

## Key Quotes

Roger Boyes (The Times) wrote that *"Bigger isn't always better. The enlargement of the European Union has run its course. Enlargement is over. Europe is facing bigger preoccupations, Brussels pretends its door is open. Kiev pretends it is adopting European values, Europeans say that they'd like to see Ukraine in the EU, but they don't really"* (The Times, UK, 27/11)

Viviane Reding, the Justice Commissioner, said she did not understand the "political logic" of the moves, given that the Government has been a keen supporter of EU enlargement and British citizens take full advantage of freedom of movement, setting up homes and businesses overseas. *"Free movement is a fundamental pillar of the single market and the single market is something Britain has signed up to and is very dear to the heart of Great Britain,"* she said. (Independent, UK, 28/11).

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-to-lobby-for-support-on-migration-restrictions-at-eu-summit-in-lithuania-8967018.html>

## Summary

### Migration within Europe

David Cameron's announcement of a crackdown on European Union immigration, vowing to deport vagrants and restrict the right of foreign nationals to benefits, and calling for new rules to stop vast migrations, has drawn a sharp EU reaction. Writing in the Financial Times, Mr Cameron insists Europe has to reform *"to regain the trust of its people"*, amid fears that unlimited migration is fuelling support for right-wing populist parties such as the UK Independence party. Britain has for decades been the biggest cheerleader for EU expansion and free movement, but it now wants to pull up the drawbridge with new rules to stop workers from poor countries moving to richer member states. With an eye fixed on future accessions in the Balkans and possibly Turkey, Mr Cameron demands *"new arrangements that will slow full access to each other's labour markets until we can be sure it will not cause vast migrations"*. In a sign of hardening British attitudes towards migration, Mr Cameron's FT article was signed off by Nick Clegg, leader of the pro-European Liberal Democrats, who believes the proposed reforms are *"sensible and reasonable"*. Mr Cameron's initiative is intended to allay rising concern in Britain about the lifting of work restrictions on Romanian and Bulgarian migrants on January 1 across the EU (Financial-Times, UK, 27/11). Keith Vaz, the Labour MP who chairs the Commons home affairs committee, criticised aspects of the proposed welfare sanctions. *"As the country that is seen as the champion of EU enlargement under successive governments, we should do so much more to help the Romanians and Bulgarians access accession funds from the EU which would help them build up their country and provide jobs for their citizens. We have failed to do this."* (The Guardian, UK, 27/11). Nigel Farage, the Ukip leader, said voters would not believe the measures were tough enough. *"Every time he shoots our fox, we're up in the opinion polls, and that's because people just don't believe this guy,"* he said. *"This is the man who throughout his whole leadership of the Conservative party has said that free movement of people is an essential part of the single market; to take in not just Turkey but the Ukraine".* He went on to say that, *"It doesn't sound very tough to me, because under his proposals somebody could come here on 1 January from Romania and within 12 weeks be entitled to unemployment benefit. I think that's outrageous, I wouldn't call that tough. I would still say that we're being far too generous, even if he does have the guts to put this in place"* (The Guardian, UK, 27/11).

· Financial-Times, UK, 27/11, <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/b2b10574-56c3-11e3-ab12-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2lotTdTnX>

· The Guardian, UK, 27/11, <http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/27/migration-row-government-panicking-labour>

· The Guardian, UK, 27/11, <http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/27/migration-uk-nasty-country-eu-commissionerlabour>

### Riposte to Cameron by European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

European Commissioner Andor launched a devastating attack on David Cameron's plans to curb benefits for migrants, accusing the Prime Minister of not telling the truth and fuelling 'hysteria'. Commissioner Andor claimed action to deter foreign benefits claimants risked presenting the UK as a 'nasty country' and could be the start of the 'slippery slope' towards the collapse of the single market. The Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion boasted that massive immigration from Poland had 'not caused damage' to Britain but actually helped the economy to grow (dailymail.co.uk, UK, 27/11).

· dailymail.co.uk, UK, 27/11, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2514249/Brussels-Commissioner-Laszlo-Andor-Cameron-making-Britain-nasty-country-Europe.html>

### Ukraine, like Turkey, won't ever Join the EU

Roger Boyes (The Times) wrote that *"the EU has enlargement fatigue.....It can't, it won't, it doesn't want any more. Growing was once the main foreign policy instrument of Europe and was the only thing it did well"*. He continued *"now enlargement has died as a project for Europhiles and Eurosceptics. It is no longer a useful device for stalling plans for EU political integration. On the contrary, the existential crisis that erupted after the Greek meltdown accelerated the debate about exerting control from the centre. The fear of disintegration at the core trumps the fear of being embarrassed by a new war in the Balkans. There is a queue of Balkan candidates from Albania to Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia. The dream remains that we can somehow abolish centuries of ethnic conflict if only these countries sign up to their 35 chapters of accession and sort out their Health and Safety rules. Nonsense. There has always been a hint of neocolonialism about the Enlargers"*. (The Times, UK, 27/11)

· The Times, UK, 27/11 [link not available]

### Bulgarian minorities in the Balkans

In a declaration read in the Bulgarian Parliament on the occasion of the 94th anniversary of the signing of the Neuilly Treaty, the nationalist party Ataka claimed that the territories inhabited by people with a Bulgarian sense of identity, in present day Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, should be returned to Bulgaria. According to Ataka the Neuilly Treaty, which cut these territories off, should be not in force for Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and is not valid due to the non-existence of the country, with which it was contracted. It means that the lands torn off Bulgaria by this treaty should be included in its territory. The suggestion of the party is that the issue concerning the Western outskirts should be solved before Serbia's accession to the EU, while the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's EU accession should take place after a solution to the problem is found through the return of the region of Strumitsa to within the boundaries of Bulgaria (bnr.bg, BG, 27/11).

· bnr.bg, BG, 27/11, <http://bnr.bg/sites/en/News2013/Pages/271113B2.aspx>

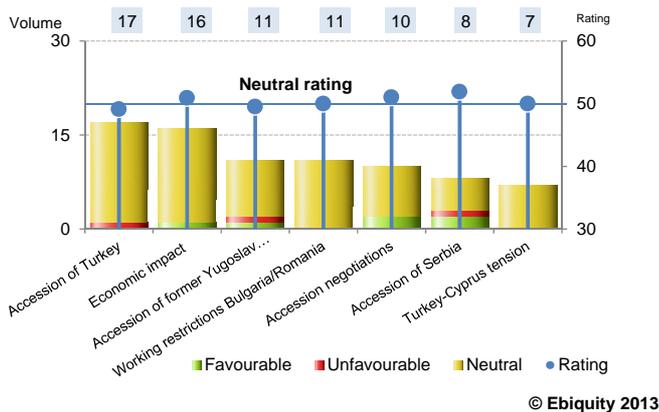
### Republic of Montenegro in NATO and the European Union

Romania will entirely endorse the efforts of the Republic of Montenegro to join NATO and the European Union, Prime Minister Victor Ponta said. "I want to voice on this occasion Romania's total support for the efforts Montenegro made for the accession to NATO and the European Union. I believe the presence of Montenegro in NATO will represent a new historic step for the stability and peace in the region and the successful completion of the negotiations with the European Union, also, a fundamental message to Europe's future. Moreover, I offered Montenegro support as concerns our experience of negotiation with the European Union. As other candidate countries, they can both learn from the good things Romania has done and also from the mistakes made by Romania and I wish Montenegro can join the EU member states soon," the Romanian Prime Minister said quoted by Agerpres (Nineoclock.ro, RO, 27/11)

· Nineoclock.ro, RO, 27/11, <http://www.nineoclock.ro/romania-endorses-montenegro%E2%80%99s-efforts-to-join-nato-and-eu/>

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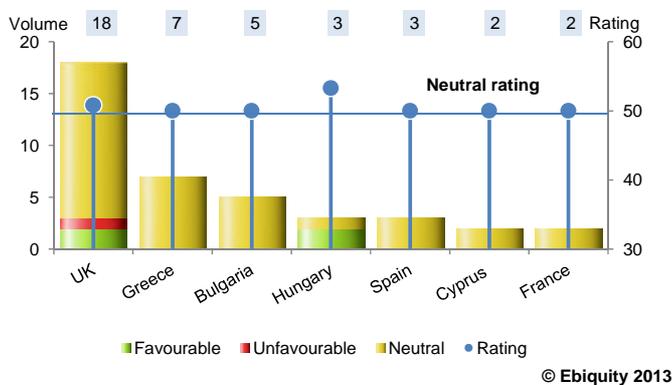
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