

Key Quotes

Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dačić said that is unacceptable to impose Kosovo's recognition as a condition for Serbia's EU accession. **"There is a great number of EU members that would like to see that - Serbia joining the EU and recognising Kosovo's independence at the same time - but this is not the EU's official position,"** Dačić said (Express.gr, GR, 5/6)

http://www.express.gr/news/balkans/714632oz_20130605714632.php3

Summary

Can Brussels have any impact on Turkish Government?

When asked in an interview with Deutsche Welle whether Brussels could have an impact on Turkey, Ismail Ertug, a member of the European Parliament, replied *"The European Union is already doing so. European Parliament President Martin Schulz and Lady Ashton, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, have voiced their concerns, as have others including German Foreign Minister Westerwelle as well as US government representatives. There are attempts, mostly through appeals, to exert moderate influence. We shouldn't leave Turkey alone at this point but rather offer some well-intended mediation between those who feel oppressed and the political elite. I believe we can help coordinate and serve as a mediator"* (dw.de, DE, 4/6). Maja Kocijancic, spokesperson to Catherine Ashton said the European Commission intends to open a new chapter of the negotiations for Turkey's accession to the European Union by June despite the harsh crackdown on anti-government protests in the country. *"As far as I know, the expectation of opening a new chapter before the end of the six-month presidency of the EU is still there"* (affaritaliani.it, IT, 4/6). However, former MEP Joost Lagendijk states that the Turkish riots of recent days will affect Turkey's accession to the European Union (nujij.nl, NL, 4/6).

- dw.de, DE, 4/6, <http://www.dw.de/turkey-needs-time-to-change/a-16858510>
- affaritaliani.it, IT, 4/6, http://www.affaritaliani.it/ultimissime/flash.asp?ticker=040613155100&refresh_ce
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Croatian Eurodreams

Croatia is determined to adopt the Euro quickly. The Head of the local Central Bank explains that due to the number of Euros in circulation in the country the bank does not have its own sovereign monetary policy anyway. At present the Balkan country has problems with two criteria - the European Commission expects a budgetary deficit in excess of the 3% threshold and inflation above the acceptable level of 2.5% per annum. (Dziennik-Gazeta-Prawna, PL, 5/6). Croatia's accession to the EU has sparked hopes for an increase in foreign direct investment to 44 billion, recovery of the economy and an employment boost. However, the Commission warns of a generally unattractive business environment affected by the lack of competition, poor legal protection of investors and weak public administration (naftemporiki.gr, GR, 4/6). Another result of membership of the EU is having a commissioner. So on Tuesday, it was time for the European Parliament's questioning of Croatian commissioner candidate Neven Mimica. He was only mildly grilled by the committee and his chances of being chosen are virtually 100%. It has not always been so easy. The cross-examination of Bulgarian candidate Rumiana Zjeleva in 2010, accused of corruption and tax fraud and links to the mafia through her husband, was high drama indeed. (Svenska Dagbladet, SE, 5/6)

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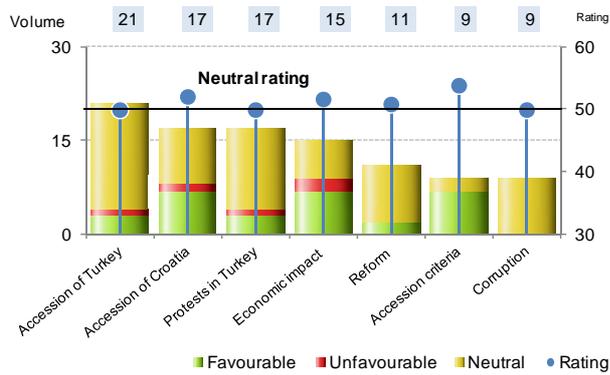
Parliamentary Elections in Albania

Just 19 days remaining until the parliamentary elections in Albania and the two major political forces of the country, the Democratic Party of Prime Minister Sali Berisha and the opposition Socialist leader Edi Rama, continue apace with their campaign, aiming to attract as many as possible of the 3,271,885 voters on June 23. (...) Berisha has accused the Socialist party of trying to obstruct the implementation of reforms and the process of integration of Albania into the European Union (philnews.com, CY, 4/6).

- philnews.com, CY, 4/6, <http://www.philnews.com/el-gr/eidiseis-kosmos/47/148040/kai-pali-antimetopoi-berisa-rama-gia-tin-exousia-stin-alvania>

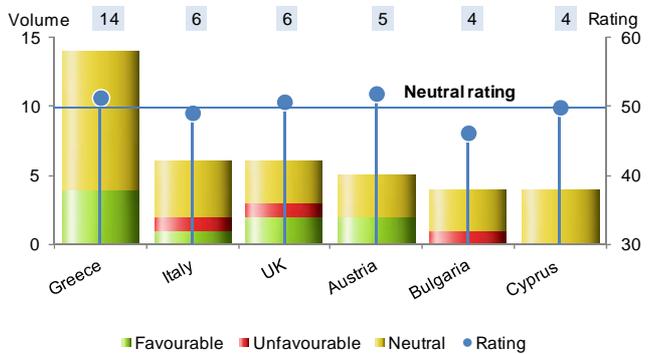
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Unfavourable %	8.4%
Neutral %	70.8%

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	9
Dr Sali Berisha (Prime Minister, Albania)	8
Edi Rama (Leader Socialist Party, Albania)	8
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	7
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	3
Ivo Josipović (President Croatia)	3
Emma Bonino (Foreign Minister, Italy)	3
Neven Mimica (Future Consumers Affairs Commissioner, Croatia)	3

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