



## Key Quotes

The European Union is ready to expand its engagement in Bosnia and Herzegovina to help it speed up the economic and social reforms demanded during mass protests last month, EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton said on Wednesday. "We are ready to consider broader engagement with you to help address these issues", Ashton told a news conference. "This is not about lowering the bar, it's about helping you get over it", she said (Reuters, UK, 12/3).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/03/12/uk-bosnia-eu-ashton-idUKBREA2B1QT20140312>

MEP Angelika Werthmann spoke about the 2013 progress report on Turkey. "In my view it would be of highest importance for Turkey to fully implement amongst others the 1951 Geneva Convention and its 1967 protocol. It is a must to respect European values as well as European and international laws and legislation if one wants to be a serious partner in European / international politics", said MEP Werthmann (finanznachrichten.de, DE, 12/3).

<http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2014-03/29670440-mep-angelika-werthmann-about-2013-progress-report-on-turkey-007.htm>

## Summary

### Turkey progress report

In Strasbourg the EP Plenary discussed Turkey's EU accession progress report, with MEP's criticising their interventions in the absence of respect for fundamental rights and the independence of the judicial system. Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle referred in his intervention to positive developments in Turkey, as well as the Commission's concerns. He also said that Turkey played a significant role in the restart of Cyprus talks and called on the Council to prepare a roadmap for the opening of chapter 23 in Turkey's accession talks (Haravgi, CY, 12/3). Turkish daily Milliyet (10.03.14) reported that Peter Stano, spokesman for EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle, evaluated the accession process of Turkey, and said that allegations that the recent developments will negatively affect Turkey's EU accession process do not reflect the reality. Noting that there is no possibility that Turkey's accession process will be slowed down by the EU. Stano said: "The EU has repeatedly said that Turkey needs now more than ever Europe and the EU accession process. The best way to introduce Turkey to the EU standards is through a reliable accession process" (hri.org, CY, 11/3).

- hri.org, CY, 11/3, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-03-11.tcpr.html>
- Haravgi, CY, 12/3, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140312/mi/item\\_190760775.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140312/mi/item_190760775.pdf)

### View of Turkey from the EU Presidency

Speaking for the Greek EU presidency and for member states in general, Greek deputy foreign minister Dimitrios Kourkoulas said it is up to Erdoğan to show good will, not the other way round. "Opening chapters is not an end in itself", he noted. "Turkey knows what it must do ... the pace of negotiations will depend on Turkey's ability and willingness to go forward and if we are to move then certain reforms will have to be undertaken (euobserver.com, BE, 12/3).

- euobserver.com, BE, 12/3, <http://euobserver.com/foreign/123435>

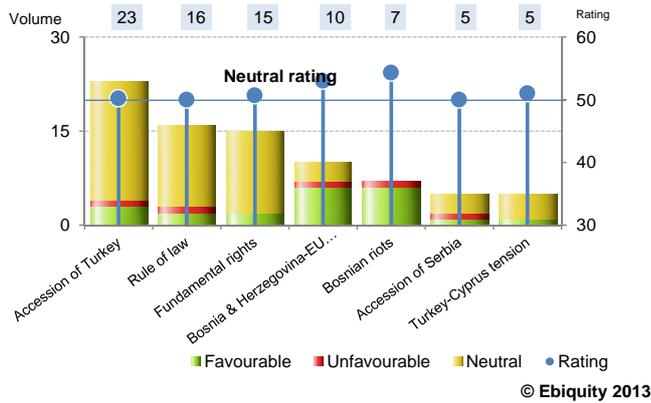
### Turkey Cyprus question

Turkish Foreign Minister, Ahmet Davutoğlu, has said there is a new momentum on Cyprus and that the outlook for a solution was promising. Davutoğlu was speaking in New York after a meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Davutoğlu said the cross-meetings in Ankara and Athens last month had been very successful. He was referring to the visit to Turkey by Greek Cypriot negotiator Andreas Mavroyiannis and the simultaneous visit to Greece by Turkish Cypriot negotiator Kudret Özersay. "The two sides were very happy with the meetings in Athens and Ankara and this was shared with the Secretary-General, who was also happy about it", Davutoğlu said. He said there was a new momentum on Cyprus since the negotiations resumed on February 11. Davutoğlu said there was strong support from Turkey and Greece and also from the rest of the international community – the UN, US and the EU for a solution (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 12/3).

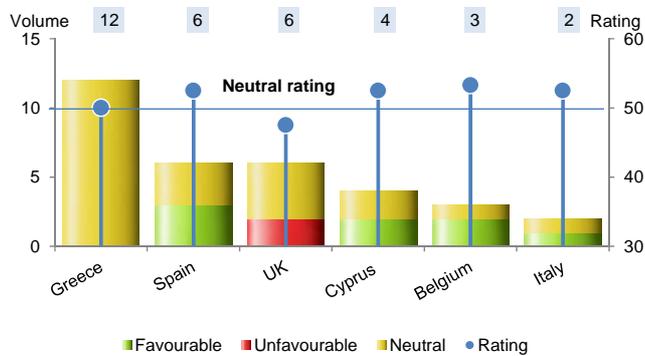
- cyprus-mail.com, CY, 12/3, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/03/12/davutoqlu-says-new-momentum-on-cyprus/>

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