

The EU and EEA countries

The European Union

Established as the 'European Communities' by the Treaty of Rome, 1957.

* = founder members

Country	Date Joined
Austria	1995
Belgium	*
Bulgaria	2007
Croatia	2013
Cyprus	2004
Czech Republic	2004
Denmark	1973
Estonia	2004
Finland	1995
France	*
Germany	*
Greece	1981
Hungary	2004
Ireland	1973
Italy	*
Latvia	2004
Lithuania	2004
Luxembourg	*
Malta	2004
The Netherlands	*
Poland	2004
Portugal	1986
Romania	2007
Slovakia	2004
Slovenia	2004
Spain	1986
Sweden	1995
United Kingdom	1973

The European Economic Area (EEA) includes the EU Member States as above, plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. CENELEC includes all the above except Liechtenstein, plus Switzerland, Turkey and FYR Macedonia.

Countries negotiating to join the EU in 2016 are Turkey, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia and FYR Macedonia