

Key Quotes

Germany is urging the Turkish government to keep calm after the brutal repression of protests in Istanbul. Despite criticisms, many are calling for Turkey's EU entry negotiations to restart - now more than ever. **"With its reaction to the protests so far, the Turkish government is sending the wrong signal to its own country, but also to Europe,"** said Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle in the German parliament (Deutsche Welle, DE, 13/6)
<http://www.dw.de/germany-urges-calm-in-turkey/a-16877456>

EU worried by violence in Turkey, calls for inquiries. **"Any approach based on confrontation and division is a source of even more serious concern, not only for Turkish society, but also for the European Union,"** Štefan Füle said (Reuters, UK, 12/6)
<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/06/12/uk-turkey-protests-eu-idUKBRE95B10V20130612>

Summary

Erdoğan risking EU accession

The new violent police action against demonstrators in Istanbul has alarmed Berlin and the federal government has expressed concern. Experts in Foreign Affairs from the CDU and SPD have demanded the EU act and CDU leader David McAllister spoke out clearly against EU membership for Turkey (wiwo.de, DE, 11/6). MEP Alexander Graf Lambsdorff stated that the remarks by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan about the protesters were a reminder of the bad old days, when Turkey was an authoritarian state (Handelsblatt, DE, 12/6). However Philipp Mißfelder favoured a privileged partnership with Turkey, arguing that Europe needs Turkey as a mediator (newsbomb.gr, GR, 11/6). In Austria Der Standard (AT, 12/6) commented that when EU Expansion Commissioner Štefan Füle gave a speech in the Swiss Hotel in Istanbul Mr Erdoğan did not even bother put on his headphones. Mr Füle called on the Turkish Prime Minister to adopt an attitude of dialogue and respect. EU High Representative Catherine Ashton also spoke out a second time and demanded that Turkey keep in line with the Copenhagen criteria. The MEP Andreas Mölzer said *"Erdoğan is leading his country away from Europe"* and Emma Bonino, the Italian Foreign Minister said *"This is perhaps the first serious test of democracy in Turkey and its future accession to the European Union. It's a test of maturity"* (asca.it, IT, 12/6).

- wiwo.de, DE, 11/6, <http://www.wiwo.de/politik/deutschland/empowerung-in-berlin-massive-gewalt-belastet-eu-tuerkei-beziehungen/8332848.html>
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Serbia's First Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić visits Italy

Serbia's First Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić said, during a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta, that Serbia had done everything to obtain a start date for EU entry talks and deserved to get it as soon as possible. *"This would prove to investors that Serbia is well on the road to Europe, and there will no turning back"*, Vučić said. The deputy premier pointed to Italy's key role in abolishing visas and pushing for Serbia's candidate status, particularly under the leadership of former foreign minister in the Berlusconi administration, Franco Frattini. *"We have done everything we were asked to do on Kosovo, we are fighting corruption and undertaking economic reforms. If this is not enough to obtain a date, that's OK, but someone from Brussels needs to come here and explain why to the Serbian people"*, Vučić remarked. He also said that Serbia wishes to boost military and defence cooperation with Italy, *"We are a neutral country, but we have excellent relations with the Atlantic Alliance and with countries such as Italy, whom we must thank for the professionalism of its troops in Kosovo"*. (ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 12/6).

- ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 12/6, http://ansamed.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/nations/italy/2013/06/11/Italy-Serbia-let-boost-cooperation-says-Vucic_8853122.html

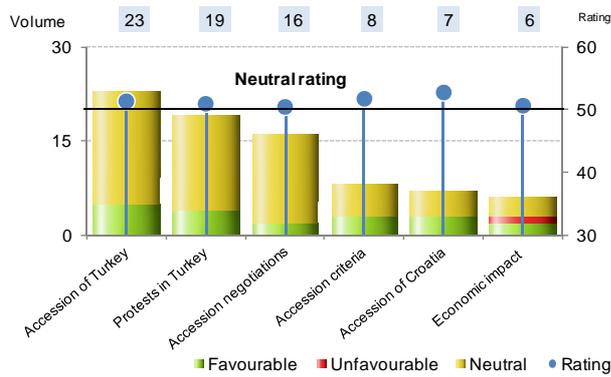
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia must be given date in June for start of EU negotiations

Slovenia's President Borut Pahor told a press conference on Tuesday after addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg. *"Although the name issue is not settled, I am in favour of setting a date for start of negotiations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. I only regret that the opportunity for solving the dispute with Greece was not seized"* (ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 11/6).

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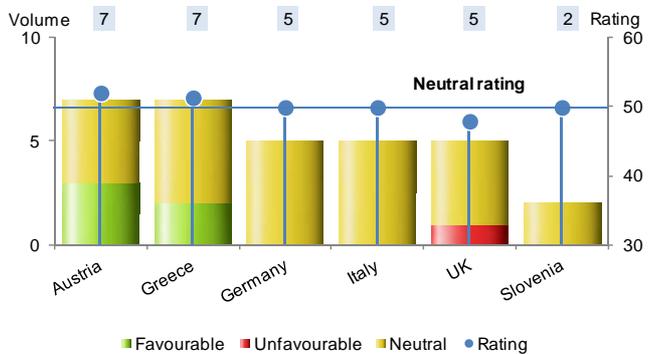
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	18
David McAllister (CDU Politician, Germany)	8
Cem Özdemir (Co-chair Alliance '90/The Greens, Germany)	8
Philipp Mißfelder (Member of the Bundestag, Germany)	7
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	5
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	2
Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	2

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