



Key Quotes

New advisor to the Serbian government Franco Frattini has said that Serbia's EU entry by 2020 is an ambitious, but achievable goal. "***I believe that is an ambitious goal, but possible, on condition that all the difficult work be completed in the right way,***" Frattini said. He admitted that after Croatia's entry, the atmosphere in the EU, as far as the EU enlargement process is concerned, "***is not unanimously positive***" (Newsit.gr, GR, 24/10).

http://www.newsit.gr/default.php?pname=Article&art_id=246851&catid=7

Summary

Peace made between Brussels and Ankara?

Despite the European Commission President, José Manuel Barroso saying "do not close the EU doors to Turkey" (tvxs.gr, EL, 23/10), the German politician, Alexander Gauland, said that the "*people of Europe do not want Turkey to join the EU because Turkey does not share the same Western values as the European Union*" (finanznachrichten.de, DE, 23/10). In addition MEP Antigoni Papadopoulou sent a series of questions to the European Commission regarding Turkey's progress report and the statements made by EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle. She expressed her displeasure with the fact that the progress report aims to decriminalize Ankara, and calls the Commission to clarify as to whether the phrase "*Turkey continues to publicly express support for the negotiations between the two community leaders in Cyprus under the auspices of the UN for a fair and comprehensive solution*" essentially decriminalizes Turkey (Politis-Cyprus, CY, 24/10).

- tvxs.gr, EL, 23/10, [link not available]
- finanznachrichten.de, DE, 23/10, <http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2013-10/28374934-neue-verhandlungen-ueber-tuerkischen-eu-beitritt-afd-mahnt-mehr-ehrlichkeit-an-007.htm>
- Politis-Cyprus, CY, 24/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131024/mi/item_173723318.pdf

Substance and methodology of Cyprus peace talks

Also concerning Cyprus, the Greek Cypriot negotiator in the peace talks, Andreas Mavroyiannis, yesterday made it clear in no uncertain terms that the two leaders will not meet before agreement is reached on the substance and methodology of the talks process. Speaking to state broadcaster CyBC, Mavroyiannis said on substance, the Greek Cypriot negotiating team needs confirmation of the basis of the talks, and the desired outcome. Regarding procedure, the methodology must be such that negotiators could finally start correlating all issues on the table. He said that the method of approaching matters in sequential order could no longer be accepted as it led to discussing subjects that only Turkey wanted to discuss while ignoring others. "*We have reached a stage where all important issues are put to one side with everyone saying we'll leave them to the end. This is not possible. We need to finally take an approach where we can correlate the issues, because this is the only way we can enter into a give-and-take procedure, with each issue interlinked with the other*". The Turkish Cypriot negotiator Osman Ertuğ has argued that the insistence on a joint declaration is setting preconditions to the start of talks while the Turkish Cypriots are ready to begin without preconditions. Mavroyiannis confirmed that while in Brussels today, President Nicos Anastasiades would discuss with the Presidents of the European Commission and Council how exactly the EU could enhance its involvement in the process. "*The EU's involvement needs to be much wider. It is not necessary to seek Turkey's permission for the EU to show interest in Cyprus,*" he said (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 24/10).

- cyprus-mail.com, CY, 24/10, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2013/10/24/no-meeting-before-joint-statement/>

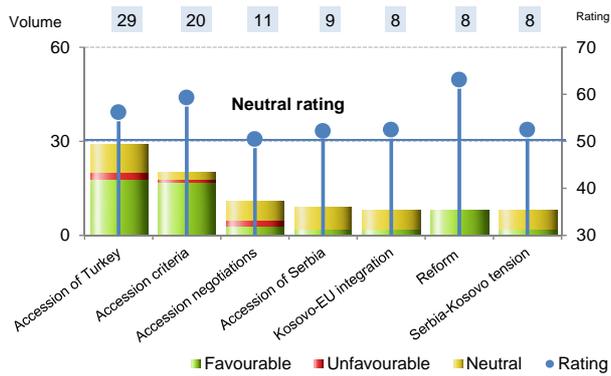
False hope for the Balkans

An article in Die Welt (DE, 24/10) looks at José Manuel Barroso's comments that said that all Balkan countries will join the EU in the long term. The author of the article cautions against hurry and reminds of Bulgaria and Romania who accessed the EU too quickly and which cause now big migration problems. According to the writer, only countries should join the EU which share the same values and are able to stand on their own. This should be taken in mind while discussing Turkey's accession (Welt, DE, 24/10).

- Welt, DE, 24/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131024/mi/item_173706714.pdf

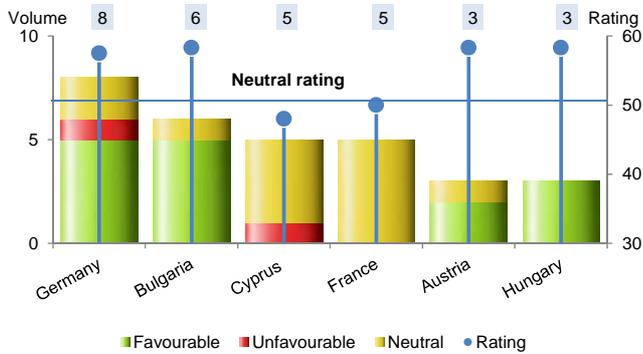
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Egemen Bağış (Minister for EU Affairs, Turkey)	2
Alexander Gauland (Politician, Germany)	2

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