

## Key Quotes

Dervis Eroglu, the Turkish Cypriot leader, has argued that the negotiations for reaching a solution to the Cyprus problem which are expected to start in October will be the last chance for the solution. Reiterating the view that the Turkish Cypriot "**people**" will never abandon Turkey's active and effective guarantees, Eroglu claimed: "**We are not interested in the guarantees of the EU, because no one except the Turks will send their children to a military expedition for the protection of the Turks of Cyprus and sacrifice their lives**" ([hri.org](http://www.hri.org), Cyprus, 17/7) <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2013/13-07-17.tcpr.html>

## Summary

### Iceland's European future

A stronger Iceland no longer wants to join the EU. On Tuesday, Iceland's new Prime Minister Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson met EU leaders in Brussels to discuss "*alternative forms of partnership*". At this meeting it became clear that there are more differences than commonalities between Iceland and the European Commission (O1, AT, 16/7). EU head José Manuel Barroso used this first meeting with the new Icelandic Prime Minister to urge an end to the David & Goliath "*mackerel war*" pitting the EU against its north Atlantic neighbour. As Iceland slows its path towards greater integration with the EU pending a referendum, Gunnlaugsson said that Iceland would maintain a "*positive approach*" to a dispute triggered when Reykjavik unilaterally hiked up quotas. Barroso said that Iceland needed to take "*constructive and rapid action*" on the fishing dispute, alongside the next phase in an EU accession process opened in 2009 but stalled since Iceland's recovery from a banking meltdown ([eubusiness.com](http://eubusiness.com), UK, 16/7). The Prime Minister defended the mackerel fishing and hinted that possible sanctions would not be legal. "*I think it would be unlikely that such sanctions would be put in place particularly sanctions that are not in accordance with the WTO and the EU agreements.*" On the question of EU membership Brussels urged Iceland to hurry. "*I believe that it is in our common interest to avoid a long period of uncertainty*" said European Council President Herman Van Rompuy. Gunnlaugsson replied that they "*would see how things developed in the autumn*" ([die-glocke.de](http://die-glocke.de), DE, 16/7).

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### Slovenia supports former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Slovenian President Borut Pahor started a two-day official trip to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on Tuesday by meeting his counterpart Gjorge Ivanov for talks that focused on ways to boost ties between the countries, especially in trade, investment and potential forays into third markets ([sta.si](http://sta.si), SI, 16/7). Pahor assured the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia that Slovenia would always support it in its aspirations to join the EU and NATO and wished the country to find a solution to its name dispute with Greece as soon as possible to enable a breakthrough in these efforts. According to a press release from his office, Pahor made reference to his personal experience in tackling the issues between Slovenia and Croatia, noting that "*it always takes two to have a row and to cooperate*" and that it "*takes a lot of courage to cooperate*" ([sloveniatimes.com](http://sloveniatimes.com), SI, 17/7)

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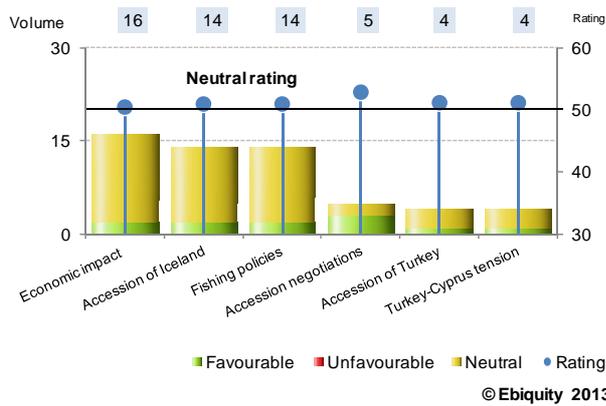
### Two weeks after entry into the European Union, Croatia has difficulties managing its borders.

With its changing rules of trade and tough fiscal discipline leading the government to bring in stricter controls, Croatia's accession to the EU threatens the country's fruit and vegetable markets, times are tough for markets. They owe their beauty and richness to the fact that they are a crossroads of three regions and cultures, where the merchants of fruits and vegetables and regional products are the best ambassadors without even being conscious of it. Joining the EU may upset this well-honed balance. "*Suddenly, the border of the EU with its customs regulations has sprung up between us and Bosnia's [sic] Vlasica and Livno cheeses*" ([presseurop.eu](http://presseurop.eu), FR, 16/7).

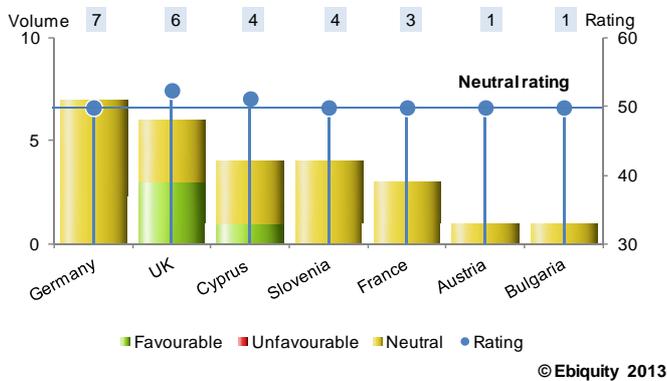
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2
Egemen Bağış (Minister for European Affairs, Turkey)	2
Paul Wheelhouse (Environment Minister, Scotland)	2
Borut Pahor (President, Slovenia)	2
Gjorge Ivanov (President, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	2

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