

# EU-Croatia accession negotiations – key dates at a glance

Accession talks completed on 30 June 2011 – Updated on 1st July 2011

| Phases carried out by Croatia, the EC or the Council:       |  | 1  | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| CHAPTERS OF THE ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE                        |  | European Commission-Croatia: screening (1 <sup>st</sup> phase) | Croatia-European Commission (EC): screening (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) | Commission's Screening Report presented to the Council | Council's Working Group for Enlargement discussing the Screening Report | Council's decision on Croatia's preparedness for the opening of negotiations or on opening benchmarks | If set, opening benchmarks are to be fulfilled by Croatia, then assessed by the EC, and validate by the Council | Croatia presented its Negotiating Position to the EU | Commission drawing up a Draft Common Position (DCP) | Council's Working Group for Enlargement discussing the DCP | EU's Common Position for the opening of negotiations adopted by the Council | Formal opening of the chapter at the Accession Conference | If set, closing benchmarks are to be fulfilled by Croatia, then assessed by the EC, and validate by the Council | Provisional closing of the chapter at the Accession Conference |
| X - Provisionally closed chapters<br>X - Technical chapters |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| N   |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| 1   | Free Movement of Goods                                     | 16-20.106  | 13-17.2.06  |  |   | 12.10.06  | ●●●   | 24.4.08  |   |  | 23.7.08   | 25.7.08   | ●●●●  | 19.4.10  |
| 2   | Freedom of Movement for Workers                            | 19.7.06  | 8.9.06  |  |   | 21.2.07   | —   | 20.7.07  |   |  | 16.6.08   | 17.6.08   | ●   | 2.10.09  |
| 3   | Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services     | 21-21.11.05  | 15-16.12.05   |  |   | 20.9.06   | —   | 18.10.06   |   |  | 20.6.07   | 26.6.07   | ●●●●●   | 21.2.09  |
| 4   | Free Movement of Capital                                   | 25.11.05   | 21.2.05   |  |   | 27.9.06   | ●●  | 5.6.08   |   |  | 2.10.09   | 2.10.09   | ●●●   | 5.11.10  |
| 5   | Public Procurement   | 7.11.05  | 29.11.05  |  |   | 17.5.06   | ●●  | 7.10.08  |   |  | 18.12.08  | 19.12.08  | ●●●   | 30.6.10  |
| 6   | Company Law  | 21.6.06  | 19.7.06   |  |   | 31.1.07   | —   | 12.07  |   |  | 20.6.07   | 26.6.07   | ●●●●  | 2.10.09  |
| 7   | Intellectual Property Law                                  | 6-7.2.06   | 28.2-13.06  |  |   | 4.10.06   | —   | 18.10.06   |   |  | 21.2.07   | 29.3.07   | ●●  | 19.12.08   |
| 8   | Competition Policy   | 8-9.11.05  | 5-6.12.05   |  |   | 28.6.06   | ●●●●  | 2.4.10   |   |  | 25.6.10   | 30.6.10   | ●●●●  | 30.6.11  |
| 9   | Financial Services   | 29-30.3.06   | 4-5.5.06  |  |   | 24.1.07   | —   | 28.3.07  |   |  | 20.6.07   | 26.6.07   | ●●●●●   | 27.11.09   |
| 10  | Information Society and Media                              | 12-13.6.06   | 17-18.7.06  |  |   | 31.1.07   | —   | 9.3.07   |   |  | 20.6.07   | 26.6.07   | ●●●   | 19.12.08   |
| 11  | Agriculture and Rural Development                          | 5-8.12.05  | 30.1-2.2.06   |  |   | 9.11.06   | ●   | 8.9.08   |   |  | 2.10.09   | 2.10.09   | ●●●   | 19.4.11  |
| 12  | Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy           | 9-15.3.06  | 29.5-7.6.06   |  |   | 3.4.07  | ●●●●  | 24.7.08  |   |  | 2.10.09   | 2.10.09   | ●●●   | 27.7.10  |
| 13  | Fisheries  | 24.2.06  | 29.3.06   |  |   | 29.7.08   | —   | 26.9.08  |   |  | 18.2.10   | 19.2.10   | ●●●   | 6.6.11   |
| 14  | Transport Policy   | 26-29.6.06   | 18-21.9.06  |  |   | 21.2.07   | —   | 8.6.07   |   |  | 16.4.08   | 21.4.08   | ●●●●  | 5.11.10  |
| 15  | Energy   | 15-17.5.06   | 19-21.6.06  |  |   | 18.5.07   | —   | 11.7.07  |   |  | 16.4.08   | 21.4.08   | ●●●●  | 27.11.09   |
| 16  | Taxation   | 6-7.6.06   | 3-4.7.06  |  |   | 31.1.07   | —   | 30.4.08  |   |  | 2.10.09   | 2.10.09   | ●●●   | 30.6.10  |
| 17  | Economic and Monetary Policy                               | 16.2.06  | 9.3.06  |  |   | 20.9.06   | —   | 18.10.06   |   |  | 20.12.06  | 21.2.06   | ●   | 19.12.08   |
| 18  | Statistics   | 19-20.6.06   | 13-14.7.06  |  |   | 20.12.06  | —   | 22.2.07  |   |  | 20.6.07   | 26.6.07   | ●●  | 2.10.09  |
| 19  | Social Policy and Employment                               | 8-10.2.06  | 6-8.3.06  |  |   | 18.7.06   | ●   | 7.4.08   |   |  | 16.6.08   | 17.6.08   | ●●  | 21.2.09  |
| 20  | Enterprise and Industrial Policy                           | 27-28.3.06   | 27-28.4.06  |  |   | 20.9.06   | —   | 18.10.06   |   |  | 20.12.06  | 21.2.06   | ●   | 25.7.08  |
| 21  | Trans-European Networks                                    | 30.6.06  | 22.9.06   |  |   | 3.4.07  | —   | 6.6.07   |   |  | 19.12.07  | 19.12.07  | ●   | 2.10.09  |
| 22  | Regional Policy & Co-ordination of Structural Instruments  | 11-14.9.06   | 5-6.10.06   |  |   | 25.4.07   | ●   | 25.6.08  |   |  | 2.10.09   | 2.10.09   | ●●●●●●  | 19.4.11  |
| 23  | Judiciary and Fundamental Rights                           | 6-8.9.06   | 17-18.10.06   |  |   | 20.12.07  | ●●●   | 19.2.10  |   |  | 25.6.10   | 30.6.10   | ●●●●  | 30.6.11  |
| 24  | Justice, Freedom and Security                              | 23-25.106  | 21-23.2.06  |  |   | 18.7.06   | ●   | 11.4.08  |   |  | 2.10.09   | 2.10.09   | ●●●●●   | 22.12.10   |
| 25  | Science and Research                                       | 20.10.05   | 15.11.05  |  |   | 24.2.06   | —   | 17.3.06  |   |  | 8.6.06  | 12.6.06   | —   | 12.6.06  |
| 26  | Education and Culture                                      | 26.10.05   | 17.11.05  |  |   | 26.4.06   | —   | 26.4.06  |   |  | 7.12.06   | 11.2.06   | —   | 11.2.06  |
| 27  | Environment  | 3-11.4.06  | 15-19.5.06  |  |   | 3.4.07  | ●   | 11.7.08  |   |  | 18.2.10   | 19.2.10   | ●●●●  | 22.12.10   |
| 28  | Consumer and Health Protection                             | 8-9.6.06   | 10-11.7.06  |  |   | 14.3.07   | —   | 28.3.07  |   |  | 19.7.07   | 12.10.07  | ●●●●  | 27.11.09   |
| 29  | Customs Union  | 31-12.06   | 15-16.3.06  |  |   | 28.6.06   | —   | 2.10.06  |   |  | 20.12.06  | 21.2.06   | ●●●   | 2.10.09  |
| 30  | External Relations   | 10.7.06  | 15.9.06   |  |   | 14.3.07   | —   | 28.3.07  |   |  | 11.10.07  | 12.10.07  | ●   | 30.10.08   |
| 31  | Foreign, Security and Defence Policy                       | 14.9.06  | 2.10.06   |  |   | 7.5.08  | —   | 8.5.08   |   |  | 25.6.10   | 30.6.10   | ●   | 22.12.10   |
| 32  | Financial Control  | 18.5.06  | 29.6.06   |  |   | 9.11.06   | —   | 21.2.06  |   |  | 20.6.07   | 26.6.07   | ●●●●●   | 27.7.10  |
| 33  | Financial and Budgetary Provisions                         | 6.9.06   | 27.9.06   |  |   | 25.4.07   | —   | 2.8.07   |   |  | 19.12.07  | 19.12.07  | ●   | 30.6.11  |
| 34  | Institutions   | —  | —   | —  | —   | —   | —   | —  |   |  | 6.10.10   | 5.11.10   | —   | 5.11.10  |
| 35  | Other Issues   | —  | —   | —  | —   | —   | —   | —  |   |  |   | 30.6.11   | —   | 30.6.11  |
| 455   | Number of chapters that went through a particular phase    | 35   | 35  | 35   | 35  | 35  | 35  | 35   | 35  | 35   | 35  | 35  | 35  | 35   |
| 0   | Number of chapters still in progress in a particular phase | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |

  Phases completed by Croatia     
   Phases completed by the Council     
   Skipped phases     
   Opening or closing of chapters  
  Phases completed by the EC     
 6.9.06 Completion date     
   ●●● 3 benchmarks fulfilled (example)

## NEGOTIATING PROCESS FOR EACH GIVEN NEGOTIATION CHAPTER



Phases carried out by: Croatia European Commission Council of the EU Facultative phases: Benchmarks - phases 6 & 12