



Key Quotes

Brussels gives 236 million to Turkey's key reforms. **"These past weeks have seen positive developments in EU-Turkey relations, and I hope this renewed support will help promote further reforms that will contribute to the progress in the accession process,"** said European Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle (actualno.com, BG, 22/11) <http://world.actualno.com/Bruksel-dava-236-mln-evro-na-Turcija-za-kluchovi-reformi-news-6793.html>

Despite Ukraine's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the EU, experts say the bloc remains attractive to European countries. But the union does need to work on a growing image problem. Yet Ukraine is not the only country to recently give the cold shoulder to the European Union. Turkey has also slowed on its path of strengthening relations with the EU. Ewald Böhle, of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), said the reason for the increase in euroscepticism lies in the drawn-out negotiation process. **"The talks with Turkey have been going on since 1963, you have to let that sink in,"** he said (Deutsche Welle, DE, 24/11) <http://www.dw.de/the-eu-a-behemoth-with-an-image-problem/a-17248330>

Summary

Serbia's EU accession - the country wants to become a member of EU in 2020.

Tanja Mišević explained that the four-year time-frame that Serbian negotiators set for completing the negotiations is not optimistic, but rather realistic, as Serbia is not starting from scratch, but it has already successfully implemented many EU standards (webradio.hu, HU, 21/11). In support, the Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said he hopes Serbia will begin negotiations with the EU in December (bta.bg, BG, 22/11). Meanwhile NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy Thrasylvoulos Terry Stamatopoulos said on Thursday that Serbia's EU accession does not imply membership to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In his interview to the Belgrade-based daily Politika, Stamatopoulos said that *"NATO and the EU have 22 members in common and share the same democratic values, but also pointed out that there are countries that are either members of NATO or of the EU. For example, Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Ireland, Malta and Sweden are in the Union, but are not part of NATO – so obviously there is no requirement to join both of these organisations"* (protothema.gr, EL, 21/11).

- webradio.hu, HU, 21/11, <http://www.webradio.hu/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=292630>
- bta.bg, BG, 22/11, <http://www.bta.bg/bg/c/BA/id/717362>
- protothema.gr, EL, 21/11, <http://www.protothema.gr/politics/article/330332/i-edaxi-tis-servias-stin-ee-den-sunepaqetai-edaxi-sto-nato-leei-o-voithos-qg-tis-summahias/>

European Energy Security

President Abdullah Gül of Turkey continued to urge the European Union to consider Turkey's key position during accession talks. *"You must closely follow the middle-and long-term strategic projects developed to carry Caucasian, Central Asian and Middle Eastern natural gas ... to Europe through Turkey. We believe these projects will help the consolidation of Europe's security, stability and welfare, in addition to maintaining our energy security"* the president said in a speech delivered at the two-day Atlantic Council Energy and Economy Summit organised in Istanbul (naturalgaseurope.com, UK, 22/11).

- naturalgaseurope.com, UK, 22/11, <http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/abdullah-gl-turkey-eu-energy-security>

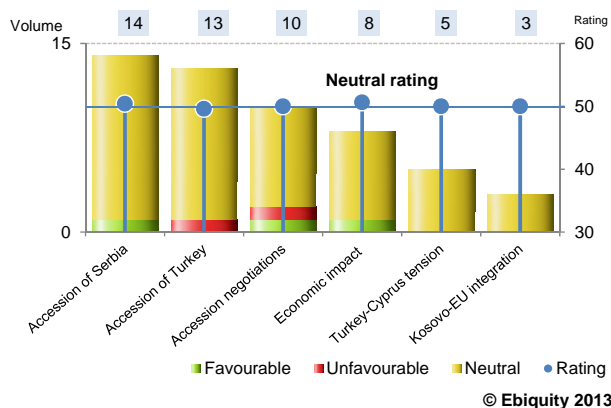
UN Report on business, corruption and crime in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presented its Report in Sarajevo on the results of a survey of business, corruption and crime in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Presentation was hosted by the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina with support of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of the Fight against Corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dr. Renzo Daviddi, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation, opened the event and said in his remarks: *"The EU recognises corruption to be a serious challenge and an obstacle to democratic and economic development of a country. We think it is high time that BiH[sic] equally recognises the extent to which corruption harms the functioning of institutions and economy and makes the fight against corruption one of its utmost priorities at all levels of government"* (balkans.com, UK, 22/11).

- balkans.com, UK, 22/11, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=185244>

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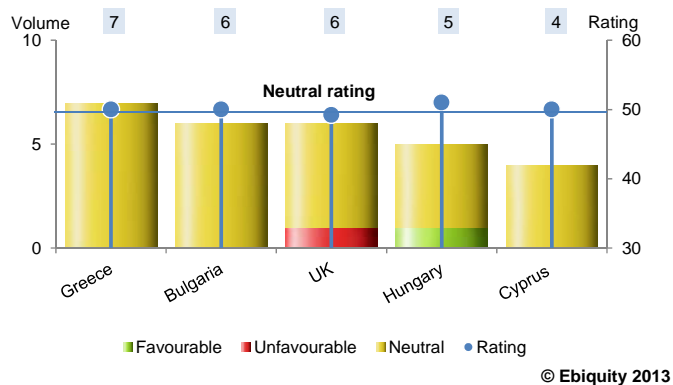
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Zinaida Zlatanova (Minister of Justice, Bulgaria)	2
Carl Bildt (Foreign Minister, Sweden)	2

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