

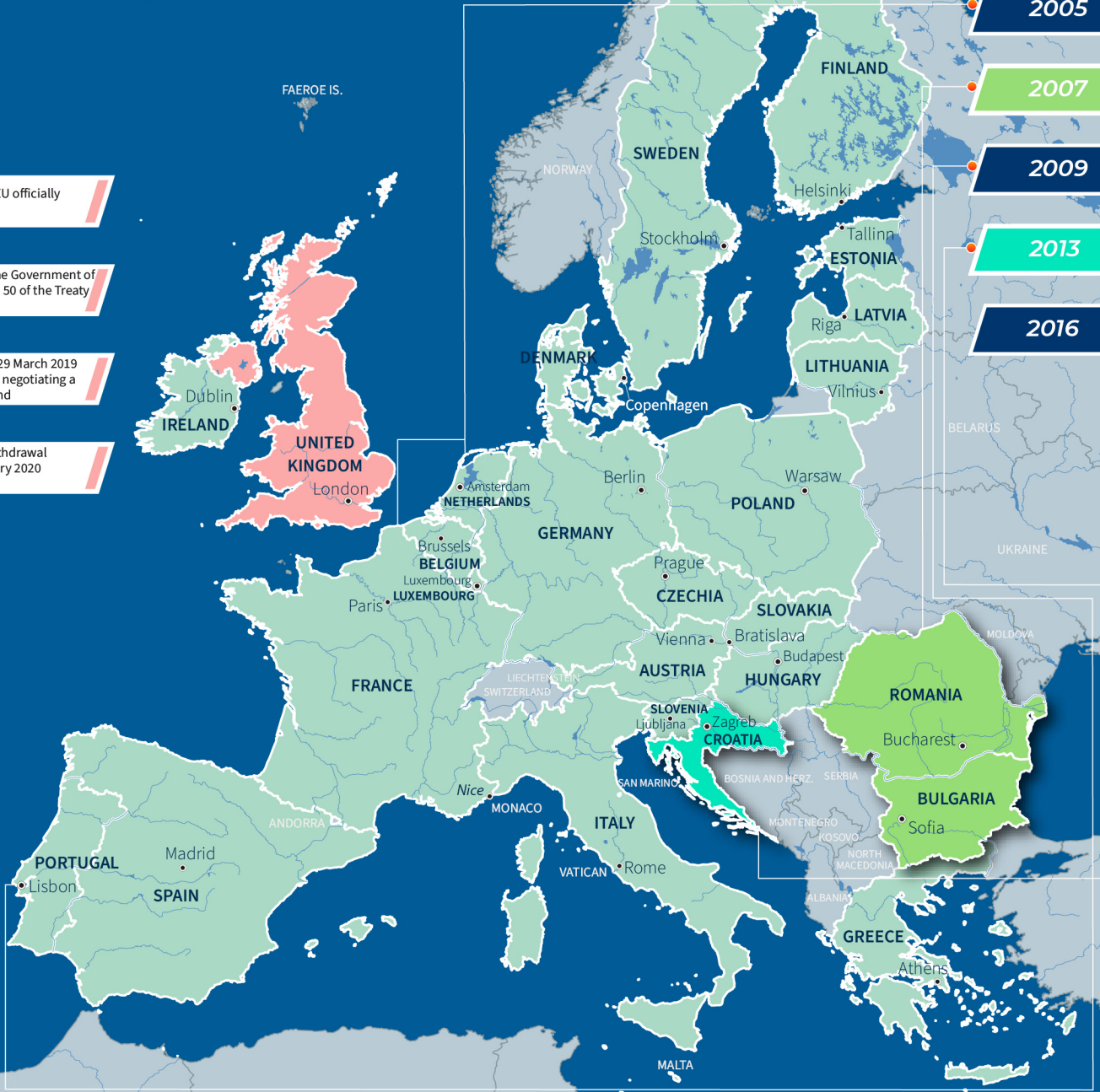
# Timeline of European Union History

## 2005–2020\*



- 2017** Negotiations between UK and the EU officially started in June 2017
- 2017** Start of Brexit: On 29 March 2017, the Government of the United Kingdom invoked Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.
- 2019** The UK was due to leave the EU on 29 March 2019 at 11 p.m. GMT, when the period for negotiating a withdrawal agreement was set to end
- 2020** UK leaves the EU after the Brexit withdrawal agreement takes effect on 31 January 2020 at 11 p.m. GMT

- 2005** France and the Netherlands reject the Constitution after own internal referendums (for France it was a binding one only)
- 2007** Accession of Bulgaria and Romania
- 2009** Lisbon Treaty abolishes the three pillars of the European Union
- 2013** Accession of Croatia
- 2016** UK holds a Membership Referendum and votes to leave the European Union



\*All countries are shown with their borders as of 2023.