There is a broad national and political consensus on EU integration as Montenegro’s strategic foreign policy priority.

Accession negotiations between Montenegro and the European Union officially begun on 29 June 2012 at the Inter-governmental Conference in Brussels.

**Negotiation structure is composed of:**

1) College for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union;
2) State Delegation of Montenegro for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union;
3) Negotiating Group for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union;
4) Working Groups for Preparation of Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union on Individual Negotiating Chapters – chapters of the EU acquis;
5) Office of the Chief Negotiator for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union;
6) Secretariat of the Negotiating Group.

**Parliament of Montenegro** is following the EU integration process through the Committee for European Integration.

**Current status:** Candidate Country.
NEGOTIATION STRUCTURE

Government

State Delegation for Negotiation on Accession of Montenegro to the EU

Group for Negotiation on Accession of Montenegro to the EU

Working Group
Working Group
Working Group
Working Group

Office of Chief Negotiator in Podgorica
Office of Chief Negotiator in Brussels

Information

Parliamentary Committee for European Integration

College for Negotiation on Accession of Montenegro to the EU

Secretariat
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2006 Independence

2007 SAA

2008 Interim Agreement Implementation - Application for full membership of EU

2012 Accession

2013 Negotiations Process...

Evolution

Efficiency

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EU INTEGRATION MILESTONES

2006
21 May 2006 – The Montenegrin independence referendum takes place – 55.5% of votes cast in favour of independence.

2007
13 November 2007 – The Parliament of Montenegro ratifies the SAA, the Interim Agreement and Agreements on Visa Facilitation and Readmission.
1 January 2008 – Interim Agreement on Trade and Trade-related Issues and Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements enter into force.

2008
15 December 2008 – Montenegro submits its application for EU membership.
23 April 2009 – The Council invites the Commission to submit its opinion on Montenegro’s application.

2009
30 November 2009 – The European Council grants visa-free travel for Montenegrin citizens.

2010
1 May 2010 – The Stabilisation and Association Agreement enters into force, after being ratified by all 27 Member States.
9 November 2010 – European Commission presents positive Opinion on Montenegro’s EU membership application.
17 December 2010 – European Council grants Candidate Status to Montenegro

2011
12 October 2011 – In the Progress Report, the European Commission recommends the opening of accession negotiations with the EU.
9 December 2011 – The European Council welcomes the European Commission’s assessment on the good progress made by Montenegro.
29 December 2011 – Chief Negotiator is appointed by the Government of Montenegro.
2012


23 May 2012 – The European Commission publishes the Report on Montenegro’s Progress in the Implementation of Reforms and recommends the EU member states to open the negotiations on accession of Montenegro in June 2012.

26 June 2012 – European General Affairs Council in Luxembourg decided to recommend initiation of accession negotiations between Montenegro and EU to the European Commission.

29 June 2012 – Official beginning of the negotiation process between Montenegro and European Union.

18 December 2012 – Chapter 25 – Science and Research opened and provisionally closed at the Intergovernmental conference in Brussels.

2013

15 April 2013 – Chapter 26 – Education and Culture opened and provisionally closed at the Intergovernmental conference in Brussels.


27 June 2013 – Complete the screening process for the 33 negotiating chapters.


2014

