

Key Quotes

Slovenia to pass two-year transition for Croatian workers. **"For two more years, Croatian citizens in Slovenia will need to work under the same conditions that are currently in force for non-EU citizens,"** Labour Minister Anja Kopac Mrak said (eubusiness.com, UK, 6/6) <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/slovenia-croatia.p00>

Summary

Croatia in the European Union without a Commissioner and money?

According to information from Polish Radio the authorities in Zagreb have a problem - their candidate for Commissioner when questioned in the European Parliament came across very poorly and in addition, Member States have not increased the EU budget to enable Croatia to withdraw funds (biznes.gazetaprawna.pl, PL, 5/6). Moreover according to ilpiccolo.gelocal.it, (IT, 5/6) the EU could begin 'disciplinary measures' against Croatia due to the deficit and public debt. Better news, however, was that the Caravaggio masterpiece *Supper in Emmaus* will be at Zagreb's Arts and Crafts Museum until August 30 in honour of Croatia's entrance into the European Union. **"Italy is welcoming Croatia into the European Union in grand style with this exhibition,"** Italian Ambassador Emanuela D'Alessandro said at the inauguration Tuesday evening (ansamed.info, IT, 5/6).

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Serbia wants date for EU talks without further conditions

Serbia has earned a date for negotiations with the EU said the Serbian Minister for European integration Suzana Grubješić who commented that she does not want to contemplate the EU Council postponing a decision or Serbia being given additional terms (focus-news.net, BG, 6/6). The Director of the Government Office for EU Integration in Serbia, Milan Pajević has been quoted as saying **"Serbia to get EU date in October"** and he has confirmed that the European Council, instead of giving an exact date, will most likely order the Commission to take the necessary steps to start negotiations. **"In fact, a date and the green light to start technical preparations for negotiations are the same thing. In the case of a positive scenario, the Commission would determine the exact guidance and begin the so-called screening of our compliance with European regulations"** he said (voria.gr, EL, 5/6). However DPA in Germany reported that sources in the Bundestag suggest that Serbia's accession negotiations cannot begin this year. Parliament will decide the German position on the 27 June and it might receive a date for next year if it has fulfilled all obligations towards the normalisation of its relations with Kosovo (wiwo.de, DE, 6/5).

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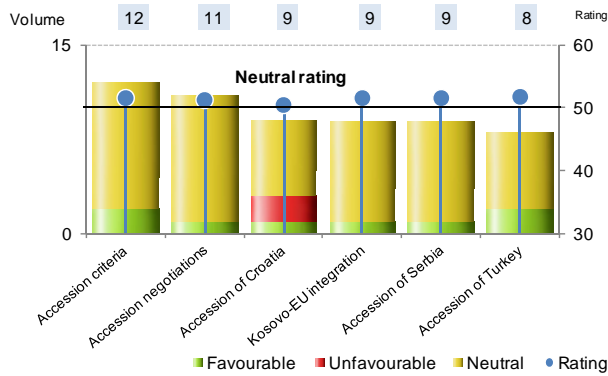
Recent events in Turkey will not change Italy's support for Turkey's EU membership bid

Italian Deputy Foreign Minister Marta Dassù speaking on Radio Anch'io, said **"our interpretation is, if anything, the exact opposite"**. The overture to Turkey for membership talks is in reality the main tool we have; **"It is precisely in the negotiation process that the EU can exert the most influence"** adding **"Blocking it and pushing this country - so important from a strategic and economic standpoint - away would be a big mistake on our part"** (ansamed.info, IT, 5/6). European Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle said however that Turkey should encourage **"dialogue"** and a **"culture of compromise"** (lemonde.fr, FR, 5/6). Cemil Çiçek, the speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, on a visit to Romania said that he appreciated the support given by Romania to Turkey's EU accession, which is a process that must be finalised as soon as possible. (nineoclock.ro, RO, 5/6).

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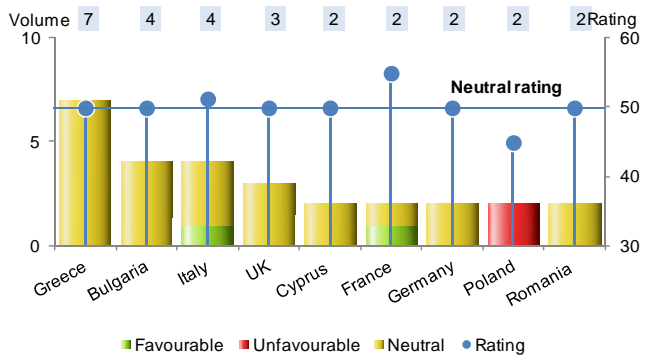
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Milan Pajević (Director of the Government Office for EU Integration, Serbia)	3
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	2
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Kristiyan Vigenin (Foreign Minister, Bulgaria)	2
Suzana Grubješić (Minister for European integration, Serbia)	2
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