

## Chronology of Romania-EU relations

<b>February 1, 1993</b>	Signing of the Agreement for Romania's Association to the European Union (European Agreement)
<b>February 1, 1995</b>	Coming in force of the EU Association Agreement (European Agreement)
<b>June 1995</b>	Romania presents the official application for EU membership
<b>July 1997</b>	The European Commission presents the "Opinion on Romania's official application for membership"
<b>November 1998</b>	The European Commission presents the first Report on Romania's progress towards the fulfillment of accession criteria
<b>December 1999</b>	The European Council in Helsinki decides to open accession negotiations with Romania (alongside six other candidate states)
<b>February 2000</b>	The Romania-EU Intergovernmental Conference. The negotiation process of Romania's accession to the European Union is launched officially
<b>December 2002</b>	The European Council in Copenhagen expresses support for the objective of Romania's EU accession in 2007
<b>June 2003</b>	The European Council in Thessaloniki expresses support for the close of Romania's accession negotiations in 2004
<b>December 2003</b>	<b>The European Council in Brussels</b> establishes the schedule for Romania's accession to the European Union – completion of negotiations in 2004, signing of the Accession Treaty as soon as possible in 2005 and effective accession to the European Union in January 2007. In its conclusions, the European Council asserts that Romania and Bulgaria's accession represents the common goal of the European Union with 25 members. For the first time, a document of the European Council states the objective of signing the Common accession Treaty with Romania and Bulgaria in 2005, as well as the European Union's support for this plan.
<b>June 2004</b>	<b>The European Council in Brussels</b> reconfirms Romania's accession schedule in the intervals marked by the 2004-2005-2007 milestones
<b>October 2004</b>	On October 6, 2004, the European Commission presents the annual report on Romania for 2004, as well as the Strategy Document concerning the perspectives of the enlargement process. The documents assert the firm support of the European Commission for the close of accession negotiations with Romania (and Bulgaria) by the end of 2004.
<b>December 14, 2004</b>	Concluding of accession negotiations from the technical point of view within the <b>Ministerial Accession Conference</b>
<b>December 2004</b>	The Brussels European Council (16-17 December 2004) confirms the conclusion of accession negotiations with Romania and reaffirms the accession timetable: April 2005 – Signing the Accession Treaty; 1st January 2007 – EU accession.
<b>April 13, 2005</b>	<b>Romania receives the Assent of the European Parliament for the signing of the Accession Treaty.</b> According to the procedure (art. 49 TEU), the European democratic forum has voted on 13th April in the plenary session, on the basis of the Progress Report initiated by the EP rapporteur for Romania, Pierre Moscovici. The result of the vote in plenary was: assent – 497 votes for, 93 against and 71 abstentions. Moscovici report: 564 vote for, 59 against and 41 abstentions.
<b>April 25, 2005</b>	<b>Signing in Luxemburg of the Accession Treaty to the European Union of Romania and Bulgaria,</b>
<b>June 16-17, 2005</b>	<b>First European Council</b> in which <b>Romania</b> participates in her new capacity as <b>observer</b>
<b>June 21, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by Slovakia
<b>September 26, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by Hungary

<b>September 29, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by Slovenia
<b>October 25, 2005</b>	<b>European Commission issues the Comprehensive Monitoring Report on Romania, together with the Composite Paper for Romania and Bulgaria.</b> The documents confirm the important progress in the internal preparation and indicate the measures to be undertaken in order to enable accession on the 1st January 2007
<b>October 27, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by the Republic of Cyprus
<b>November 2, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by Greece
<b>November 16, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by Estonia
<b>December 6, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty by the Czech Republic
<b>December 14, 2005</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Spain
<b>January 24, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Malta
<b>January 26, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Latvia
<b>February 16, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by United Kingdom
<b>March 8, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Portugal
<b>March 30, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Poland
<b>May 9, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Sweden
<b>May 11, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Austria
<b>May 16, 2006</b>	<b>European Commission issues the Monitoring Report on Romania and Bulgaria.</b>
<b>June 13, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by the Netherlands
<b>June 19, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Finland
<b>June 21, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Ireland
<b>June 29, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Luxemburg
<b>September 26, 2006</b>	<b>European Commission issues its last Monitoring Report on Romania and Bulgaria, confirming January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 as the accession date for the two countries.</b>
<b>October 3, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by France
<b>October 13, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Belgium
<b>March 30, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Lithuania
<b>November 21, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Denmark
<b>November 24, 2006</b>	Ratification of the Accession Treaty to the EU by Germany
<b>December 2006</b>	<b>The European Council</b> of 14-15 December in Brussels confirms the accession of Romania to the EU on 1st January 2007
<b>January 1, 2007</b>	<b>Romania becomes full-fledged Member of the European Union</b>