



Key Quotes

Survey: Every 2nd Serbian in favour of EU membership bid. The support of Serbian citizens for their country's plan to join the European Union has mildly risen to above 51%, according to the latest opinion poll conducted by the government's office for European integration. The findings of the survey presented on Wednesday show that pro-EU sentiment in Serbia grew by 10% from 41% in January (dalje.com, HR, 30/1).

<http://dalje.com/en-world/survey--every-2nd-serbian-in-favour-of-eu-membership-bid/497748>

Summary

French trade with Turkey

On Monday the French head of state François Hollande, gave a press conference in Ankara along with his Turkish counterpart Abdullah Gül. With this state visit, France wants to move away from a bilateral relationship which has deteriorated and been singularly ineffective to be at the heart of the recovery process of negotiations for the accession of Turkey to the European Union (Yahoo! France, FR, 29/1). On the second day of his state visit to Turkey, a country with a high growth rate, the French President set a goal of increasing the volume of trade from 12.5 to 20 billion euros. Wherever he went from the Presidential Palace in Ankara to the Galatasaray University by way of the French Trade Mission, the head of state has hammered home his message, a message which says he has broken with the previous Presidency during which time relations nosedived (Collectif Van, 29/1). Hollande, speaking at a Turkish-French business forum in Istanbul, said that "*In the last ten years France has lost its share of the Turkish market and this it cannot accept*". It is obvious that no country can indefinitely go against its national interests - political, economic and other. And in the case of the huge Turkish market and at a time when the French economy is in crisis, Paris considers that it cannot sacrifice economic interests in Turkey, to the interests of Cyprus (Sigma Live, CY, 29/1).

- Yahoo! France, FR, 29/1, <http://fr.finance.yahoo.com/actualites/turquie-trouvera-t-place-leurope-094028846.html>
- Collectif Van, FR, 29/1, <http://www.collectifvan.org/article.php?r=4&id=78169>
- Sigma Live, CY, 29/1, <http://www.sigmalive.com/simerini/columns/thesi/96000>

Dissolution of the Serbian Parliament

The Serbian government has formally submitted a request to the president Tomislav Nikolić for the dissolution of parliament and to call early parliamentary elections. The suggestion is that after the recent opening of accession negotiations with the EU, the government wants to see how much backing they have among the people and to gain the widest possible support for the reforms that will be necessary on Serbian path towards the EU. But it is obvious that there is an election due to growing tension within the coalition which could slow down the necessary reforms (sta.si, SI, 28/1).

- sta.si, SI, 28/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140128/mi/item_185242131.pdf

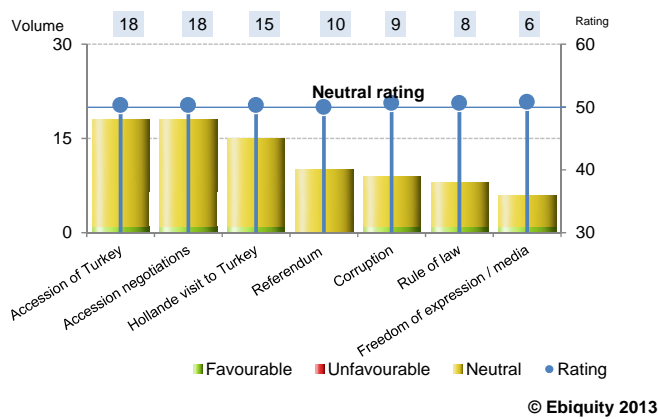
Name dispute

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia needs to quickly reach a compromise with Greece over its name so that it can join NATO and began accession negotiations with the EU. The problem lies in the fact that the firm position of Greece over the name now is also the official position of the EU and NATO. The politician Ljubčo Georgievski has warned that country's entry into NATO and the EU is not a question of prestige, but of real economic existence and the existence of the state. According to him the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia does not have the capacity to survive another crisis (sta.si, SI, 28/1).

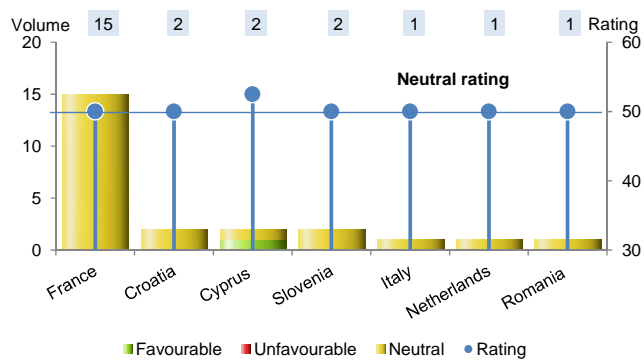
- sta.si, SI, 28/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140128/mi/item_185242130.pdf

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| François Hollande (President, France) | 15 |
| Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey) | 7 |
| Abdullah Gül (President, Turkey) | 6 |
| José Manuel Barroso (President, EC) | 2 |
| Herman Van Rompuy (President, European Council) | 2 |
| Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia) | 2 |

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