

Key Quotes

Germany seeks to halt EU-Turkey talks over handling of protests. *"It is not exactly a good moment to be giving Erdoğan any reward,"* said a senior German diplomat. *"I can't understand why the Germans are behaving like this...It is going to be really hard to start again if this happens,"* said one Turkish official. *"We won't be knocking on their door for a long time after this...Things are hardening on both sides"* (Financial Times Online, UK, 14/6)

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/9d4435ea-d445-11e2-a464-00144feab7de.html#axzz2WAeblvsj>

Summary

Red card for Erdoğan

EU High Representative, Catherine Ashton, called on the Turkish PM, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, to choose dialogue instead of collision with the main opposition. Ms Ashton denounced the numerous examples of excessive police violence against the peaceful protesters during the last two weeks, urging him to launch an investigation on the issue. Eleftherotypia reports that Ms Ashton stated that it is not the time for Turkey to be alienated from the EU, calling the Turkish government to enter into a closer dialogue with the EU (Eleftherotypia, GR, 13/6). The EP plenary issued a "red card" to Mr Erdoğan, as all political groups, together with EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle and Ms Ashton condemned the use of violence against demonstrators. The Erdoğan regime is now described by MEPs as anti-democratic, acting as the army did 11 years ago. For his part, Commissioner Füle argued in support of the opening of accession chapters 23 and 24 on Justice and Human Rights, stating that in this way reforms and democracy would be facilitated (Simerini, CY, 13/6). UN General Secretary Ban Ki-moon called for calm in Turkey and Catherine Ashton said that the Turkish police misused tear gases and rubber bullets. Italian Foreign Affairs Minister Emma Bonino also condemned the excessive use of force and said that the protest in Turkey should not influence its plan to join the EU. According to Ms Bonino, *"Taksim is no Tahir"*, and the rallies in Turkey against Erdoğan's Islamic traditionalism have greater affinity with Occupy Wall Street (Corriere-della-Sera, IT, 13/6). Meanwhile Turkey's government has announced that it was open to holding a referendum over the redevelopment plan for the central Istanbul square that has underpinned nearly two weeks of mass protests (The Daily Telegraph, UK, 13/6).

- Eleftherotypia, GR, 13/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130613/mi/item_159565023.pdf
- Simerini, CY, 13/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130613/mi/item_159556737.pdf
- Corriere-della-Sera, IT, 13/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130613/mi/item_159556734.pdf
- The Daily Telegraph, UK, 13/6, (no link available)

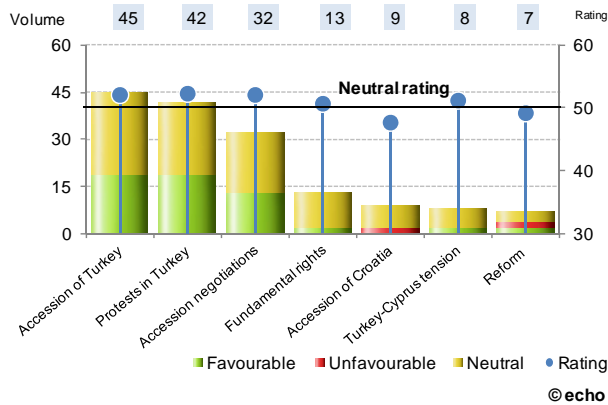
Bar is set high for Croatia to deliver

Preoccupied with the economic crisis and uncertainty about the future, EU member states are not in high spirits about Croatia's entry. The migraines that followed Bulgaria and Romania's accession to the union have further dampened the festive mood of this round of enlargement. Advocates of enlargement are keen to showcase its entry as proof that the EU can still exert a transformative influence over membership hopefuls, and as a leap forward in consolidating peace and stability in the conflict-ridden Balkans. But all eyes will be on Croatia itself and the country cannot expect its EU fellow members to cut it any slack if it wishes to build a reputation as a credible partner. Then again, the fact that Croatia is joining at a moment of fundamental EU re-alignment represents an opportunity, as it now has a seat at the decision-making table, to influence the shape of things to come rather than being – as it has been during its accession process – at the receiving end of so-called *'Brussels diktats'* (publicserviceeurope.com, UK, 12/6). Reuters UK (12/6) reported that the Croatian daily Novi List had quoted Velimir Sonje from Arhiv Analitika, a leading business consultancy in Zagreb, who said *"Croatia is joining the EU as an unreformed and unprepared country and the bloc will treat us as someone who urgently needs to change"*.

- publicserviceeurope.com, UK, 12/6, <http://www.publicserviceeurope.com/article/3586/no-honeymoon-as-croatia-and-eu-tie-the-knot>
- uk.reuters.com, UK, 12/6, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/06/12/uk-croatia-eu-idUKBRE95B0IT20130612?feedType=RSS&feedName=businessNews>

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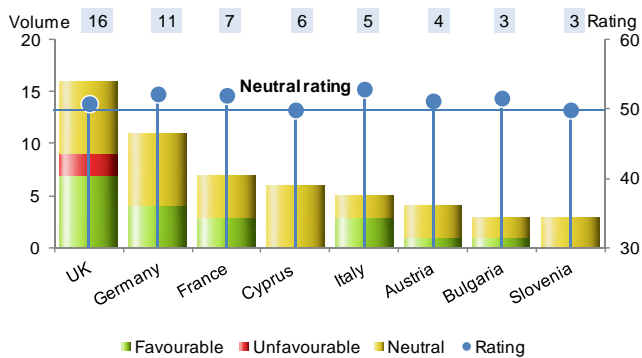


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