

Key Quotes

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan criticised the EU, saying its accession process was too slow, and that Turkey faced "**unjust obstructions**" (International Business Times, UK, 8/6)

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/articles/476351/20130608/turkey-protests-recep-erdogan-gazi.htm>

Turkey protests: Erdoğan rejects EU criticism. Štefan Füle said: "**Excessive use of force by police against these demonstrations has no place in such a democracy**" (BBC Online, UK, 7/6)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-22817460>

The German Bundesrat ratifies Croatia's EU accession treaty. "**Croatia is politically and culturally a true European country,**" said German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle (Yahoo! Germany, 7/6)

<http://de.finance.yahoo.com/nachrichten/kroatien-eu-beitreten-085300562.html>

Summary

Rethinking Global Challenges - A Shared Future for Turkey and EU

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan made the opening speech of EU Istanbul Conference organised by Turkish Ministry of EU Affairs, which former British foreign minister Jack Straw, EU Commissioner for enlargement Štefan Füle, and many representatives from the business and media worlds also attended. (ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 7/6). Füle arrived in Turkey amid growing criticism of the way the Turkish government has handled the riots that started in Taksim and later spread all across the nation. The conference was scheduled months ago but will be a good opportunity for the EU to convey its concerns on recent developments in Turkey, an EU source said. A meeting with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is also on the cards. The European Commission and the European Parliament criticised the heavy-handed reaction of the Turkish police against protesters condemning the violence. Political groups in the European Parliament agreed to debate the recent events both in the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) on Wednesday and also in a plenary session that will be held in Strasbourg next week. Turkey's embattled EU accession process will be one of the main topics and Füle is expected, once again, to give his support to revitalise the stalled accession talks. After a three-year freeze, the EU is preparing to open another chapter for Turkey towards the end of the Irish presidency. Chapter 22, "*Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments*" is due to be opened on June 26 at an intergovernmental conference in Brussels (hri.org, CY, 6/6).

- ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 7/6, http://ansamed.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/nations/turkey/2013/06/07/Turkey-EU-PM-Erdogan-open-Istanbul-Conference-today_8832171.html
- hri.org, CY, 6/6, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2013/13-06-06.tcpr.html>

Commissioner for Croatia

The European Parliament Internal Market Committee questioned the Croatian commissioner candidate Neven Mimica on 4 June. Croatia will become the 28th member of the European Union on 1 July, and thus it will have the right to delegate one commissioner. Although the present appointment is for 18 months only, inside sources claim Mr Mimica has a good chance to be included in the new cabinet which will be set up in autumn 2014 (Magyar Hirlap, HU, 7/6). Also concerning Croatia's accession, recession-hit Slovenia said Thursday it will put in place a two-year transition period prolonging the current labour market restrictions for Croatian workers after their country joins the European Union in July. For two more years, Croatian citizens in Slovenia will be able to work under the same conditions that are in force now, Labour Minister Anja Kopac Mrak said (eubusiness.com, UK, 6/6).

- Magyar Hirlap, HU, 7/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130607/mi/item_159000529.pdf
- eubusiness.com, UK, 6/6, <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/slovenia-croatia.p00>

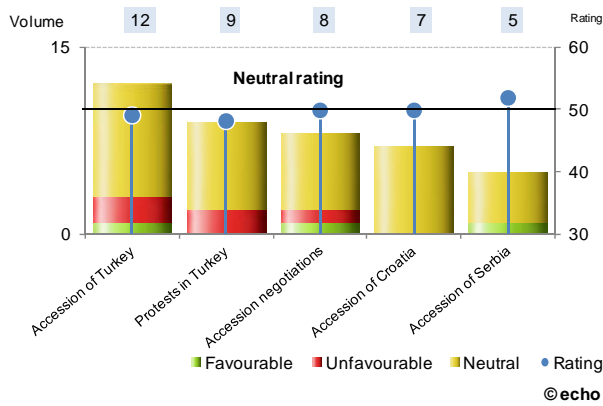
Berlin against EU accession talks with Serbia

The German Federal Government is against accession negotiations with Serbia. Serbia signed a contract which bound it to certain conditions, especially concerning negotiations with Kosovo and this month High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton will submit a report about the execution of the contract. However, the Federal Government advises caution even if Ms Ashton's report is positive (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, DE, 7/6). In the meanwhile the Kosovo Parliament has adopted a resolution on the protection of the rights of ethnic Albanians in the Presevo Valley, which aims to improve the living conditions of the Albanian population of the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja (focus-news.net, BG, 6/6).

- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, DE, 7/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130607/mi/item_158986469.pdf
- focus-news.net, BG, 6/6, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1791341>

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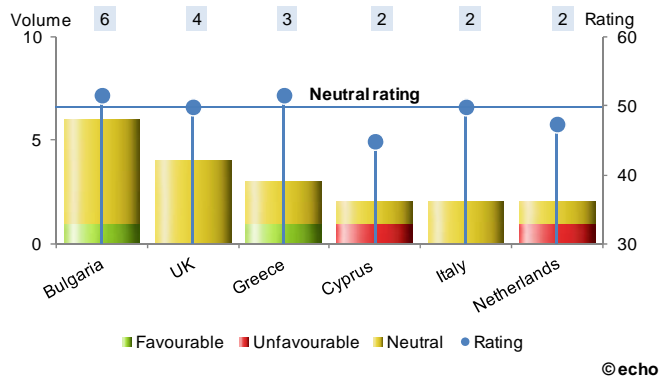


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Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	4
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	4
Stefano Sannino (Director General for Enlargement, EC)	2
Anja Kopač Mrak (Employment Minister, Slovenia)	2

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