

Key Quotes

"Serbia has lost a lot of time", according to prime minister of Serbia Ivica Dačić, insisting that **"European enlargement should not slow down after Croatia's accession on July 1st"** (BBC Online, UK, 29/5)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/europe-22704511>

"Bulgaria's foreign policy cannot make impudent moves and the road taken by the previous cabinet should be brought to an end and a document signed. Our position is clear. Macedonia[sic] should be a member of the EU, this is in the interest of Bulgaria, but the concrete steps to this goal should be adjusted," said Bulgaria's new foreign minister, Kristian Vigenin (Focus News, Bulgaria, 30/5)

<http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n307573>

Summary

Wrong signals for Turkey

Alexander Dobrindt, a German politician and General Secretary of the CSU is complaining about *"completely wrong signals"* regarding Turkey's accession negotiations. Johannes Singhammer of the CSU said that as long as *"the EU does not register any progress in freedom of religion in their own progress report, it makes no sense to open new chapters"* (Süddeutsche Zeitung, DE, 29/5). Widely noted in the Greek media was a report from the European Council which noted that *"Turkey has made no progress towards normalisation of relations with the Republic of Cyprus, the northern part of which is held by the 1974 Turkish troops"* (newsbomb.gr, EL, 28/5).

- Süddeutsche Zeitung, DE, 29/5, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130529/mi/item_158081320.pdf
- newsbomb.gr, EL, 28/5, <http://www.newsbomb.gr/ethnika/story/311726/mploko-stin-toyrkia-apo-tin-eyropaiki-enosi>

Turkish rebuff to European Union

Turkish daily Hurriyet Daily News (28/5) reported that Turkey has rebuffed the European Union which offered to turn its *"one-flower policy"* into a *"flourishing garden"* of several chapters, if Turkey fulfilled its obligation to fully implement measures that would open its ports to all EU members, including *"Greek Cyprus"*, as the Republic of Cyprus is called by the paper. A Foreign Ministry official, speaking anonymously, told the Hurriyet Daily News yesterday, that there was no change in Turkey's Cyprus stance and that Ankara did not see the Cyprus issue as a problem in the negotiation process with the bloc (ansamed.info, IT, 28/5). Foreign Minister, Ahmet Davutoğlu, said *"Seventeen [of the 35 negotiating chapters] are blocked for political reasons. We have to unblock this process because at this rate, it will take 50 years to finish. When the world is changing, we need more dynamic relations between Turkey and the EU, criticising the EU's pace on negotiations. Responding to Davutoğlu speech, Štefan Füle, the Enlargement Commissioner, underlined the bloc's determination that Turkey should implement the additional protocol to include all member states. "I have also underlined that the implementation of the Additional Protocol would inject new life into the accession process. Several chapters could be opened and some even closed relatively quickly. In relation to this, we could turn this 'one-flower policy', Minister Davutoğlu was mentioning in the context of the possibility to open one chapter soon, into a flourishing garden of several chapters"* he said (hri.org, CY, 28/5).

- ansamed.info, IT, 28/5, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2013/05/28/Turkey-rebuffs-Cyprus-link-new-EU-chapters_8778719.html
- hri.org, CY, 28/5, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2013/13-05-28.tcpr.html>

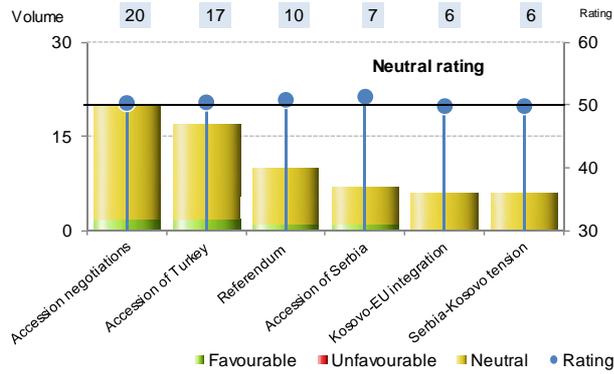
Kosovo exclusion

Petrit Selimi, Kosovo Deputy Foreign Minister, said that Serbia is obstructing the implementation of the EU-brokered deal by not letting Kosovo attend a regional summit in Ohrid in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. *"Paragraph 14 of the agreement states that neither party can block the other's European integration process and this irresponsible behaviour of Serbia will not go unanswered"* Selimi said (focus-news.net, BG, 29/5). Kosovo's foreign minister Enver Hoxhaj said that its exclusion from the 10th conference of Presidents of Parliament of the South-East European Cooperation Project and the June 1-2 summit of heads of state and government constitutes a grave violation by Serbia. *"The Serbian government asked for us to be excluded. The blame falls on President Nikolić"* The minister added *"I believe that the European Union must take action. With this rejection, Serbia has damaged the EU's credibility"* (ansamed.info, IT, 28/5).

- Focus-news.net, BG, 29/5, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1788441>
- ansamed.info, IT, 28/5, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/kosovo/2013/05/28/Serbia-has-violated-EU-brokered-agreement-Kosovo-FM_8780340.html

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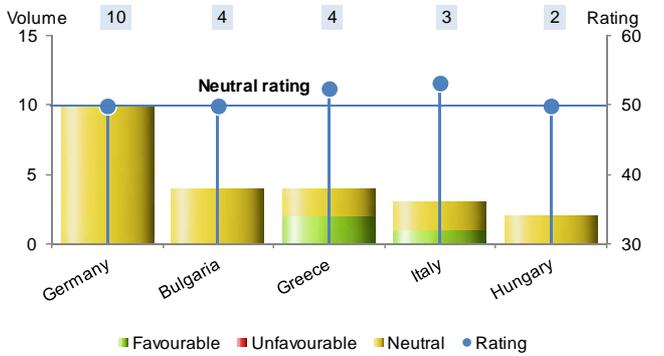
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