

## Key Quotes

German finance minister says Turkey is not part of Europe. *"We should not accept Turkey as a full member ... Turkey is not part of Europe,"* Wolfgang Schäuble said (Reuters, UK, 3/7)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/07/03/uk-germany-turkey-eu-idUKBRE96218820130703>

## Summary

### Human rights after accession

The EU's weak response to the situation in Hungary sends a signal to other member states that once you are in the club, you are safe from scrutiny on human rights issues - claims a campaigner. But just because the country has been formally admitted does not mean that it has met all its human rights obligations under European law. A June mission to Croatia by Human Rights Watch showed that the government still has a lot of work to do when it comes to protecting rights. Independent groups reported that Croatia's membership bid had given them leverage to press for human rights reforms. Although they expressed concern that as the country has joined the EU, it will have less incentive to continue those efforts (publicserviceeurope.com, UK, 2/7). The claim that Croatia is another graveyard for billions in the most widely read German newspaper Bild was refuted by Brussels. *"Croatia had to go through a challenging process of accession"*, said Peter Stano, spokesman for European Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle. (Lidove-Noviny, CZ, 3/7).

- publicserviceeurope.com, UK, 2/7, <http://www.publicserviceeurope.com/article/3663/croatia-in-the-eu-now-has-no-incentive-to-improve-human-rights>
- Lidove-Noviny, CZ, 3/7, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130703/mi/item\\_161718258.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130703/mi/item_161718258.pdf)

### Croatian entry causes traffic jams

Croatia's accession to the European Union had an unexpected effect: 1300 trucks were stuck at the border. The cause was a bug in the new computer system, which must comply with EU standards (nos.nl, NL, 2/7). The trucks were in a 15 km long queue at the Batrovci crossing just inside Serbia, which lies along Europe's main transit road from Turkey to Western Europe. The drivers, mostly from south-eastern Europe, said they were worried about the fresh produce they were ferrying. (uk.reuters.com, UK, 2/7) According to a Croatian customs office difficulties are part of the process of adapting to the standards of EU membership (money.pl, PL, 2/7). *"Problems with the new software were quickly resolved, but a return to normal heavy traffic will take two or three days"* said head of the Serbian customs office Predrag Milikara (biznes.onet.pl, PL, 2/7).

- nos.nl, NL, 2/7, <http://nos.nl/artikel/525245-kroatie-in-eu-zorgt-voor-lange-file.html>
- uk.reuters.com, UK, 2/7, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/07/02/uk-croatia-serbia-border-idUKBRE9610P520130702>
- money.pl, PL, 2/7, [http://www.money.pl/gospodarka/unia-europejska/wiadomosci/artikul/chorwacja;dzien;po;wejsciu;do;ue;korki;na;granicy;z;serbia,91,0,1338715.html#utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=rss](http://www.money.pl/gospodarka/unia-europejska/wiadomosci/artikul/chorwacja;dzien;po;wejsciu;do;ue;korki;na;granicy;z;serbia,91,0,1338715.html#utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=rss)
- biznes.onet.pl, PL, 2/7, <http://biznes.onet.pl/chorwacja-dzien-po-wejsciu-do-ue-korki-na-granicy-18515,5554512,1,onet-wiadomosci-detaj>

### Bosnia and Herzegovina lagging behind

Of all the former Yugoslav republics, Bosnia and Herzegovina is diverging from the road to the EU the most, Delo (SI, 3/7) claims. The High Representative of the international community Valentin Inzko has been warning about this in the reports to the Security Council, UN Assembly, EU and Council of Europe. Mr. Inzko said in his last interview for the Viennese journal Der Standard that all countries of the region are progressing towards the EU, with Bosnia and Herzegovina lagging behind, and that the International Community was already considering a new strategy. Predictions about the possible re-introduction of the Bonn powers or political penalties for the unruly, inefficient and mutually conflicting policies, which have made Bosnia the poorest country in Europe, are being heard in Brussels.

- Delo, SI, 3/7, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130703/mi/item\\_161728320.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130703/mi/item_161728320.pdf)

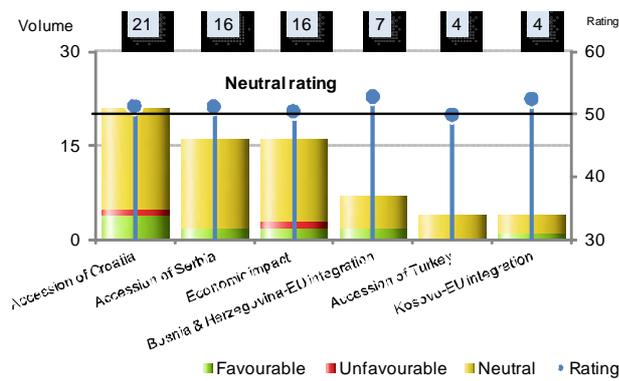
### Aid to Turkey

In response to MEPs who questioned aid to Turkey, Peter Stano, spokesperson of Commissioner for Enlargement, Štefan Füle, said *"This is not development aid, but a way to help potential accession and to facilitate the integration of European standards"* (Le Monde, France, 3/7).

- Le Monde, France, 3/7, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130703/mi/item\\_161667419.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130703/mi/item_161667419.pdf)

# Charts

**ELARG: Leading Daily Issues**  
by volume, favourability & rating

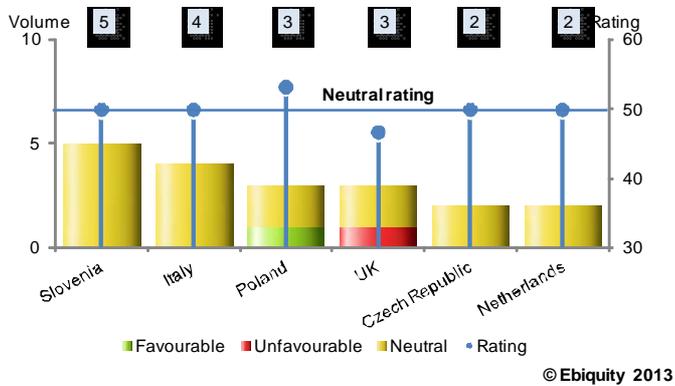


**ELARG: Highlights**  
by volume, favourability & rating

Volume	25 items
Rating	51.2
Favourable %	16%
Unfavourable %	4%
Neutral %	80%

© Ebiquity 2013

**ELARG: Leading Daily Countries**  
by volume, favourability & rating



**ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
by volume, favourability & rating

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	2
Peter Stano (Spokesperson Enlargement, EC)	2
Neven Mimica (Consumer Policy Commissioner, EC)	2
José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	1
Viviane Reding (Justice Commissioner, EC)	1
Cecilia Malmström (Home Affairs Commissioner, EC)	1
Recep Tayyip Erdogan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	1
Ahmet Davutoglu (Foreign Minister, Turkey)	1
Valentin Inzko (High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Community)	1

© Ebiquity 2013

**Disclaimer:** The access to this press report is restricted to European Commission staff. It should not be forwarded or circulated.