



## Summary

Presenting the annual Enlargement Package before the EP AFET Committee, Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle said that the Commission's recommendations place the rule of law firmly at the centre of the accession process (Simerini, CY, 10/10) adding that corruption and organised crime are major issues in most countries seeking to join the European Union (wiadomosci.onet.pl, PL, 10/10). Yet again the Commission recommended the opening of association negotiations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Polskie-Radio-3, PO, 10/10). The Commission added that "*Enlargement policy continues to contribute to peace, security and prosperity on our continent*" (news.expert.bg, BG, 10/10) and Commissioner Füle said that the enlargement will continue despite the current euro crisis (wienerzeitung.at, AT, 10/10).

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- wienerzeitung.at, AT, 10/10, [http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/top\\_news/493055\\_Kommissar-Fuele-EU-Erweiterung-geht-weiter.html](http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/top_news/493055_Kommissar-Fuele-EU-Erweiterung-geht-weiter.html)

On Turkey Commissioner Füle expressed hope that accession talks would be revived, saying "*Turkey is a key country for the EU, we have common interests. The European Commission recommends that the negotiations be resumed*" adding "*The keys to unblocking the situation are in the hands of both Turkey and the EU.*" In its report, the Commission expressed concerns about Turkey's human rights record, including the widespread use of anti-terrorism and organised crime laws (ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 10/10). Speaking to the press prior to the release of the progress reports, Commissioner Füle said that the opening of accession negotiations chapters for Turkey on justice, fundamental rights and security were vital in maintaining the reform dynamic in Turkey (Politis-Cyprus, CY, 10/10). World.actualno.com (BG, 10/10) noted that Turkey expressed disappointment with the report on European Union enlargement.

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There was also focus on the Balkans as the Commission proposed candidate status for Albania (larazon.es, 10/10); Albanian Prime Minister Sali Berisha described this as a "*milestone*" for the country (newsbeast.gr, GR, 10/10). In Kosovo it was reported that the European Union is ready to conclude a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) with Pristina (notizie.it.msn.com, IT, 10/10). The document says normalisation of predominantly Serb northern Kosovo, which refuses to recognise Pristina's rule, should be achieved "*while respecting the territorial integrity of Kosovo and the particular needs of the local population*" (incyprus.com.cy, CY, 10/10). Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic said that it was unacceptable for Serbia that EU documents mentioned the territorial integrity of Kosovo, and warned this could put a stop to the dialogue with Pristina. He said he would ask Commissioner Füle to clarify whether the term 'territorial integrity of Kosovo' is a new condition for Serbia (dnevnik.bg, BG, 10/10).

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- notizie.it.msn.com, IT, 10/10, <http://notizie.it.msn.com/topnews/kosovo-luce-verde-ue-a-accordo-adesione>
- incyprus.com.cy, CY, 10/10, <http://www.incyprus.com.cy/en-qb/world-news/4329/30552/eu-urqes-serbia-to-mend-kosovo-ties>
- dnevnik.bg, BG, 10/10, [http://www.dnevnik.bg/evropa/razshirjavaneto/2012/10/10/1923202\\_surbiiia\\_novi\\_usloviia\\_ot\\_strana\\_na\\_es\\_sa\\_nepriemlivi?ref=ss](http://www.dnevnik.bg/evropa/razshirjavaneto/2012/10/10/1923202_surbiiia_novi_usloviia_ot_strana_na_es_sa_nepriemlivi?ref=ss)

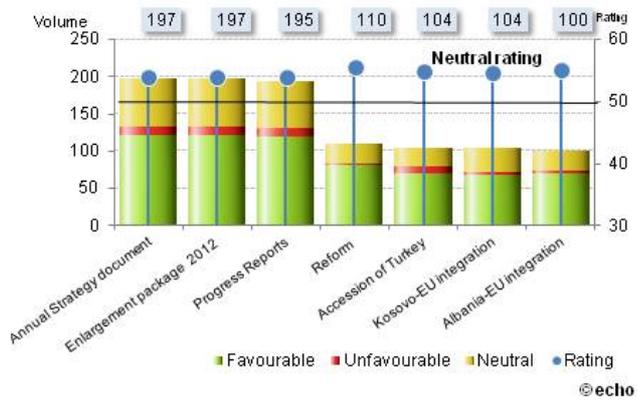
## Key Quotes

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Ünal Çeviköz, reveals a determination to build upon a British-Turkish shared past: "**Referring to their own experience, our British friends remind us that the path to the EU is not always smooth. Nonetheless, Turkey belongs in the EU. As a matter of fact, Turkey's vibrant economy will be an asset to the EU**" (Diplomat Magazine, UK, 12/10). <http://www.diplomatmagazine.com/issues/2012/october/719-ancient-allies.html>

Egemen Bagis, Turkish Minister for European Affairs: "**We realise that the EU, already suffering from economic and political crises, is trying to delay Turkey's accession by offering a variety of pretexts**" (Elzoni.gr, GR, 12/10). <http://www.elzoni.gr/html/ent/023/ent.27023.asp>

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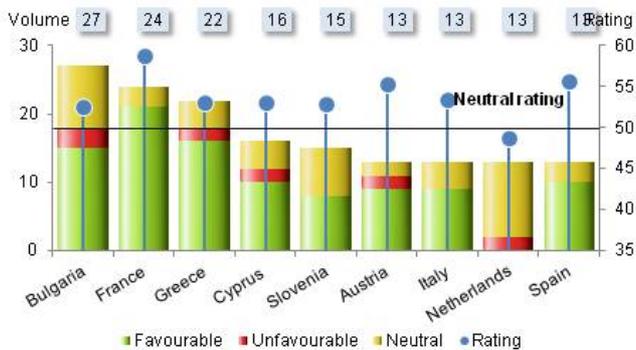


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Štefan Füle (Commissioner for Enlargement, EC)	110
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	14
Egemen Bağış (Minister for European Affairs, Turkey)	14
Dr Sali Berisha (Prime Minister, Albania)	5
Peter Stano (Enlargement Spokesperson, EC)	4
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