



Key Quotes

In an interview with CNN, the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski claimed that the Greek government is deliberately avoiding talks over the name dispute. Gruevski said that he had tried to contact the Greek Prime minister but that he was rejected. Gruevski has also accused Greece of trying to block the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's European Union membership. He added: *"International law is on our side and I do believe that if Greece decides to respect this, we can start the negotiations with the EU and join NATO immediately"* (Greek Reporter, GR, 14/1).

<http://greece.greekreporter.com/2014/01/14/fyrom-pm-greece-is-avoiding-talks-over-name-issue/>

Summary

Barroso-Erdoğan to meet

Commission President José Manuel Barroso will meet with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Brussels on 21 January, as announced by a Commission spokesperson yesterday. On the same day, Erdoğan will meet with the EP President and the leaders of the EP Political Groups. Referring to the controversy between the Turkish government and justice officials, the spokesperson for EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle emphasised that Turkey is a candidate country and should adjust to the EU acquis (Alithia, EL, 14/1). Turkey has often been feted as an emerging market star. But today there are concerns that the improved economic governance that helped the country to prosper in recent years has decayed into a more personalised, less rule-bound system in which questions about corruption remain largely unanswered. Amid the corruption scandal, conditions have since worsened (Financial-Times, UK, 14/1).

- Alithia, EL, 14/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140114/mi/item_183296214.pdf
- Financial-Times, UK, 14/1, [link not available]

Multiculturalism in Turkey

Commissioner Füle has expressed his discontent over the refusal of Turkey to reopen the Theological School of Halki. Answering a question tabled by MEP Georgios Koumoutsakos, Commissioner Štefan Füle commented that he regretted the fact that the package of democratisation measures of September had not addressed this issue (Kathimerini, EL, 14/1). Füle added that the Commission intends to raise the issue at every suitable opportunity. The Commissioner's written reply also stressed that the Commission is closely monitoring the issue, which is included in Turkey's progress reports. More specifically, the Commission's Progress Report on Turkey for 2013 noted that the seminary remained closed, despite announcements on the contrary (amna.gr, EL, 13/1).

- Kathimerini, EL, 14/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140114/mi/item_183292857.pdf
- amna.gr, EL, 13/1, <http://www.amna.gr/english/articleview.php?id=4758>

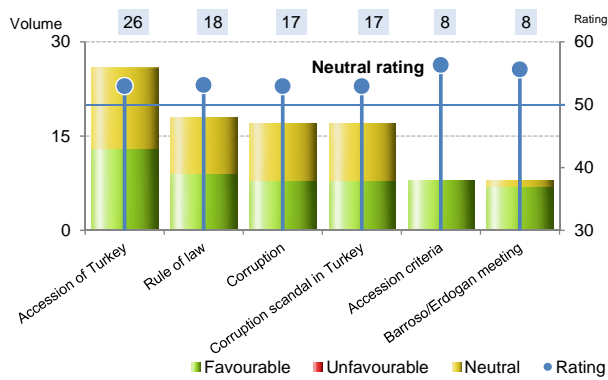
Tension between Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

It is a pity that the country, called the former Republic of Macedonia, is governed by people who are nostalgic for a Greater Serbia [in Serbian: Velika Srbija] idea and who were raised to be hostile to Bulgaria. Angel Dzhambazki, Deputy Chairperson of the IMRO – Bulgarian National Movement, was commenting on the broken memorial plaque of Bulgarian revolutionary Mara Buneva, which was recently put up in Skopje. He expressed his doubts that the perpetrators would be caught, and said that such instances of vandalism have occurred for 10 years now (focus-fen.net, BG, 13/1).

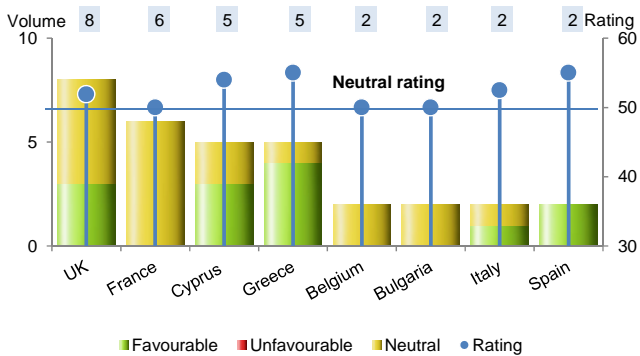
- focus-fen.net, BG, 13/1, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n323887>

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