

Key Quotes

Serbia, Kosovo leaders defend EU-backed accord. **"I believe we have achieved more than anyone expected in Priština, Belgrade, Vienna and Brussels,"** Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dačić said. **"If we do not get a positive response from the EU, I do not know what we should do more,"** he said. **"If not now, when the EU be [sic] ready?"** (eubusiness.com, UK, 16/6)

<http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/serbia-kosovo.p6u>

Summary

Turkish fury

Following a debate on Turkey, the European Parliament passed a resolution deploring the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's handling of anti-government protests. In a furious response from Ankara, the Turkish Prime Minister said: **"I do not recognise any decision made by the EU Parliament. Turkey is not an EU member."** The EU called for an investigation into police violence during the protests and expressed **"deep concern at the disproportionate and excessive use of force by the police"** during peaceful protests in Gezi Park, Istanbul. Turkish ministers lined up behind Mr Erdoğan to express outrage at the statement. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Foreign Minister, said the ruling was **"unacceptable."** He told reporters in Ankara: **"Turkey does not need to learn any lessons from any country."** One prominent advocate of Turkey's EU membership said that relations between the two had reached a dangerous point. Richard Howitt, a Labour MEP, said **"I sincerely hope this is just a bridging point, where Turkey as a country chooses a democratic, Europe-oriented future."** He added that Mr Erdoğan's response to the protests could sap support for Turkey's membership within the bloc (Financial Times, UK, 14/6).

- Financial Times, UK, 14/6, (link not available)

New talks on Turkey's prospective membership of EU after three years of delays

Peter Stano, spokesman for Štefan Füle, the Enlargement Commissioner, outlined plans for fresh talks on Turkish membership the day after the debate in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Stano said **"The decision to open new chapters in the negotiation concerns all member states"** but, he added **"the EU commission's position is clear: it supports a commitment to Turkey because recent events have underlined this need."** The Brussels spokesman said that in the context of bilateral membership talks it was possible to work on policy criteria, rights, respect for rights and fundamental freedoms. **"The best platform to face these issues is precisely the membership process, discussing individual items of the negotiations"** (ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 13/6). Austrian Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger spoke out in favour of continuing with the EU's accession negotiations with Turkey. Unlike a number of his EU counterparts, Mr Spindelegger advocates opening the delicate chapter 23 'Judiciary and Fundamental Rights' as soon as possible (Die Presse, AT, 14/6). However, Erika Steinbach of the German Bundestag said **"The approach of the Turkish government to protesters and government critics is incompatible with our European values and in no way compatible with a continuation of EU accession negotiations"** (finanzen.net, DE, 13/6).

- ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 13/6, http://ansamed.ansa.it/ansamed/it/notizie/stati/turchia/2013/06/13/Turchia-Commissione-Ue-preme-processo-adesione_8864213.html
- Die Presse, AT, 14/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130614/mi/item_159685063.pdf
- finanzen.net, DE, 13/6, <http://www.finanzen.net/nachricht/aktien/Steinbach-Staatliche-Gewalt-in-der-Tuerkei-ebbt-nicht-ab-2488259>

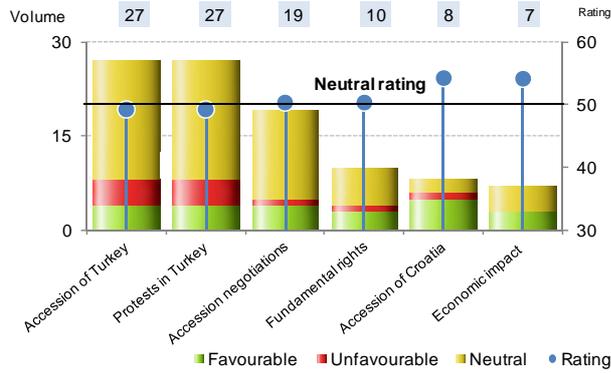
Czech multimillionaires euro-optimists

Hospodářské Noviny (CZ, 14/6) comments that the J&T Bank Wealth Report has revealed that Czech multimillionaires are euro-optimists. According to the survey, 9 out of 10 multimillionaires support Czech EU membership. In comparison, only 48% of Czech citizens take the same view. However, rich Czechs are against deeper integration and further enlargement of the EU; they see the most benefits in the EU's single market. The survey also showed that Czech multimillionaires are more positive when it comes to the introduction of the euro. While only 14% of the Czechs are for the adoption of the single currency, support reaches almost 50% among multimillionaires.

- Hospodářské Noviny, CZ, 14/6, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130614/mi/item_159675792.pdf

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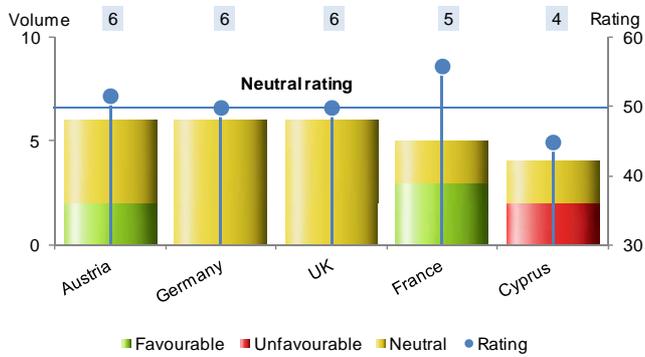
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Guido Westerwelle (Foreign Minister, Germany)	2

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