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Why is Babiš pushing for EU enlargement?

Despite all the policy differences between PM Andrej Babiš and Pres. Petr Pavel (ammunition for Ukraine, euro adoption, relations with China), they see eye to eye on EU enlargement. At least up to a point. Babiš said at an EU enlargement meeting in Montenegro on Fri. that [now is the time](#) for Balkan leaders to force Brussels to accept Albania and Montenegro into the fold as of 2028. Pavel would no doubt agree, but he has long wanted to link enlargement to improving [EU efficiency and governability](#), which boils down to a debate about a shift to qualified majority voting in some areas. Giving up the [EU veto is anathema](#) to the Babiš government. What's more, Babiš [declared](#) in the [Financial Times](#) on May 31 that, "The EU is now probably on the same road as the end of the Roman empire." Rather than dealing with the EU's existing problems, Babiš is recruiting more countries to go down that same road. It might make sense if he's more interested in integrating Central and Southeastern Europe than enlarging the EU as such.

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