

EU accession negotiations

November 2025



Albania

Serbia

■ Moldova

Türkiye

Montenegro

Ukraine

North Macedonia

Accession negotiation status for these countries is shown on the following pages.

CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WITH ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS NOT YET OPENED

Bosnia and Herzegovina

∺ Georgia

Kosovo

Enlargement is a **merit-based process** where candidates must align with EU values and legislation.

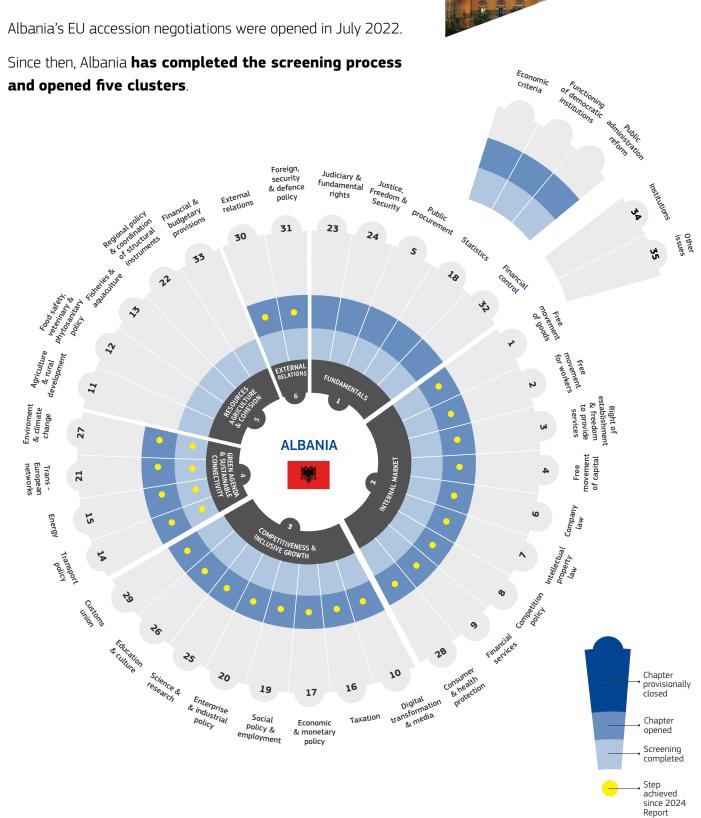
Accession negotiations are structured around 35 policy areas, or chapters, which are grouped into clusters:

- As part of the screening process, the European Commission evaluates the degree of preparedness of candidate countries. This helps inform the EU on whether to set opening benchmarks for the candidate countries to meet before opening a cluster, or whether to open a cluster, and its chapters, directly.
- Cluster 1 Fundamentals is first to be opened, and last to close as these reforms set the pace of negotiations.
- Once a chapter is opened, the candidate must meet relevant closing benchmarks for it to be provisionally closed.
- Once all chapters are provisionally closed, and the country deemed ready, EU Member States must decide unanimously to admit the new Member State.

A candidate country's **pace of progress towards accession** will depend on how quickly the country implements the **required reforms**.

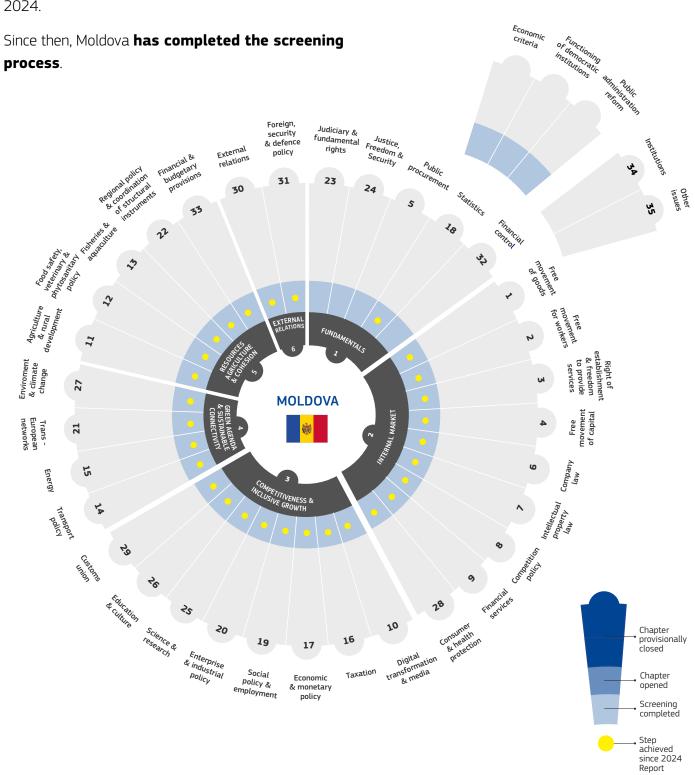
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Albania



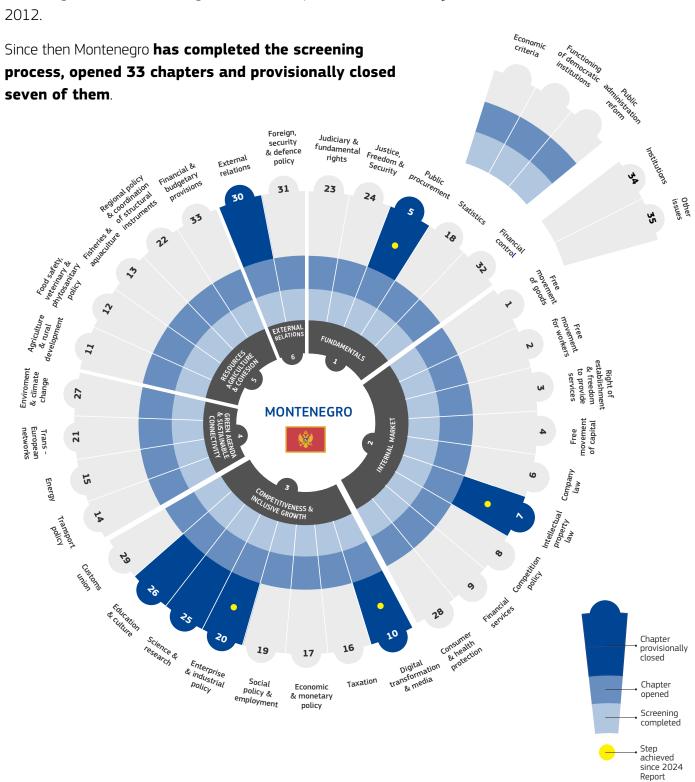
Moldova

Moldova's EU accession negotiations were opened in June 2024.



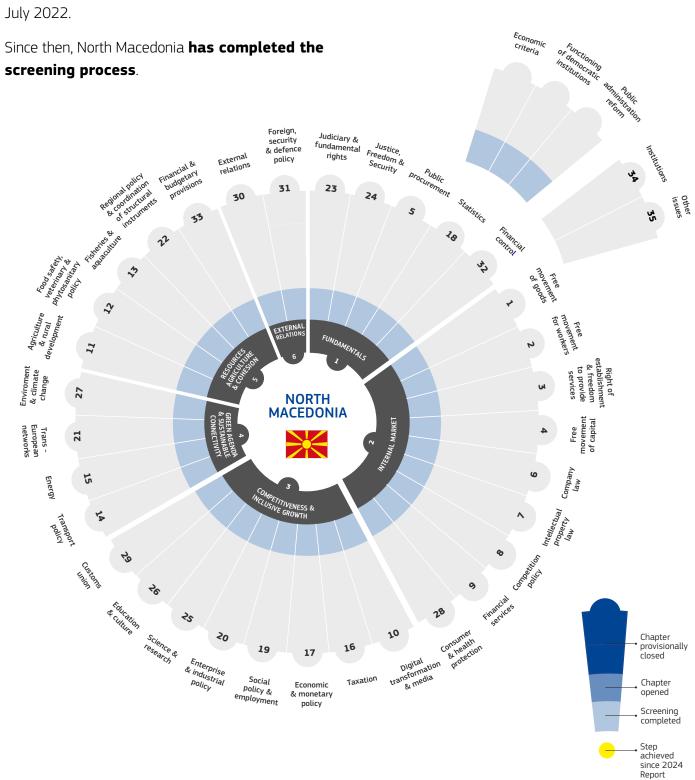
Montenegro

Montenegro's EU accession negotiations were opened in June



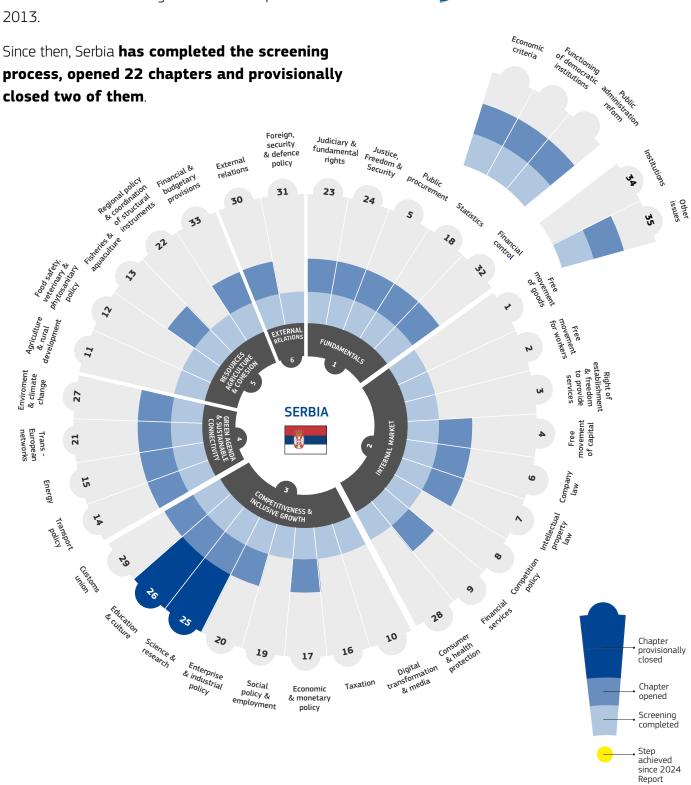
North Macedonia

North Macedonia's EU accession negotiations were opened in July 2022.



Serbia

Serbia's EU accession negotiations were opened in June



Türkiye

Türkiye's EU accession negotiations were opened in October 2005.

October 2005. Economic Criteria of democratic institutions Since then, Türkiye has completed the screening process, opened 16 chapters and provisionally closed one of them. Foreign, Judiciary & security & defence Justice, Freedom & Security fundamental External relations policy Procurement Public 31 23 30 ₹ø FUNDAMENTALS **TÜRKIYE** Trans -European networks 21 COMPETITIVENESS & INCLUSIVE GROWTH Science & Chapter provisionally closed 16 19 Enterprise & industrial policy & media Social Policy & Taxation Chapter & monetary employment Screening completed Step achieved since 2024

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Ukraine

Ukraine's EU accession negotiations were opened in June 2024.

Economic Criteria Since then, Ukraine has completed the screening of democratic process. Foreign, security Judiciary & fundamental Justice, Freedom & Security & defence External rights policy relations Public Procurement 31 23 30 Statistics **UKRAINE** Trans -European networks Free 19 Chapter Enterprise & industrial provisionally closed transformation % media Social Policy & Taxation Economic & monetary Chapter employment policy Screening completed © European Union, 2025 Step achieved since 2024 Reuse of this document is allowed, provided appropriate credit is given and any changes are

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