This exploratory study examines the level of governance quality the EU-countries and neighbouring countries. The analysis is based on the concept of governance quality distinguishing six different aspects and data from the Worldwide Governance Indicators were used. For generalisation, mean values of six indicators were calculated and a factor of overall governance quality was created with the help of factor analysis. In general, the governance quality in neighbouring countries seems to have an influence on country’s state of governance and the level of governance quality does not change very quickly.