

European market and the European Economic Area

1994 – Fourth Parliamentary elections

– Hungary and Poland apply to join EU

1995 – Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to EC

– Romania, Slovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Bulgaria apply to join EU

1996 – Slovenia and Czech Republic apply to join EU

1997 – Signing of the **Treaty of Amsterdam**

1998 – Formal accession negotiations with six applicant countries (Cyprus, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Estonia, and Slovenia)

1999 – On 1 January, exchange rates between the Euro and the participating Member States' currencies in the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) are irrevocably fixed

– Fifth Parliamentary Elections

2001 – ECSC expires

2002 – On 1 January, Euro notes and coins are issued and on 1 July the Euro is the only legal tender in the participating countries.

2003(?) – Accession of new Member States

Glossary

CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CCP	Common Commercial Policy
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
Commission	European Commission
Coreper	Committee of Permanent Representatives
Council	Council of the European Union
DG	Directorate-General
EAEC	European Atomic Energy Community (commonly known as EURATOM)
EC	European Community - formerly European Economic Community (EEC); now associated to Community matters of the European Union
ECB	European Central Bank
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights

ECJ	European Court of Justice
EcoSoc	Economic and Social Committee
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Area
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMI	European Monetary Institute
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
EP	European Parliament
EU	European Union
Euratom	European Atomic Energy Community
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
JHA	Justice and Home Affairs
Maastricht Treaty	Treaty on European Union (TEU)
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
QMV	Qualified Majority Voting
SEA	Single European Act (1986)
TENs	Trans-European Networks
TEU	Treaty on European Union (1992)
Treaty	Refers to the Treaty establishing the EC unless otherwise indicated

Treaty of Amsterdam Treaty amending the Treaty on European Union (1997)

Treaty of Paris Treaty establishing the ECSC (1951)

Treaties of Rome Treaties establishing the EEC and Euratom in 1957, renamed EC Treaty in 1993

WEU Western European Union

WTO World Trade Organisation