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## Speed Versus Scrutiny: The EU's Dilemma in Integrating Eastern Europe





While nine other countries are already EU aspirants, the last member, Croatia, joined in 2013! This raises the question: why the slow pace? #EU #Ukraine #Expansion

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	The EU, a sui generis entity, traces its origin from the European Coal and Steel Community in 1951 with the Treaty of Rome. From these humble origins it evolved into its current form under the Maastricht Treaty in 1992.#EU				
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	Economically, integrating Eastern Europe might seem beneficial, as has been the experience with the 2004 'big bang' expansion and the 2013 one. This phase really went pushed the bloc to countries that enjoyed soviet clout.				
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	Its success, what EU calls a 'positive-sum' explains EU's interest in expansion. Strategically also expansion seems prudent, considering a revisionist Russiathen why the debates?				
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EU approach to expansion follows a roadmap, rooted in its core values—that cannot be compromised.. #EU #EasternEurope



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Joining the prestigious union requires a formal application, followed by in-depth negotiations and, crucially, the implementation of significant reforms to align with EU standards. #EU #Membership

## Ukraine's position in international ranking

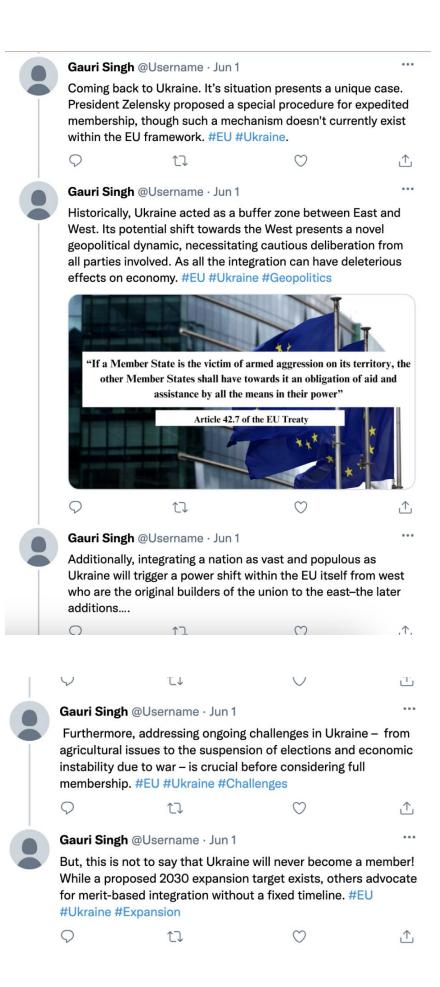
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Corruption	Perceptions Index 2021	122/180	
Index of E	conomic Freedom 2022	130/177	
Human Fre	edomm Index 2021	98/165	
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The lengthy process in Ukraine's case is further compounded by several factors. Let's see. ...

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The path to EU expansion is paved with complex considerations. What does the future hold? Only time, and the ongoing debates, will tell. Share your thoughts! Should the EU prioritize speed or thoroughness in its expansion? #EU #Debate #Discussion

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