



Key Quotes

The EU must exert pressure on Turkey to end conflict. Green foreign policy spokesperson and MEP Bodil Valero said: **"The clampdown in Turkey is not only a threat to basic rights and the stability of the country, it is also a concern for the stability of the region. The situation will hamper moves to address the threat of Islamic State and will undermine Turkey's internal progress towards peace and democracy. The EU needs to immediately engage with the Turkish government and a coordinated response needs to be developed by Commission president Juncker, Council President Tusk and EU foreign policy High Representative Mogherini. The EU must exert pressure to ensure all parties begin negotiations, with a view to ending the escalating violence and advancing the peace process towards a successful conclusion."** (euractiv.com, BE, 10/9) <http://pr.euractiv.com/pr/turkey-eu-must-exert-pressure-end-conflict-131499>

Summary

Love sometimes takes time to grow

In a commentary on Eastern enlargement, Eva Konzett writes in the anniversary edition of the *Wirtschaftsblatt* (10/9) that the Eastern enlargement of the EU had been a courageous step to which there had been no alternative in the context of the end of the bipolar power system. The enlargement might not always have been a love match, but it is certainly a lifelong bond. Elsewhere the paper notes that despite this well-meaning EU enlargement policy, which has meanwhile stalled, the bloc is now surrounded by war and anarchy instead of a circle of friends. It is no coincidence that Commissioner Hahn is in charge of both neighbourhood policy and enlargement negotiations; European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker has done away with the position of Enlargement Commissioner because the EU expects to accept no new members in the next few years. New memberships would have little approval among the population anyway. Yet Mr Hahn has his plate full as there are some difficult candidates among the pre-accession countries.

- *Wirtschaftsblatt*, 10/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150910/mi/item_264397572.pdf

Turkey evicts Dutch journalist

Trouw reports that Dutch journalist Frederike Geerdink has been deported from Turkey and her visa has been revoked. A Turkish official said she was not arrested because of her work, but because she was in danger. However, according to an anonymous safety officer she had to leave because of alleged ties with the Kurdish PKK, which is considered a terrorist organisation by Turkey. The violence between the Turkish army and the Kurdish rebels is resurgent in south-east Turkey. President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz and the European Commission expressed their concerns about the cycle of violence in Turkey (Trouw, NL, 10/9). In *Die Welt* (DE, 10/9), Dietrich Alexander describes the Bosphorus as a powder keg in which all parties and groups are potential sparks.

- Trouw, NL, 10/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150910/mi/item_264381174.pdf
- *Die Welt*, DE, 10/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150910/mi/item_264381031.pdf

Still no agreement in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Political parties in the country continue to delay the implementation of the June 2 agreement, which aims at overcoming the political crisis. The election of the Special Prosecutor has turned into a dispute between the four political parties involved in the talks. Under the agreement the 15 September is the last deadline for parliament to vote the Special Prosecutor. But the two main political parties have not been able to come to an agreement about the staff of the Special Prosecutor or his deputy (balkaneu.com, GR, 10/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 10/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/implementation-political-agreement-fyrom-faces-delays/>

Charts

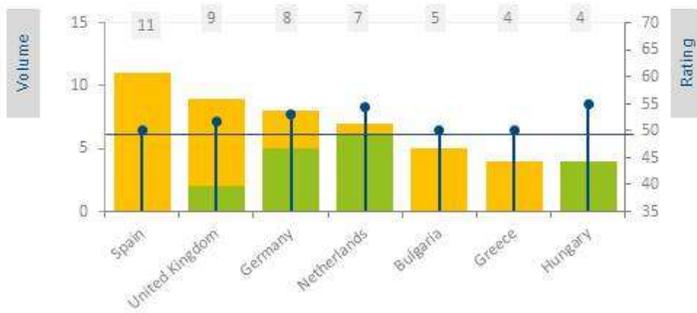
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