

Key Quotes

Alexander Dobrindt (CSU) says Germany must clearly state that **"there will be no full membership of Turkey in the EU"** and that the opening of **"new accession chapters"** sends **"absolutely the wrong signals to Turkey"** (Ad Hoc News, Germany, 29/5)

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/koalition-streitet-wieder-ueber-tuerkei-politik--/de/News/28160451>

Kosovo's foreign minister has said that its exclusion from a former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia conference constitutes a grave violation by Serbia of an agreement signed last month. Enver Hoxhaj said: **"I believe that the European Union must take action. Through this rejection, Serbia has damaged the EU's credibility"** (Ansamед, Italy, 28/5)

http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/kosovo/2013/05/28/Serbia-has-violated-EU-brokered-agreement-Kosovo-FM_8780340.html

Summary

EU to resume dialogue on Turkish accession

The Cyprus Mail (CY, 28/5) reported that after long delays, Turkey is likely to take the long awaited step on its path towards European Union entry next month, EU officials said, after France eased its opposition to Ankara's accession talks. However other media were not so sanguine with Simerini (CY, 28/5) reporting of an intense disagreement between Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu during the EU-Turkey Association Council, particularly in relation to Cyprus and Turkey's obligations towards Cyprus. Davutoğlu accused the Anastasiades government of Cyprus of deliberately stalling the negotiations on the Cyprus problem. In response, Füle indicated that Cyprus is facing real problems (economic crisis) however remains committed to efforts for a solution to the Cyprus problem. Kathimerini (GR, 28/5) reported that the EU expressed its deep sadness over the fact that despite the repeated recommendations, Turkey refuses to fully implement the Additional Protocol to the Association Agreement with all the EU Member States. Additionally, Turkey has not made the necessary progress in normalising its relations with the Cypriot Democracy. However, the EU recognised some progress, mostly in terms of amendments to the constitution and on respect of human rights, Kathimerini notes. Commissioner Füle commented that the country must implement the Ankara Protocol for the opening of the ports and the airport for all the EU Member States, including Cyprus, in order to open any new chapters with the EU. Even so it is hoped that next month, a new chapter in the negotiations can be opened, for the first time in three years the Irish Presidency announced (limburger.nl, NL, 27/5).

- Cyprus Mail, CY, 28/5, (link not available)
- Simerini, CY, 28/5, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130528/mi/item_157992198.pdf
- Kathimerini, GR, 28/5, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130528/mi/item_157991410.pdf
- limburger.nl, NL, 27/5, http://www.limburger.nl/article/20130527/ANPNIEUWS02/305279941/1012#EU_wil_hervatting_overleg_Turkse_toetreding

Serbia substantially closer to European negotiations

The German Ambassador to Belgrade, Heinz Wilhelm, said he was convinced that Serbia is substantially closer to European negotiations, after agreement was reached in Brussels for the implementation of the agreement with Kosovo (focus-news.net, BG, 28/5). The Serbian Prime Minister, Ivica Dačić, said he does not expect problems regarding the implementation of the agreement between Belgrade and Priština (focus-news.net, BG, 28/5). However Focus (BG, 28/5) notes that agreement between Belgrade and Priština does not change the positions of both parties on the status of Kosovo.

- focus-news.net, BG, 28/5, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1787983>
- focus-news.net, BG, 28/5, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1788050>
- focus-news.net, BG, 28/5, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1787972>

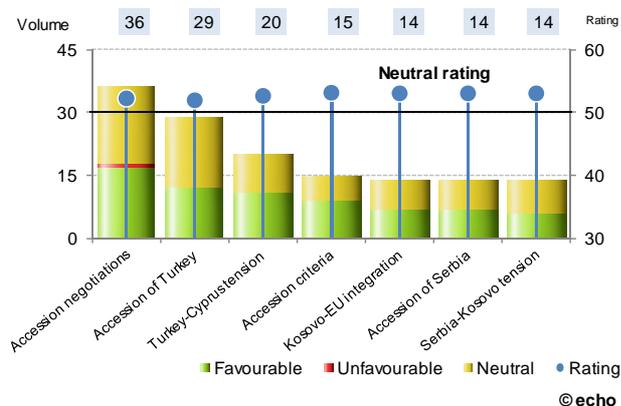
The EU Commission very likely to recommend start of EU accession talks for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in June.

MEP Evgeni Kirilov said it is very likely the EU Commission will recommend initiation of EU accession talks in June, commenting *"However, I see no grounds for that. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has never shown any changes in its internal policy – it continues its pure nationalist ambitions. I am not sure that even if talks begin they will come to a decision concerning these issues with the EU member states"* (focus-fen.net, BG, 27/5).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 27/5, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n307373>

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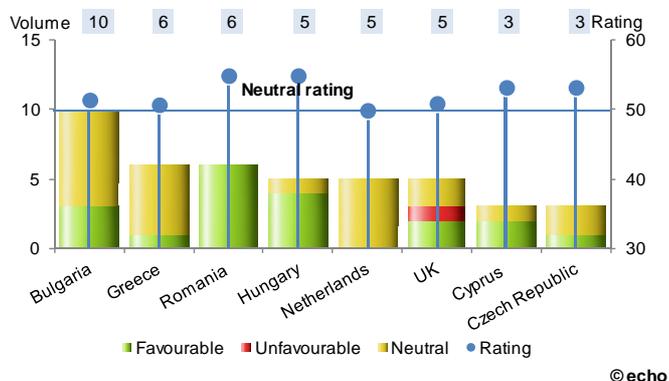


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