



Overview of referenda on EU integration (1972-2016)

Year	Country	Object	Turnout	Outcome	Category	Type	Legal implications
1972	France	EEC Enlargement	60%	Yes (68.3%)	Single issue	Optional	Non-binding
1972	Ireland	EEC membership	71%	Yes (83.1%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
1972	Norway	EEC membership	79.2%	No (53.5%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1972	Denmark	EEC membership	90%	Yes (63.3%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
1972	Switzerland	EEC-EFTA treaty	52%	Yes (72.5%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
1975	UK	EEC membership	64%	Yes (67.2%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1982	Greenland	EEC membership	74.9%	No (54%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1986	Denmark	Single European Act	75%	Yes (56.2%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
1987	Ireland	Single European Act	44%	Yes (69.9%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
1989	Italy	Attribute constitutional mandate to MEPs	85%	Yes (88.1%)	Single issue	Optional	Non-binding
1992	Denmark	Maastricht Treaty	83%	No (50.7%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
1992	Ireland	Maastricht Treaty	57%	Yes (68.7%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
1992	France	Maastricht Treaty	70%	Yes (51.1%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Binding
1992	Switzerland	EEA accession	78.7%	No (50.3%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
1992	Liechtenstein	EEA accession	87%	Yes (55.8%)	Membership	Optional	Binding
1993	Denmark	Maatricht Treaty	87%	Yes (56.8%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Non-binding
1994	Austria	EU membership	82%	Yes (66.6%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
1994	Finland	EU membership	70%	Yes (56.9%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1994	Åland Islands (Finland)	EU membership	49.1%	Yes (73.6%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1994	Sweden	EU membership	83%	Yes (52.3%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1994	Norway	EU membership	89%	No (52.2%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
1995	Liechtenstein	EEA accession	82%	Yes (55.9%)	Membership	Optional	Binding
1997	Switzerland	EU candidature	35.4%	No (74%)	Membership	Optional	Binding
1998	Ireland	Amsterdam Treaty	56%	Yes (61.7%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
1998	Denmark	Amsterdam Treaty	76%	Yes (55.1%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
2000	Switzerland	Bilateral agreements	48%	Yes (67.2%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Binding
2000	Denmark	Single currency	88%	No (53.2%)	Single issue	Optional	Binding
2001	Switzerland	EU candidature	55.8%	No (76.8%)	Membership	Optional	Binding
2001	Ireland	Nice Treaty	35%	No (53.9%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
2002	Ireland	Nice Treaty	49%	Yes (62.9%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding



2003	Malta	EU membership	91%	Yes (53.6%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
2003	Slovenia	EU membership	60%	Yes (89.6%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Hungary	EU membership	46%	Yes (83.7%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Lithuania	EU membership	63%	Yes (91.1%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Slovakia	EU membership	52%	Yes (92.5%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Poland	EU membership	59%	Yes (77.5%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Czech Republic	EU membership	55%	Yes (77.3%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Estonia	EU membership	64%	Yes (66.8%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Sweden	Single currency	83%	No (55.9%)	Single issue	Optional	Non-binding
2003	Latvia	EU membership	73%	Yes (67.0%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2003	Romania	EU membership	56%	Yes (89.7%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2005	Spain	Constitutional Treaty	42%	Yes (76.7%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Non-binding
2005	France	Constitutional Treaty	69%	No (54.7%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Non-binding
2005	Netherlands	Constitutional Treaty	63%	No (61.5%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Non-binding
2005	Switzerland	Schengen Agreement	56%	Yes (54.6%)	Single issue	Optional	Binding
2005	Luxembourg	Constitutional Treaty	89%	Yes (56.5%)	Treaty ratification	Optional	Non-binding
2005	Switzerland	Freedom of movement for workers (to include 10 new EU members)	54.3%	Yes (56%)	Single issue	Optional	Binding
2006	Switzerland	Cohesion contribution (1 bn for the 10 new EU members)	45%	Yes (53.4%)	Single issue	Optional	Binding
2008	Ireland	Lisbon Treaty	53%	No (53.4%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
2009	Ireland	Lisbon Treaty	59%	Yes (67.1%)	Treaty ratification	Mandatory	Binding
2009	Switzerland	Free movement of persons (extended to RO & BG)	52%	Yes (59.6%)	Single issue	Mandatory	Binding
2009	Switzerland	Introduction of biometric passports (in accordance with Schengen)	38.8%	Yes (50.2%)	Single issue	Optional	Binding
2012	Croatia	EU membership	43%	Yes (66.7%)	Membership	Mandatory	Binding
2012	Ireland	European Fiscal Compact	50%	Yes (60.3%)	Single issue	Mandatory	Binding
2013	San Marino	Accession negotiations EU	43.4%	Yes (50.8%)	Membership	Optional	Binding
2014	Denmark	Unified Patent Court ⁱ	54%	Yes (62.6%)	Single issue	Mandatory	Binding
2014	Switzerland	Reduce free movement of persons	56%	Yes (50.3%)	Single issue	Optional	Binding
2014	Gagauzia (Moldova)	Accession to the EU	70%	No (97.5%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
2015	Greece	Accept bailout conditions	62.5%	No (61.3%)	Single issue	Optional	Non-binding
2015	Denmark	Cease full opt-out on Justice and	72%	No (53.1%)	Single issue	Mandatory	Binding



Home Affairs							
2016	Netherlands	EU-Ukraine Association Agreement	32%	No (61%)	Single issue	Mandatory	Non-binding
2016	UK	EU membership	72.2%	Leave (51.9%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
2016	Gibraltar	EU membership	83.6%	Remain (95.9%)	Membership	Optional	Non-binding
2016 (2.10.2016)	Hungary	Migrant quota	-	-	Single issue	Optional	ⁱⁱ Non-binding

Source: Tilindyte, L., *Referendums on EU issues*, European Parliamentary Research Service, [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/582041/EPRS_BRI\(2016\)582041_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2016/582041/EPRS_BRI(2016)582041_EN.pdf), [consulted on 05.09.2016], complemented by TEPSA with: The Electoral Commission, *EU Referendum results*, <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/find-information-by-subject/elections-and-referendums/past-elections-and-referendums/eu-referendum/electorate-and-count-information> [consulted on 05.09.2016]; Visegrad Group, *Hungary's refugee referendum aims to shake up EU politics*, <http://www.visegradgroup.eu/hungarys-refugee> [consulted on 05.09.2016]; KuElewska, E., *Do the Swiss not want to join the EU? Swiss Referenda on European integration*, <http://przeglad.amu.edu.pl/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/pp-3-2013-085-098.pdf> [consulted on 07.09.2016]; Greek Government, *Referendum 5 July 2015*, available at: <http://www.referendum2015gov.gr/en/> [consulted 09.09.2016]; Database and Search Engine for Direct Democracy, available at <http://www.sudd.ch/> [consulted on 09.09.2016].

ⁱ Information on the ratification status of the Unified Patent Court available at: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents-publications/agreements-conventions/agreement/?aid=2013001> [consulted on 07.09.2016]. The ratification of Ireland requires a referendum. Such a referendum has not been announced.

ⁱⁱ There is still an open debate as to the legal implications of the referendum that will take place in Hungary on October the 2nd 2016. As stated in *Hungary's refugee referendum aims to shake up EU politics*, published by the Visegrad Group, " While the referendum might not have a direct impact on the EU's legislative process regarding the Dublin reform, it could once again shift the discussion about how the EU should handle the migration crisis from commonly agreed mechanisms, to national, unilateral solutions".