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## **ID congratulates Croatia**

The European Commission [announced](#) earlier today that Croatia should join the European Union in mid-2013. Six years of membership negotiations are coming to an end, after a much more arduous process than any of the EU's current members experienced. Croatia will be the first new member of the EU since 2007, after the multiple accession of twelve new member states in the last decade. The European Commission's recommendation should be approved by EU member states at this month's summit (23-24 June).

Independent Diplomat congratulates Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor and her team, in particular Chief Negotiator Vladimir Drobnyak, on their achievement, which will entrench Croatia's hard-won stability and embed the entire region more firmly into a European future. This is Croatia's success and we are proud to have assisted Ambassador Drobnyak in the negotiations.

