

What are the differences

## EU/ EEA / EFTA / Schengen / Eurozone

	EEA	EU	EFTA	Schengen	Eurozone	Candidates	Potential Candidates
Austria	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Belgium	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Bulgaria	√	√	x	x	x	x	x
Croatia	√	√	x	x	√	x	x
Cyprus	√	√	x	x	√	x	x
Czechia	√	√	x	√	x	x	x
Denmark	√	√	x	√	x	x	x
Estonia	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Finland	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
France	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Germany	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Greece	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Hungary	√	√	x	√	x	x	x
Ireland	√	√	x	x	√	x	x
Italy	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Latvia	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Lithuania	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Luxembourg	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Malta	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Netherlands	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Poland	√	√	x	√	x	x	x
Portugal	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Romania	√	√	x	x	x	x	x
Slovakia	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Slovenia	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Spain	√	√	x	√	√	x	x
Sweden	√	√	x	√	x	x	x
Liechtenstein	√	x	√	√	x	x	x
Iceland	√	x	√	√	x	x	x
Norway	√	x	√	√	x	x	x
Switzerland	x	x	√	√	x	x	x
Turkey	x	x	x	x	x	√	x
Montenegro	x	x	x	x	x	√	x
Macedonia	x	x	x	x	x	√	x
Serbia	x	x	x	x	x	√	x
Albania	x	x	x	x	x	√	x
Bosnia and Herzegovina	x	x	x	x	x	x	√
Kosovo	x	x	x	x	x	x	√

EU – European Union Member States (27)

EEA – European Economic Area (3)

EFTA – European Free Trade Association (4)

Eurozone – Adopted Euro currency (√9)

Schengen – Schengen zone (26)

Candidates – already in the process of incorporating EU legislation into national law.

Potential Candidates – do not yet meet the conditions for EU membership.

One of the main differences between EFTA and EU membership is that EFTA members are not part of the EU Customs Union. The European Economic Area (EEA) was established by the EEA Agreement, which entered into force in 1994. Its objective is to extend the Internal Market of the EU to the three participating EFTA States creating a homogeneous European Economic Area. To join the EEA it is necessary first to join EFTA.

