

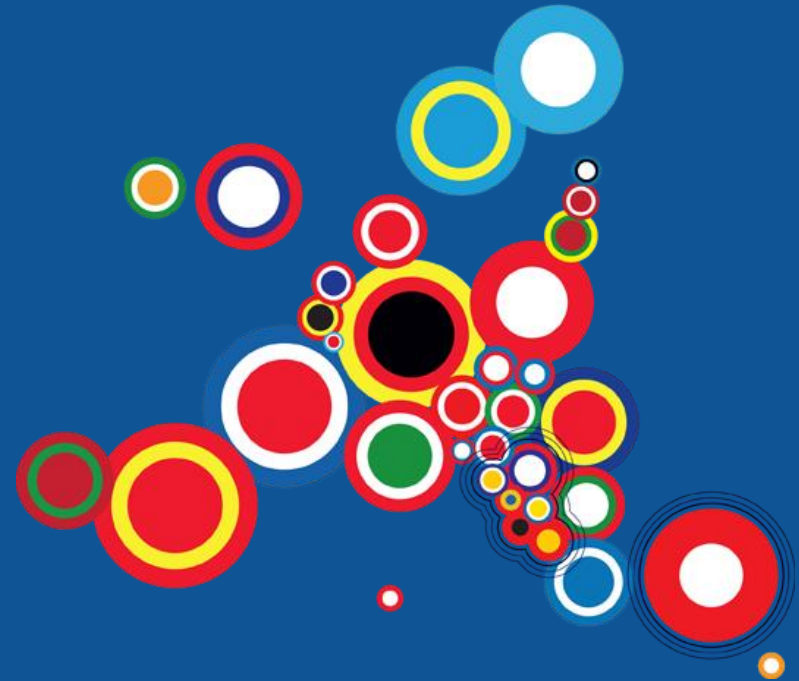


I futuri allargamenti dell'Unione Europea

**Lezione 5: Fuori e dentro l'Europa.
La Brexit e i prossimi allargamenti
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Enlargement: Legal Basis

- *Article 49 of the Treaty on the European Union*
- *1993 Copenhagen Criteria*
 - **Political criteria**
 - **Economic criteria**
 - **Administrative and institutional capacity to effectively implement the acquis**
 - **The EU's capacity to absorb new members**

Enlargement: Mains steps to EU accession



1 Country submits an application to the Council (EU Member States).



2 The Commission submits an Opinion on the application.



3 EU Member States decide unanimously to grant the country candidate status.



4 After conditions are met, Member States (unanimously) agree to open the accession negotiations.



5 The Commission proposes a draft negotiating framework as a basis for the talks at the request from Member States. Accession negotiations formally start once Member States agree on the negotiating framework.



6 During negotiations, which are structured according to clusters and chapters, the country prepares to implement EU laws and standards.

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7 Once negotiations on all areas are finalised, the Commission gives its Opinion on the readiness of the country to become a Member State.








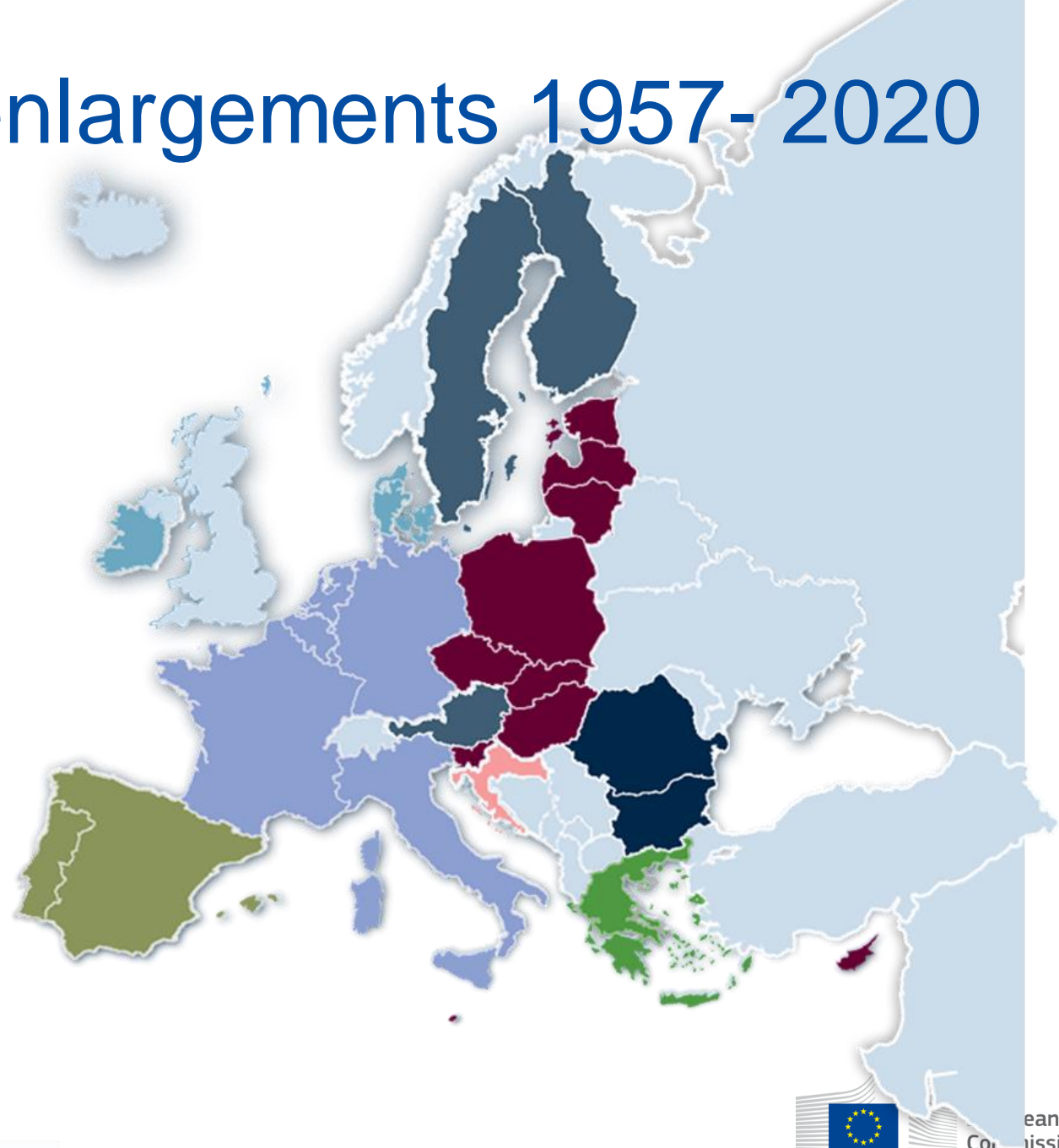
8 Based on this Opinion, EU Member States decide unanimously to close the accession negotiations. The European Parliament must also give its consent.



9 All EU Member States and the candidate country sign and ratify an Accession Treaty which enables the country to become an EU Member State.

From 6 to 27 - EU enlargements 1957-2020

1957	 Belgium	 Italy
	 France	 Luxembourg
	 Germany	 Netherlands
1973	 Denmark	 UK
	 Ireland	
1981	 Greece	
1986	 Portugal	 Spain
1995	 Austria	 Sweden
	 Finland	
2004	 Cyprus	 Lithuania
	 Czech Rep.	 Malta
	 Estonia	 Poland
	 Hungary	 Slovakia
	 Latvia	 Slovenia
2007	 Romania	 Bulgaria
2013	 Croatia	
2020	 Brexit	



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