

## Signature of the accession treaty of Croatia to the EU

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On 9 December 2011, Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, Polish Prime Minister, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, Jerzy Buzek, President of the EP, Ivo Josipovic, President of Croatia, and Jadranka Kosor, Prime Minister of Croatia, participated, in Brussels, in the signature ceremony of the accession treaty of Croatia among the 27 EU heads of state or government. The accession treaty signature followed an all-night session of the European summit focused on strengthening the EU economic convergence and fiscal discipline. Croatia will become the 28th member of the EU in July 2013 after ratification by the legislatures of the bloc's 27 member nations.

Croatia's entry talks lasted seven years and were held up repeatedly due to territorial disputes with neighbouring Slovenia and demands that it arrest remaining war crimes suspects. Croatia will become the second nation from the former Yugoslavia to join the EU after Slovenia became a member in 2004.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:14
00:00:14	Credits and title	00:00:06
1.ARRIVALS		
00:00:20	Title	00:00:05
00:00:25	Arrival of Jyrki Katainen, Finnish Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:37
00:01:02	Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council (6 shots)	00:00:26
00:01:28	Arrival of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC (4 shots)	00:00:17
00:01:45	Arrival of Ivo Josipović, President of Croatia, and Jadranka Kosor, Croatian Prime Minister (10 shots)	00:00:50
00:02:36	Arrival of Valdis Dombrovskis, Latvian Prime Minister (6 shots)	00:00:37
00:03:13	Arrival of Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania, and soundbite (in ENGLISH): We are very happy that finally the member states decided that they need to take responsibility and go ahead very fast. That was not before. Finally, now, everybody agrees that we need to go ahead. That is very good. Of course, it will take time; a political agreement of the majority of the Member States not only the 17 Member States of the eurozone, but the majority. It is a very good further step, I am very happy and Lithuania supports it. Brits are divided and they are outside of decision making. Europe is united.	00:01:10

00:04:23	Arrival of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Spanish Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:27
00:04:50	Arrival of Werner Faymann, Austrian Federal Chancellor (5 shots)	00:00:28
00:05:18	Arrival of Lucas Papademos, Greek Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:22
00:05:40	Arrival of Petr Nečas, Czech Prime Minister (6 shots)	00:00:29
00:06:09	Arrival of Pedro Passos Coelho, Portuguese Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:21
00:06:30	Arrival of Viktor Orbán, Hungarian Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:29
00:06:59	Arrival of Borut Pahor, Slovenian Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:27
00:07:26	Arrival of Andrus Ansip, Estonian Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:24
00:07:50	Arrival of Demetris Christofias, President of Cyprus (4 shots)	00:00:25
00:08:15	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC (5 shots)	00:00:20
00:08:36	Arrival of Mario Monti, Italian Prime Minister (6 shots)	00:00:31
00:09:07	Arrival of Angela Merkel, German Federal Chancellor, and soundbite (in GERMAN) saying that yesterday, we made some important decisions for the euro. It was to begin the stability and fiscal union. We have reached after lengthy negotiations with a good result. We will build a budget for the European Union that will be also a union of stability. I've always said that we had the 17 states in the euro area back to their credibility and I think with today's decisions we (the euro) can and will do.	00:01:02
00:10:09	Arrival of Jean-Claude Juncker, Luxembourgish Prime Minister (6 shots)	00:00:27
00:10:36	Arrival of Iveta Radičová, Slovak Prime Minister (6 shots)	00:00:47
00:11:23	Arrival of Traian Băsescu, President of Romania (3 shots)	00:00:14
00:11:38	Arrival of Mark Rutte, Dutch Prime Minister (5 shots)	00:00:27
00:12:05	Arrival of Enda Kenny, Irish Prime Minister, and soundbite (in ENGLISH): I raised the exceptional difficulty that Ireland's gone through; having to borrow very extensively for bank recapitalisation.	00:00:31
00:12:35	Arrival of Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Danish Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:31

00:13:07	Arrival of Elio Di Rupo, Belgian Prime Minister, and soundbite (in FRENCH) saying that given the situation of the euro, fiscal discipline is needed but we also need more solidarity and more growth. I think my colleagues need to work more in these dimensions: fiscal discipline but also solidarity and growth.	00:00:30
00:13:36	Arrival of David Cameron, British Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:13
00:13:50	Arrival of Lawrence Gonzi, Maltese Prime Minister (4 shots)	00:00:21
2.EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECHES		
00:14:10	Title	00:00:05
00:14:15	Arrival on stage of Herman van Rompuy	00:00:03
00:14:19	Soundbite by Herman van Rompuy (in ENGLISH): Today is an historic day for Croatia and for the European Union. Nearly nine years since you applied for membership, after six years of negotiations, the Accession Treaty of Croatia to the European Union is ready for signature. Croatia is set to become the 28th Member State of the Union.	00:00:30
00:14:49	Arrival on stage of Donald Tusk, Polish Prime Minister and President in office of the Council of the EU	00:00:06
00:14:54	Soundbite by Donald Tusk (in POLISH) saying that we are at a key juncture in the EU's history. After our exhausting discussions, we are looking for a way out of the crisis, which everybody is feeling throughout the world, but particularly in the eurozone. Croatia's decision and the hopes of other countries who are still dreaming of joining the EU, show that the EU makes sense.	00:00:38
00:15:32	Arrival on stage of Jerzy Buzek, President of the EP (2 shots)	00:00:12
00:15:43	Soundbite (in ENGLISH) by Jerzy Buzek: The process of accession is often seen as a marathon. It is true it has taken you, Croatian friends, 10 years of hard work to get to where we are today. You have done an incredible job in adopting your laws, standards and institutions and procedures to our common model. Every marathon ends with a final sprint, it is important for all of us to cross the finish line on the 1st July 2013.	00:00:40
00:16:24	Arrival on stage of José Manuel Barroso	00:00:10

00:16:34	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): Enlargement, provided that all the relevant conditions are met, will thus continue to serve as an anchor of stability, a driver of democracy and the rule of law, and as a catalyst for economic prosperity. We should therefore not let the economic crisis overshadow this very important European policy. The current crisis, we all know it, is serious. We should not let it affect the Union's basic commitment towards the other countries of the region.	00:00:32
00:17:06	Arrival on stage of Ivo Josipović	00:00:08
00:17:15	Soundbite by Ivo Josipović (in CROATIAN) saying that Croatia is the first new Member State of the EU which, during its transition towards memberships, had to overcome the difficult legacy of war. This makes Croatia's accession even greater. For this reason, this time of a profound crisis in Europe, the EU, they can proudly give the congratulations for Croatia's successes. Croatia success is the success of a peace making policy which is the strongest foundation of the unification of Europe.	00:00:33
00:17:47	Arrival on stage of Jadranka Kosor	00:00:09
00:17:56	Soundbite by Jadranka Kosor (in CROATIAN) saying that, bearing Croatia's recent history in mind, she believes that all of us Croats can rightly feel proud and satisfied with our achievement. The EU Accession Treaty is certainly one of the most important international agreements. It no doubt constitutes the crowning achievement on their way to international recognition and in terms of strengthening their position on the global state.	00:00:27
00:18:23	General view of the press room with the audience applauding (3 shots)	00:00:10
<b>3. SIGNATURE OF THE ACCESSION TREATY OF CROATIA</b>		
00:18:34	Title	00:00:05
00:18:39	Opening of the signature ceremony. The signing of the Accession Treaty of Croatia to the EU, signatories in alphabetical order.	00:00:20
00:18:59	Elio Di Rupo signing the Treaty (9 shots)	00:01:05
00:20:04	Boïko Borissov, Bulgarian Prime Minister, signing the Treaty (9 shots)	00:00:49
00:20:53	Petr Nečas signing the Treaty (7 shots)	00:00:34
00:21:27	Helle Thorning-Schmidt signing the Treaty (9 shots)	00:00:51
00:22:18	Angela Merkel signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:25

00:22:43	Andrus Ansip signing the Treaty (6 shots)	00:00:35
00:23:18	José Manuel Barroso and Ivo Josipović	00:00:07
00:23:26	Enda Kenny signing the Treaty (9 shots)	00:00:55
00:24:21	Lucas Papademos signing the Treaty (7 shots)	00:00:35
00:24:56	Jadranka Kosor	00:00:08
00:25:04	José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero signing the Treaty (10 shots)	00:00:41
00:25:45	Jerzy Buzek, José Manuel Barroso and Ivo Josipović	00:00:05
00:25:50	Jean Leonetti, French Minister for European Affairs, signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:42
00:26:32	José Manuel Barroso and Jerzy Buzek	00:00:07
00:26:39	Ivo Josipović and Jadranka Kosor signing the Treaty (11 shots)	00:01:30
00:28:09	Mario Monti signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:40
00:28:49	Demetris Christofias signing the Treaty (7 shots)	00:00:44
00:29:33	José Manuel Barroso and Ivo Josipović	00:00:04
00:29:38	Valdis Dombrovskis signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:01:20
00:30:58	Dalia Grybauskaitė signing the Treaty (10 shots)	00:00:38
00:31:36	Jean-Claude Juncker signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:39
00:32:15	Viktor Orbán signing the Treaty (9 shots)	00:00:41
00:32:56	Lawrence Gonzi signing the Treaty (9 shots)	00:00:47
00:33:43	Marke Rutte signing the Treaty (6 shots)	00:00:40
00:34:23	Werner Faymann signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:44
00:35:07	Donald Tusk signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:41
00:35:49	Pedro Passos Coelho signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:36
00:36:24	Traian Băsescu signing the Treaty (6 shots)	00:00:35
00:36:59	Borut Pahor signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:39
00:37:38	Iveta Radičová signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:33
00:38:12	Jyrki Katainen signing the Treaty (10 shots)	00:00:44
00:38:55	Fredrik Reinfeldt, Swedish Prime Minister, signing the Treaty (8 shots)	00:00:49
00:39:44	David Cameron signing the Treaty (10 shots)	00:00:50

00:40:34	Closing of the signature ceremony	00:00:06
4.GROUP PHOTO		
00:40:45	Group photo with in the 1st row: Jerzy Buzek, Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, Dalia Grybauskaitė, Jadranka Kosor, Ivo Josipović, Herman van Rompuy, Donald Tusk, Polish Prime Minister and President in office of the Council of the EU, Demetris Christofias, Traian Băsescu, José Manuel Barroso, Catherine Ashton and Uwe Corsepius, Secretary General of the Council of the EU.In the 2nd row: Boïko Borissov, Andrus Ansip, David Cameron, Lawrence Gonzi, Iveta Radičová, Jean-Claude Juncker, Valdis Dombrovskis, Mario Monti, Lucas Papademos, Enda Kenny and Helle Thorning-Schmidt.In the 3rd row: Jean Leonetti, Viktor Orbán, Elio Di Rupo, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Fredrik Reinfeldt, Angela Merkel, Petr Nečas, Borut Pahor, Pedro Passos Coelho, Jyrki Katainen, Werner Faymann and Mark Rutte (12 shots)	00:01:26
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