



European Commission Opinions on the EU Membership applications

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On **17 June 2022**, the **European Commission** presented its **Opinions on the applications for membership to the European Union (EU)** submitted to the Council by **Ukraine**, the **Republic of Moldova** & **Georgia**. The Opinions are based on **three key assessments**:



Political criteria

Stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities



Economic criteria

A functioning market economy and the capacity to cope with competition and market forces



Ability to assume the obligations of membership

Capacity to enforce the EU *acquis*

The Opinions also take into account Ukraine, Moldova & Georgia's efforts in implementing their obligations under the **Association Agreements (AAs)** including **Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (DCFTAs)**. These agreements, signed in 2014, are the legal framework for bringing Ukraine, Moldova & Georgia and the EU closer together, promoting deeper political ties, stronger economic links and respect for common values.

Recommendations

The Commission recommends to the Council that **Ukraine, Moldova** and **Georgia** should be given **the perspective to become a member** of the European Union.

The Commission recommends that **Ukraine** and **Moldova** be granted **candidate status**, on the understanding that a **certain number of steps** are taken and, for **Georgia**, once a **certain number of priorities** will have been addressed.

The accession process remains based on **established criteria and conditions**. This allows any country in the process to progress based on its own merits, but also means that steps towards the EU can be reversed if the underlying conditions are not met any more.

The Commission will monitor the progress in fulfilling these **steps** for **Ukraine** and **Moldova**, and the **priorities** for **Georgia**. The Commission will report on them by the end of 2022.

2022 Key dates

28 February

Ukraine presents its application for EU membership

3 March

Moldova & Georgia present their applications for EU membership

7 March

The Council of the European Union requests the Commission to submit its Opinions on **Ukraine, Moldova & Georgia's** applications

8 April

Ukraine receives questionnaire on the political & economic criteria

11 April

Moldova & Georgia receive questionnaire on the political & economic criteria

13 April

Ukraine receives questionnaire on the EU *acquis*

17 April

Ukraine sends answers to political & economic criteria

19 April

Moldova & Georgia receive questionnaire on the EU *acquis*

22 April

Moldova sends answers to political & economic criteria

2 May

Georgia sends answers to political & economic criteria

9 May

Ukraine sends answers to the EU *acquis*

10 May

Georgia sends answers to the EU *acquis*

12 May

Moldova sends answers to the EU *acquis*

17 June

European Commission adopts its Opinions on the EU membership applications



What's next?

Based on the Commission Opinions on the three applications, the Member States will decide unanimously on the next steps.