



Key Quotes

Cameron to push for cap on European migrants in UK negotiations with EU. The prime minister said it was also absolutely achievable to stop new members without tighter restrictions on migration in place joining the EU, suggesting he could veto accessions if not. **"That is absolutely achievable because every time a new country joins the European Union, there has to be unanimity around the council table in Europe about what the arrangements are. So Britain will be able to insist for future countries joining, we'll be able to insist on a tougher, more robust regime"** (The Guardian, UK, 5/1).

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/05/cameron-cap-european-migrants-uk-negotiations-eu>

Greek Deputy FM Dimitris Kourkoulas expressed his belief that Serbia has the capacities needed for a rapid progress in the European Union accession process. Asked if the fact that Serbia does not recognize the independence of Kosovo would pose an obstacle to its EU integration, Kourkoulas replied that **"the EU supports the deepening of relations between Belgrade and Pristina"** and noted that **"Greece did not recognize the unilaterally proclaimed independence of Kosovo either, adding that this does not hinder the progress of EU-Kosovo relations"**. **"We need a stable Serbia for the stability of the entire region,"** he said (newsit.gr, GR, 3/1).

http://www.newsit.gr/default.php?pname=Article&art_id=261252&catid=9

Summary

Turkey hopes to be on the European path

Greek Ambassador to Turkey Kyriakos Loukakis said Thursday that Greece will continue to fully support Turkey's European Union bid process despite the Cyprus dispute. Turkey's newly appointed EU Minister expressed the hope that new chapters would be opened during its presidency, **"We aspire to open at least one chapter, but prefer more than one"** Çavuşoğlu said at his meeting with Loukakis, whose country took over the six-month-long rotating presidency of the EU on January 1st. **"Greece supported Turkey's EU process in the last 10 years, under all conditions,"** said the minister adding that **"Turkey welcomes Greece's priorities for its six-month-long presidency including financial issues and structural reforms"**. Greece has identified growth, employment and illegal immigration as the country's main priorities during its presidency. Loukakis congratulated Çavuşoğlu on his new post and assured him that his country's support would continue. Meeting with EU ambassadors two weeks ago, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu expressed that Ankara wanted to open chapters 17, 23 and 24 during the Greek Presidency (ansamed.info, IT, 3/1).

- ansamed.info, IT, 3/1, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2014/01/03/Turkey-Greece-Ankara-looks-Athens-support-its-EU-bid_9847312.html

Turkey no longer on European path.

There was a different view expressed in Les Echos (FR, 3/1). In an opinion piece Sébastien Daziano suggests that after ten years in power the AKP has deviated from its European path and accession negotiations have stalled. The European Union failed to hear appeals from Istanbul protesters any more than it understands the current challenge of the Gülen movement. He says the anchoring of Turkey to Europe is essential for the stability of our borders, the Europeanisation of an emerging power and the development of the rule of law adding that it is probable that Turkey will never fully join the European Union, but, along the way, a global partnership must be laid down between Brussels and Ankara. It is important that France and Germany understand current developments, remember their historical proximity to the Turks and find the terms for a partnership of trust between European Union and Turkey. The pity is that until recently Mr Erdoğan looked as if he would go down as his country's greatest leader since Atatürk. While he has been in power, GDP has more than doubled in real terms (economist.com, UK, 3/1).

- Les Echos, FR, 3/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140103/mi/item_182044208.pdf
- economist.com, UK, 3/1, <http://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21592614-government-recep-tayyip-erdogan-has-grave-questions-answer-arab-road?fsrc=rss/lea>

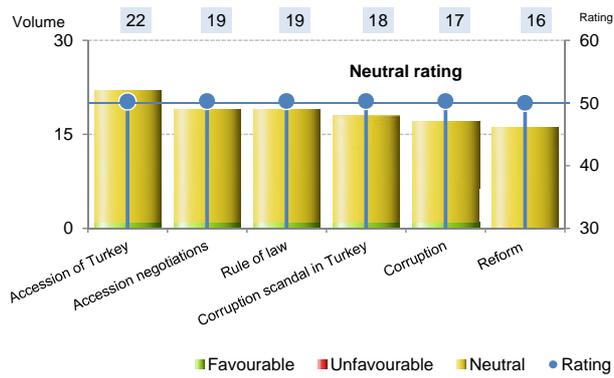
Serbia liberalised its trade at the turn of the year.

Almost all tariffs on the import of products from the EU have been abolished, which is one of the items of the association and stabilisation agreement. However, strategically important agricultural products, such as meat of any kind, dairy products, potatoes, tomatoes, fruits, corn and corn products as well as other food products produced and deserving protection in Serbia are exempt from the abolishing of import tariffs (Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 3/1). Poslovni dnevnik (HR, 2/1) sees this as a great opportunity for Croatian companies and wonders if the Croatian food industry can take advantage of the benefits of joining the EU when it comes to the Serbian food market.

- Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 3/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140103/mi/item_182067154.pdf
- Poslovni dnevnik, HR, 2/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140102/mi/item_182065600.pdf

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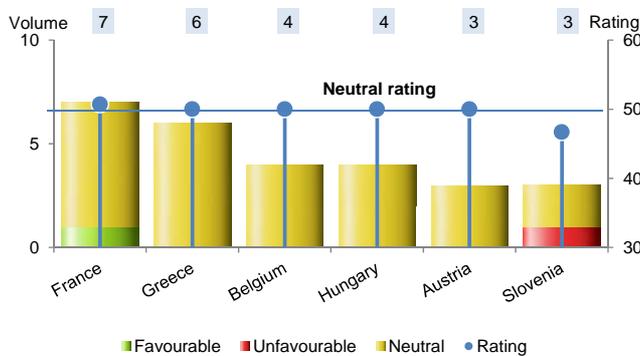
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