

## ACCESSION PROCESS

- 35 chapters
- Special Chapter 23 Judiciary and Fundamental Rights, with no acquis
- 400 benchmarks for opening and closing almost every chapter
- We are the first candidate country to have had monitoring in the period between closing negotiations and full membership
- 12,5 years since the Zagreb Summit, when the Stabilization and Association Process was initiated (November 24th 2000)
- 12 years since the first Agreement with the EU the signing of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (October 29th 2001)
- 10 years from submitting the Application for Membership in the EU (March 21st 2003)
- We replied to 4560 questions in 3 months and submitted our replies in October of 2003
- 9 years from getting the Avis (April 20th 2004)
- 9 years from getting the Candidate Status (June 18th 2004)
- 7,5 years from the beginning of Accession Negotiations between the Republic of Croatia and the European Union (October 3rd 2005)
- 6,5 years from completing the screening process (October 18th 2006)
- 2 years from closing the accession negotiations (June 30th 2011)
- 1,5 from signing the Accession Treaty (December 9th 2011)
- 1 year from the Referendum on Croatia's Accession to the EU, the second referendum in the history of independent Croatia. 66,27% votes were cast IN FAVOUR (January 22nd 2012)
- 1500 experts took part in the negotiations
- 160 000 pages of Acquis Communautaire were translated
- A total of 6 Progress Reports + 3 Monitoring Reports