

The EU's relations with its closest neighbours and aspiring members

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ICELAND

NORWEGIAN SEA

Reykjavik

Faroe Islands (DK)

NORWAY

SWEDEN

FINLAND

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

GULF OF BOTHNIA
BALTIC SEA

Helsinki

Stockholm

Tallinn

Riga

Vilnius

Moscow

NORTH SEA

DENMARK

Copenhagen

UNITED KINGDOM

IRELAND

Dublin

London

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam

GERMANY

Berlin

Poland

Warsaw

Belarus

Minsk

Ukraine

Kiev

ATLANTIC OCEAN

FRANCE

Brussels

Paris

WISSEMBOURG

Tragov

CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague

SLOVAKIA

Bratislava

HUNGARY

Budapest

ROMANIA

Bucharest

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Chisinau

AUSTRIA

Vienna

SWITZERLAND

Lukljana

SLOVENIA

Ljubljana

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Sarajevo

SERBIA

Belgrade

BULGARIA

Sofia

BLACK SEA

PORTUGAL

Lisbon

SPAIN

Madrid

MONACO

Monte Carlo

VATICAN CITY

Rome

ITALY

Rome

ALBANIA

Tirana

GREECE

Athens

TURKEY

Ankara

GEORGIA

Tbilisi

ARMENIA

Yerevan

AZERBAIJAN

Baku

AZERBAIJAN

Baku

CASPIAN SEA

ANDORRA

Andorra la Vella

SPAIN

Rabat

MOROCCO

ALGERIA

Algiers

TUNISIA

Tripoli

LIBYA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Malta

Valletta

EGYPT

Cairo

CYPRUS

Nicosia

LEBANON

Beirut

ISRAEL

Jerusalem

Jordan

Amman

SYRIA

Damascus

IRAQ

Baghdad

SAUDI ARABIA

KUWAIT

Riyadh

Ceuta

Gibraltar

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LEBANON

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IRAQ

Baghdad

SAUDI ARABIA

KUWAIT

Riyadh

Enlargement and Neighbourhood policies

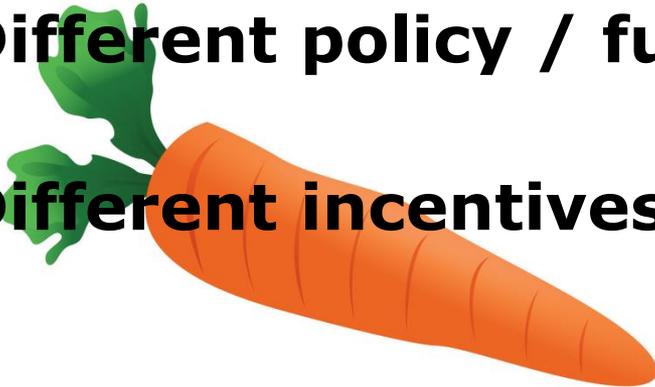
2 policies

Same goal: stabilisation

- Peace
- Prosperity

Different policy / future perspective

Different incentives motivations



European Neighbourhood Policy

East (6 Eastern Partnership countries):

- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

South (10 countries):

- Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

ENI budget:

- **€15.4 billion** (current prices) for the period **2014-2020**
- **Main areas of support:**
 - Respect for human rights and the rule of law
 - Sustainable and inclusive growth
 - Progressive integration in the European Union's internal market
 - Mobility and people-to-people contacts
 - Regional integration



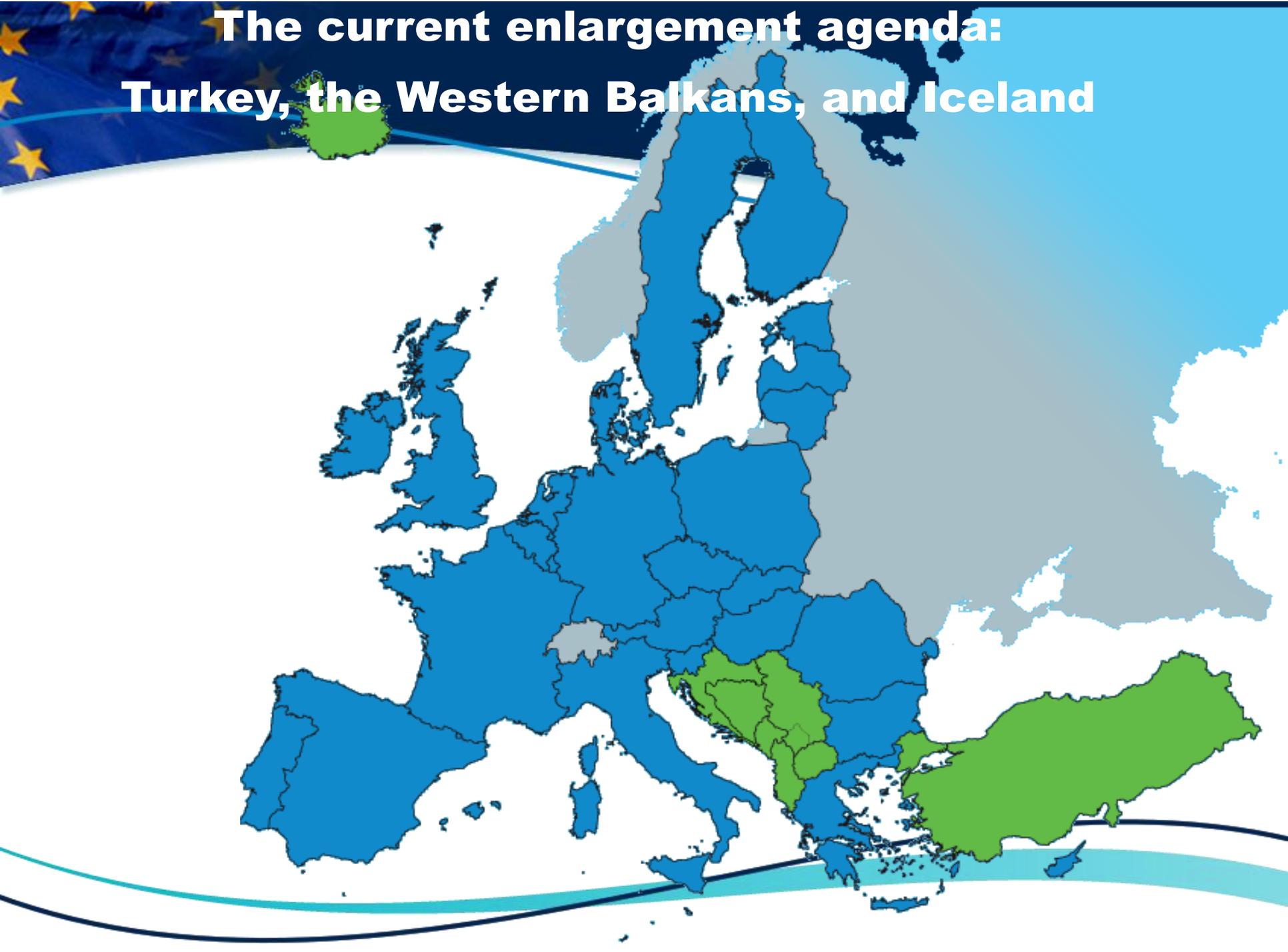
The review will focus on how to ensure that the ENP...

- ...is more tailor-made
- ...is focused better on common interests of partner countries and EU MS
- ...increases flexibility of political & financial instruments
- ...enhances partners' ownership and increases visibility
- ...addresses the neighbours of the neighbours

Changing paradigm



The current enlargement agenda: Turkey, the Western Balkans, and Iceland



Who may apply? => European perspective



- ★ “Any **European State** which respects the values referred to in Article 2 and is committed to promoting them **may** apply to become a member of the Union.” (Art. 49 of the TEU)
- ★ “The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail. (Art. 2 of the Treaty on European Union)

Conditions for membership



Copenhagen criteria (1993)

Political criteria:

- ★ Stable democratic institutions
- ★ Human and minority rights
- ★ Rule of law

Economic criteria:

- ★ Functioning market economy
- ★ Capacity to cope with competitive forces in EU

Ability to assume the obligations of membership

“Acquis criteria”

(90,000 pages of “*acquis communautaire*”)

From potential candidate to candidate



Bosnia and Herzegovina



European perspective

From candidate to member



Iceland

Croatia

Accession

Ratification of Accession Treaty

Signature of Accession Treaty

Commission Opinion, Assent EP

Accession negotiations

Turkey

Montenegro

Serbia

**Council (awards candidate status)
decides to open accession negotiations**

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

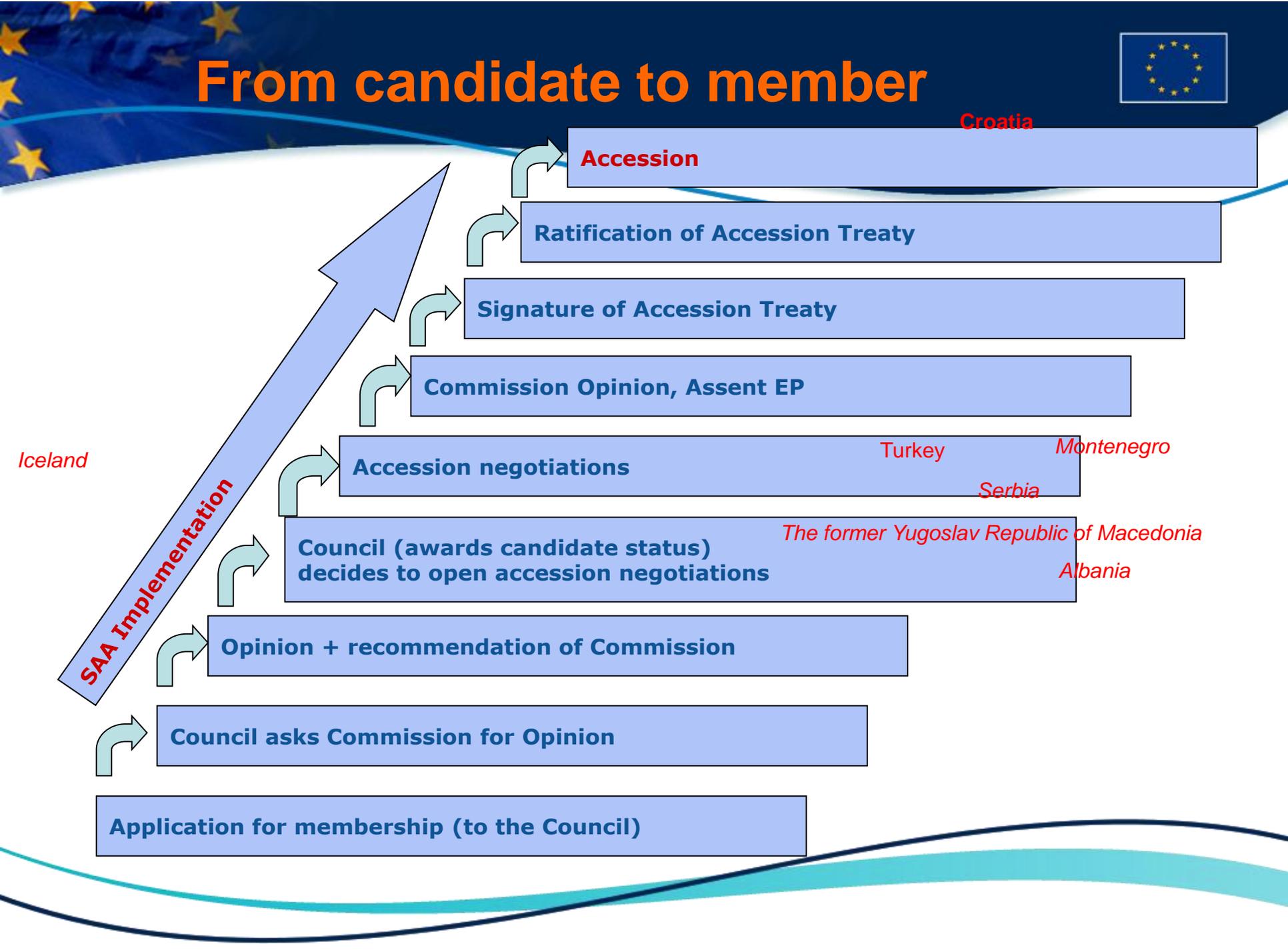
Albania

Opinion + recommendation of Commission

Council asks Commission for Opinion

Application for membership (to the Council)

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