



Key Quotes

The Government of Turkey this Wednesday has conducted a new purge of the police. **"We have followed these developments closely and today I conveyed European concerns to Prime Minister Erdoğan"** said the president of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso at a joint press conference with Erdoğan and President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy at the end of the meetings that have been held (El Economista, ES, 23/1).

<http://ecodiario.elseconomista.es/oriente-medio/noticias/5480925/01/14/Nueva-purga-en-la-Policia-de-Ankara-con-el-despido-o-recolocacion-de-470-agentes.html>

The CSU MEP Manfred Weber at odds with the European course of his party: You should address the opportunities of the EU, not just the problems. The discussion with Turkey he deems dishonest. **"Turkey won't become a member of the EU. The current discussion is dishonest. EU and Turkey conduct accession talks, but do not want accession. This poisons the relationship. Therefore: Stop the negotiations"** (Berliner Morgenpost, DE, 23/1).

<http://www.morgenpost.de/politik/article124123867/Schluss-mit-den-Tuerkei-Verhandlungen.html>

Summary

Serbian war reparations

The issue of Serbia paying war reparations to Croatia found itself on the table of Commissioner Štefan Füle on the opening day of Serbia's accession negotiations. Croatian MEP Ivo Davor Stier put forward the payment of war reparations at the beginning of negotiations. He also pointed out the importance of the agreement on the normalization of relations between Serbia and Kosovo and its further application. *"In this context it is important to respect other agreements to encourage neighbourly cooperation. The European Commission emphasis on the importance of respecting the Agreement on the normalization of relations between Serbia and Croatia from 1996 should also be noted"* (Tportal.hr, HR, 21/1). In an interview, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksander Vučić says he does not see any outstanding issues with Croatia that cannot be resolved over the next 5-6 years (Tportal.hr, HR, 21/1). In Brussels, experts believe, however, that four years will not be enough to complete the process leading to accession, especially since the criteria have been tightened in recent years. *"It took more than eight years for Croatia"*, recalled a diplomat (Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 22/1).

- Tportal.hr, HR, 21/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140121/mi/item_184330383.pdf
- Tportal.hr, HR, 21/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140121/mi/item_184330313.pdf
- Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 22/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140122/mi/item_184318087.pdf

Erdoğan takes a stance in Brussels

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan strongly defended his questionable measures to mentor the criminal administration after corruption investigations. He made clear he plans to continue his adjustments in order to control justice (Periodico, ES, 22/1). Herman Van Rompuy, José Barroso and Martin Schulz made it clear to the Prime Minister of Turkey that democracy in the country is weak and that he is not blameless (Ta-Nea, EL, 22/1). European Council President Herman Van Rompuy stressed the *"strategic importance"* of Turkey and urged Erdoğan, to make sure to make possible for the country's judiciary to *"function in a transparent and impartial manner, without discrimination or preference."* Erdoğan listened and stressed the primacy of the legislature and said *"If we consider the judiciary as a separate power, then this would lead to a country of judicial rule and not democracy"* (Berliner-Zeitung, DE, 22/1).

- Periodico, ES, 22/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140122/mi/item_184334502.pdf
- Ta-Nea, EL, 22/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140122/mi/item_184327240.pdf
- Berliner-Zeitung, DE, 22/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140122/mi/item_184305262.pdf

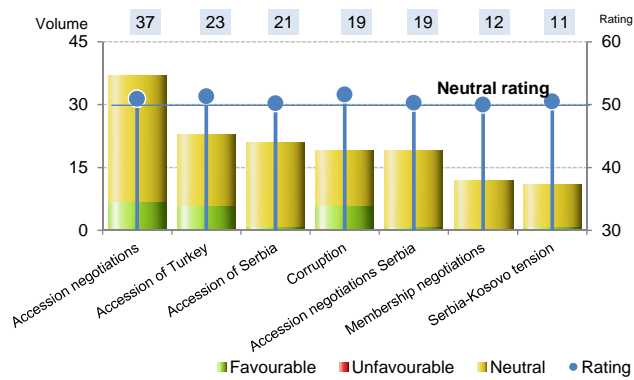
The Cyprus problem

In a joint press conference with Turkish Prime Minister, Herman Van Rompuy, José Manuel Barroso and Martin Schulz made reference to Cyprus, without directly reminding Turkey of its responsibilities. The president of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy, and European Commission President José Barroso underlined the need for urgent solution to the Cyprus problem and stressed that if Erdoğan should solve the Cyprus problem it would have positive repercussions on Turkey's accession process (RIK-1-CyBC1, CY, 22/1).

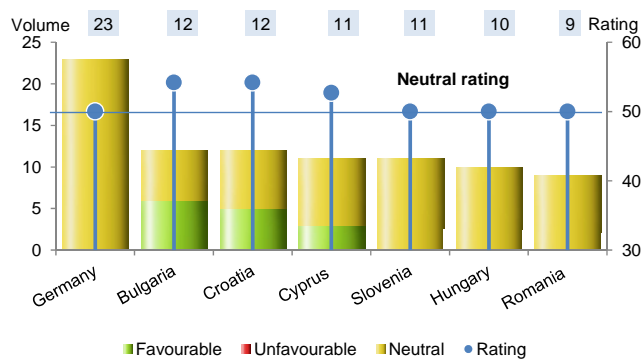
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