



## Summary

Enlargement media reporting continued on the same theme: the visit of the German Chancellor to Turkey received Europe-wide coverage. She said she hoped the negotiations would continue despite the fact that she had doubts regarding full membership for Turkey. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdoğan asked her for support in advancing the negotiations, highlighting strong economic ties between the countries (Delo, SI, 26/2). It was reported on German television that Ms Merkel used her Ankara visit to demonstrate her interest in Turkey but it was also reported that Turkey feels it is an "aggrieved nation" and those in favour of the country's accession to the EU has decreased from 70% to 40% and there is also the feeling that Germany has disappointed Turkey over the last years (ZDF, DE, 26/2). A spokesman for EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle said "We welcome steps taken by member states to keep those negotiations moving forward" (buonenotizie.it, IT, 26/2).

- Delo, SI, 26/2, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130226/mi/item\\_149720213.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130226/mi/item_149720213.pdf)
- ZDF, DE, 26/2, (no link available)
- buonenotizie.it, IT, 26/2, <http://www.buonenotizie.it/cronaca-e-societa/2013/02/26/ue-rilanciati-i-negoziati-di-adesione-della-turchia/>

Sddeutsche-Zeitung, reported that German-Turkish relations are characterised by tension as well as and friendship and that whilst it is difficult to achieve a compromise with Turkish Prime Minister Erdoğan, Chancellor Angela Merkel adheres to a step by step approach. In this sense the accession negotiations constitute an ideal case for Ms Merkel - 35 chapters must be separately negotiated and closed. It is not unlikely that the EU will become less popular in Turkey. Nevertheless, irrespective of further developments in the accession negotiations, Germany and Turkey need to keep good relations, as both countries share numerous common problems ( DE, 26/2).

- Suddeutsche-Zeitung, DE, 26/2, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130226/mi/item\\_149698056.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130226/mi/item_149698056.pdf)

The United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD) has called for withdrawal from the name talks with Greece, the Makfax agency announced. The UMD think that the country should ask for UN accession under its constitutional name - the only solution after the decision of the International Court in The Hague failed to give results. The Chairman of the UMD Meto Koloski said "Our position is that we should withdraw from the talks and ask for abolition of resolutions from 1993 and Macedonia should be known as the Republic of Macedonia". According to Koloski Greece has no interest in solving the name dispute (focus-fen.net, BG, 25/2).

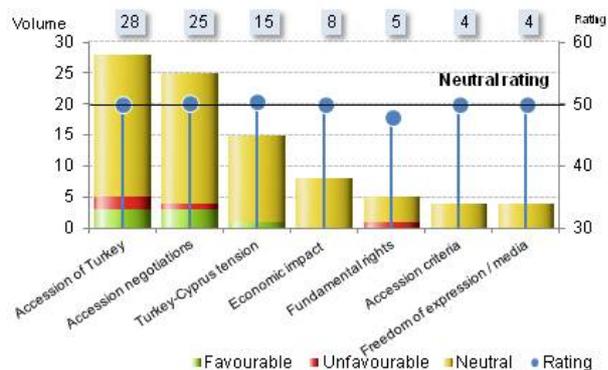
- focus-fen.net, BG, 25/2, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n300384>

## Key Quotes

**Vecer: EP postpones resolution on Macedonia despite Bulgarian, Greek MEPs** (Focus News, Bulgaria, 27/2)  
<http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n300487>

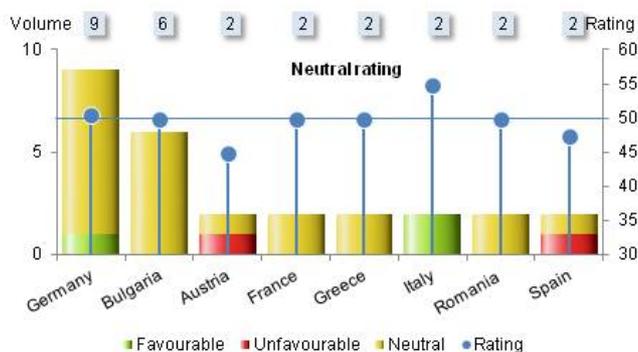
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	22
Günther Oettinger (Commissioner for Energy, EC)	4
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	3
Peter Stano (Spokesperson Enlargement, EC)	3
Guido Westerwelle (Foreign Minister, Germany)	3
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