



Key Quotes

On his official visit for two days in Turkey, François Hollande has said the country is likely to join the European Union. From the start of his state visit this Monday January 27, the first in twenty-two years for a French president, he called for further process chapter by chapter. But he also reminded that "**negotiation does not mean membership**" (rfi, FR, 28/1).

<http://www.rfi.fr/europe/20140128-ankara-hollande-soutient-prudence-processus-adhesion-turquie-ue-union-europeenne-chomage-emploi-commerce>

Summary

France wants to reconnect with Ankara

François Hollande is the first President since Mitterand 22 years ago, to visit Turkey, a country which first applied to be part of the EU 25 years ago (Metronews, FR, 27/1). The unrelenting opposition of the former French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, to the accession of Turkey damaged relations with the fifteenth largest global economy (Figaro, FR, 27/1). Though because he has waited too long, Hollande, accompanied by seven ministers and a large number of businessmen, is visiting a country in crisis. "*Our government is in such a difficult situation that it cannot really discuss bilateral measures never mind regional questions*" says a longtime stalwart of Turkey's AKP Party (Figaro, FR, 27/1). French business leaders are supporting the entry of Turkey into the EU, hoping to benefit from its economic boom. Growth is being driven upwards by Anatolian tigers, family entrepreneurs defending their values and in true support of Erdoğan and his policies (FRANCE-3, FR, 25/1).

- Metronews, FR, 27/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140127/mi/item_184932605.pdf
- Figaro, FR, 27/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140127/mi/item_184926150.pdf
- Figaro, FR, 27/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140127/mi/item_184924458.pdf
- FRANCE-3, FR, 25/1, <http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140125/mi/2501-521060-001.mp4>

Tension between Serbia and Croatia

The burden of the past conflict between the ex-Yugoslav nations is still very much present. As Serbia starts accession negotiations, Croatian politicians have spoken of examining the issue of war reparations (Vecernji List, HR, 25/7). Milovan Sibl, head of United Croatia has said "*We spent the past 100 years in a common state with Serbia and the prospect of finding ourselves in one political union again would be an unwelcome experience.*" The scars from the Croatian-Serbian war are still visible and sensitive for many people, which is why very many Croats would prefer Bosnia and Herzegovina, rather than Serbia, to join the EU (Dnevno.hr, HR, 25/1).

- Vecernji List, HR, 25/7, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140125/mi/item_184949955.pdf
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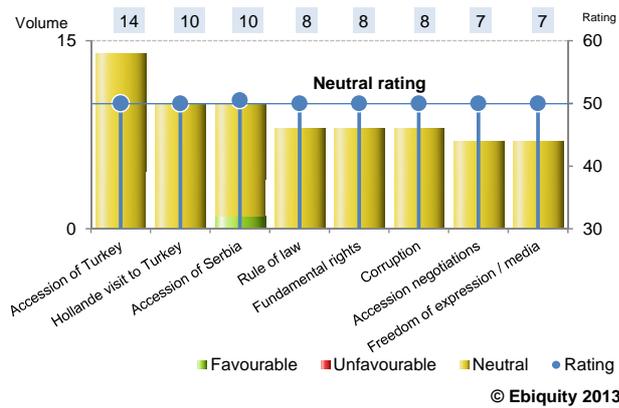
Economic impact of Enlargement

Holland and Britain, which were once the main supporters for EU enlargement to the east, are now involved in anti-immigrant rhetoric. However, they have benefitted greatly from investing in Eastern European markets, provided by the EU right to free movement of goods. The free movement of people right should also be respected (NRC Handelsblad, NL, 25/1).

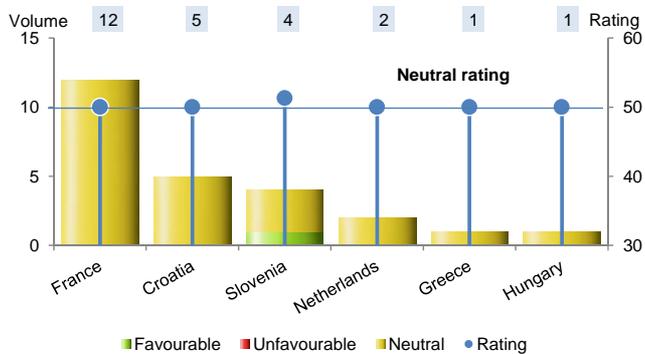
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François Hollande (President, France)	10
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	9
Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	5
Ivica Dačić Prime Minister, Serbia)	4
Herman Van Rompuy (President, European Council)	3
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	1
José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	1
Martin Schultz, President, European Parliament)	1
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	1

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