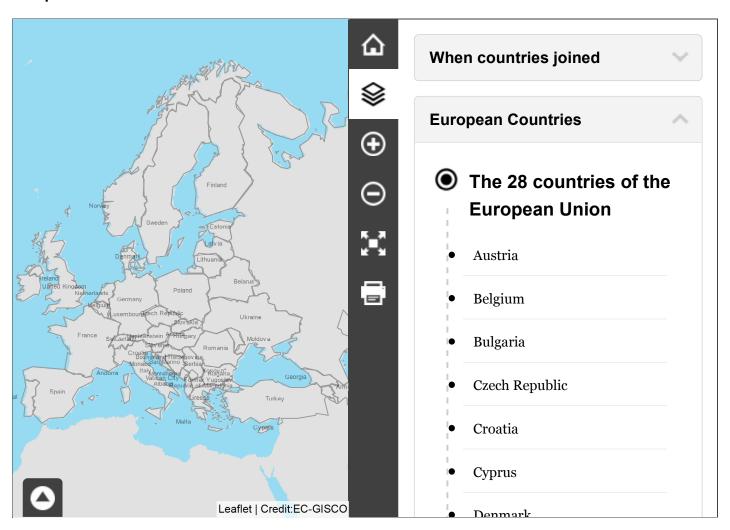
• Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Kosovo *
 - * This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Joining the EU

Becoming a member of the EU is a complex procedure which does not happen overnight. Once an applicant country meets the conditions for membership, it must implement EU rules and regulations in all areas.

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- Historical and current geographical maps