



Key Quotes

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, PM of Turkey: **"There is no country named Cyprus"**. He claimed that the **"south Cyprus Greek administration had been accepted into the EU for political reasons and not because it was in harmony with European laws"** ([metrogreece.gr](http://www.metrogreece.gr), GR, 11/11) <http://www.metrogreece.gr/ArticleDetails/tabid/82/ArticleID/384968/Default.aspx>

Summary

Rights in Turkey

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan suffered a public rebuke from a senior minister and long-time ally over his criticism of mixed-sex student housing, signalling a growing rift in the ruling AK Party ahead of elections next year (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 8/11). Following his two-day visit to Ankara when European Commissioner for Enlargement, Štefan Füle called on the Turkish government to show *"more respect for its citizens' private decisions and ways of living"* (Kleine-Zeitung, AT, 9/11) Füle also called on Ankara to *"do more to eliminate inequalities between men and women"* (Bulgarian National Radio, BG, 9/11). Handelsblatt (DE, 11/11) said Mr Erdoğan is trying to lead Turkey away from Europe instead of working towards EU accession. The paper suggests Erdoğan's policy is strongly influenced by religious motivation. It adds however, that the EU should continue to discuss accession with Ankara in order to support those people who have demonstrated for democracy and freedom of speech during the past year.

- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 8/11, <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/turkey-pm-faces-allys-public-rebuke-mixed-sex-163259154--business.html#KhVdtAq>
- Kleine-Zeitung, AT, 9/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131109/mi/item_175877191.pdf
- Bulgarian National Radio, BG, 9/11 [link not available]
- Handelsblatt, DE, 11/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131111/mi/item_175858479.pdf

Turkey Cyprus tension

ANT says the Commission is adopting the position of Turkey by associating the return of the fenced off city of Famagusta and the opening of the Ercan (Tymbou) airport in the non-government controlled areas of Cyprus. According to a credible source, the Commission also believes that the opening of Ercan will ensure communication between air-traffic control centres in Cyprus and Turkey. At the same time, the Commission is avoiding giving a clear answer as to whether UNSG Special Adviser in Cyprus, Alexander Downer intervened and asked the Commission not to upgrade its role in the Cyprus talks (ANT-1-TV, CY, 9/11).

- ANT-1-TV, CY, 9/11 [link not available]

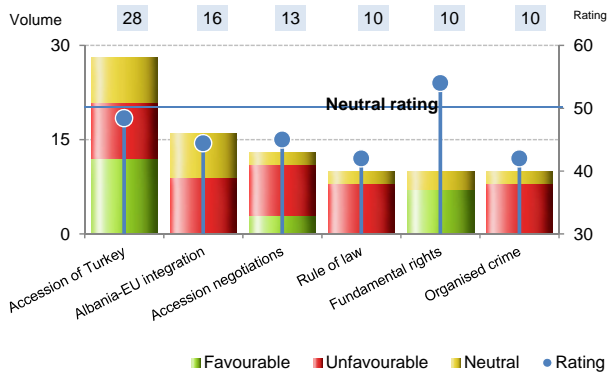
Albania - far from ready for EU accession

Albania, according to the Dutch VVD party, is not ready to be a candidate member of the European Union. It is *"not an option"*, said the Liberal Member of Parliament Mark Verheijen. He says enlargement is no priority; he sees too many problems in the field of corruption, organised crime and independent judiciaries. *"We have learned the lessons of Bulgaria and Romania. Both countries became members of the EU in 2007 without being ready for it"*. Verheijen added that *"the new countries weaken the EU"*. (volkskrant.nl, NL, 11/11).

- volkskrant.nl, NL, 11/11, <http://www.volkskrant.nl/vk/nl/2686/Binnenland/article/detail/3541586/2013/11/08/VVD-Albanie-geen-kandidaat-lid-EU.dhtml>

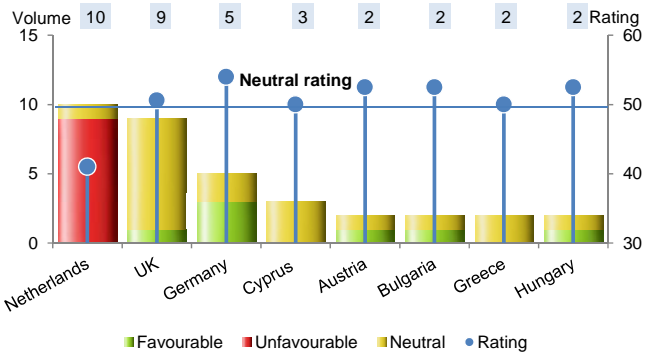
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Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	10
Mark Verheijen (Politician, Netherlands)	10
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	9
Hashim Taçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	3
Ahmet Davutoğlu (Foreign Minister, Turkey)	2

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