

Procedures planned for the ratification of the Constitutional Treaty (Situation as on 5 December 2006)

Caption: Table showing the ratification procedures — by means of a parliamentary decision or a referendum — in the 25 Member States of the European Union that are necessary for the entry into force of the Constitutional Treaty signed in Rome on 29 October 2004 (situation as at 5 December 2006).

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Member State	Procedure	Date scheduled	Previous European referendums
Belgium	Parliamentary (Chamber and Senate + Assemblies of Communities and Regions) Indicative referendum ruled out	Approval by the Senate: 28.04.2005 Approval by the Chamber: 19.05.2005 Approval by the Brussels regional Parliament: 17.06.2005 Approval by the German Community Parliament of Belgium: 20.06.2005 Approval by the Walloon regional Parliament: 29.06.2005 Approval by the French Community Parliament: 19.07.2005 Approval by the Flemish regional Parliament: 08.02.2006	No
Czech Republic	No final decision on a referendum as proposed by Government	Date of possible referendum (debated June 2006 together with national elections) should be postponed to end of 2006-beginning of 2007	2003: accession to the EU
Denmark	Referendum	Previously scheduled on 27.09.2005 Now postponed (no new date)	1972: accession to the EC 1986: Single European Act 1992: Maastricht Treaty (twice) 1998: Amsterdam Treaty 2000: euro
Germany	Parliamentary (Bundestag and Bundesrat)	Approval by Bundestag: 12.05.2005 Adoption by Bundesrat: 27.05.2005	No
Estonia	Parliamentary	Approval by Parliament on 09.05.2006	2003: accession to the EU
Greece	Parliamentary But the Left parties submitted a joint proposal for a referendum	Approval by Parliament: 19.04.2005	No
Spain	Parliamentary (Congress and Senate) + consultative referendum	Referendum 20.02.2005: In favour 76,7 % Turnout: 42,3 % Approval of the Congress on 28.04.2005 Approval of the Senate on	No

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France	Referendum	Revision of the French Constitution (needed before ratification process) approved by Congress (national Assembly + Senate) on 28.02.2005 (730 votes in favour, 66 against) Referendum 29.05.2005: Negative (No: 54,68 %) Turnout: 69,34 %	1972: enlargement European Communities (EC) 1992: Maastricht Treaty
Ireland	Parliamentary + Referendum	First detailed discussion in the Irish Parliament's EU Affairs Committee: 09.02.2005 Referendum previously scheduled for October-November 2005 postponed (no date) A White paper has been presented to the parliament on 13.10.2005	1972: accession to the EC 1987: Single European Act 1992: Maastricht Treaty 1998: Amsterdam Treaty 2001 and 2002: Nice Treaty
Italy	Parliamentary (Chamber and Senate)	Approval by the Chamber on 25.01.2005 and by the Senate on 06.04.2005	1989: possible draft Constitution (consultative referendum)
Cyprus	Parliamentary Referendum ruled out	First discussion in the House (Committee on European Affairs) on 04.02.2005 Approval by the House on 30.06.2005	No
Latvia	Parliamentary	Constitution considered by Parliament since December 2004 Approval by the Chamber on 02.06.2005	2003: accession to the EU
Lithuania	Parliamentary	Approval by Parliament: 11.11.2004	2003: accession to the EU
Luxembourg	Parliamentary (two votes) + consultative referendum	Specific law related to the organisation of the referendum adopted by the Chamber on 12.04.2005 Approval by the Chamber (first reading) on 28.06.2005 Positive referendum of 10.07.2005 (56,52 % in favour, 43,48 % against; compulsory vote) Final approval by the Chamber on 25 October 2005 (57 votes in favour, 1 against)	No
Hungary	Parliamentary	Approval by Parliament: 20.12.2004	2003: accession to the EU

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Malta	Parliamentary Referendum ruled out	Approval by Parliament: 06.07.2005	2003: accession to the EU
Netherlands	Parliamentary (First and second Chambers) + consultative referendum	On 25.01.2005, Senate voted in favour of the holding of a consultative referendum Referendum 01.06.2005: negative (61,7 %) Turnout. 63 %	No
Austria	Parliamentary (Nationalrat and Bunderat) Referendum ruled out	Approval by the Nationalrat: 11.05.2005 Approval by Bundesrat: 25.05.2005	1994: accession to the EU
Poland	Referendum probable No decision so far	A referendum was in discussion for 09.10.2005 along with presidential elections The Parliament failed on 05.07.2005 to vote on the ratification procedure The decision should be taken by the next parliament	2003: accession to the EU
Portugal	Referendum	Referendum previously scheduled for October 2005 along with the local elections (preliminary revision of the national constitution adopted by Parliament on 22.06.2005). Referendum postponed (no date has been set)	No
Slovenia	Parliamentary	Approval by Parliament: 01.02.2005	2003: accession to the EU
Slovakia	Parliamentary	Approval by Parliament: 11.05.2005	2003: accession to the EU
Finland	Parliamentary	Debate of Parliament previously scheduled in autumn 2005 and ratification envisaged for the end of 2005 or the beginning of 2006. Decision of report. Presentation by the Government of a report to the Parliament on 25.11.2005. Ratification expected during the presidency of the Council in the second half of 2006. Approval by Parliament: 05.12.2006	1994: accession to the EU (consultative referendum)
Sweden	Parliamentary No referendum envisaged at this stage	Presentation of the Ratification Bill previously scheduled in Summer for approval in December 2005 has been postponed (PM declared intention not to proceed with ratification if no new	1994: accession to the EU 2003: euro (consultative referendums)

		referendum envisaged in FR and NL)	
United Kingdom	Parliamentary (House of Commons and House of Lords) + referendum	Bill approved in second reading by the House of Commons on 09.02.2005 Parliamentary ratification expected in first half-year 2006 suspended (suspension announced by UK government on 06.06.2005)	1975: continued membership of the EC