



## Summary

According to the Daily Express (UK, 29/10) experts are warning that Britain is facing a new influx of eastern European immigration which will put British workers' jobs at risk. The article claims that 130,000 are currently living in the UK and that loopholes have allowed the Eastern Europeans to take 50,000 jobs in trades from which they should be excluded. Euro MP Gerard Batten, Ukip Home Affairs spokesman, said: *"Mass immigration has had a detrimental effect on British living standards. Opening the doors to Bulgarians and Romanians in 2014 will just make it worse."*

- Daily Express, UK, 29/10, No link available

Various countries' accession negotiations were in the news: the European Commission is concerned that Bulgaria could block the accession talks of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM). An anonymous EU representative commented that it was the first time that Bulgaria had expressed reservations about the initiation of fYRoM's EU entry talks in such an open manner (Trud, BG, 27/10).

- Trud, BG, 27/10, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121027/mi/item\\_138427571.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121027/mi/item_138427571.pdf)

Concerning Turkey, Brussels and Ankara are promoting actions that will lead to the revitalisation of Turkey's accession negotiations and the opening of negotiation chapters frozen by France and Cyprus. (ANT-1-TV-Cyprus, CY, 27/10). In Germany it was reported that the topic is too important to put off. Critics of Recep Tayyip Erdogan have observed that Turkey's Prime Minister's rhetoric has become more aggressive. Minister President of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Winfried Kretschmann, speaking at the University of Ankara said he stands by Turkey and demands a clear sign from Brussels towards Turkey's accession (Stuttgarter Nachrichten, DE, 26/10). The Bavarian politician, Hans-Peter Uhl, took another view and strongly opposes Turkish entry, and sees no future for Turkey as the EU member. Uhl also criticized Erdogan's stance in the debate on the integration of Turkish migrants in Germany, saying it is true that Erdogan wants Turkish immigrants to learn German and to be integrated, *"but not to make them part of German society, as we would wish, but in order to better represent Turkish interests in Germany,"* adding *"That is not acceptable"* (np-coburg.de, DE, 27/10).

- ANT-1-TV-Cyprus, CY, 27/10
- Stuttgarter-Nachrichten, DE, 26/10, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121026/mi/item\\_138241047.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121026/mi/item_138241047.pdf)
- np-coburg.de, DE, 27/10, <http://www.np-coburg.de/ueberregional/brennpunkte/CSU-Mann-Uhl-gegen-Visafreiheit-fuer-Tuerken;art2801,2163047>

Dutch media reported that the Netherlands is pleased with the European Commission's annual progress reports on (potential) candidate countries for membership of the European Union, which laid strong emphasis on the importance of the rule of law (nieuwsbank.nl, NL, 26/10). Other media focused on the issue of visas and migration and the economic impact of migration. The European Commission warned five countries from the Western Balkans of the possibility of a restoration of the visa regime as a measure against the excessively high number of refugee requests by their citizens to the EU. Spokesperson for EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Cecilia Malmstrom, Michele Cercone, announced that the EC had received a letter signed by the interior ministers of six EU countries asking for a safeguard clause that would allow the reintroduction of visas. (Monitor-Daily, BG, 27/10). In Germany, Hans-Peter Friedrich, the German interior minister, said the EU was prepared to offer aid, but the rates of migration could not continue and the reintroduction of visas could be one way to tackle that: *"The huge inflow of Serbian and fYRoM citizens must be stopped immediately"* (visabureau.com, UK, 26/10).

- Monitor-Daily, BG, 27/10, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121027/mi/item\\_138427651.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121027/mi/item_138427651.pdf)
- nieuwsbank.nl, NL, 26/10, <http://www.nieuwsbank.nl/inp/2012/10/26/1068.htm>
- visabureau.com, UK, 26/10, <http://www.visabureau.com/uk/news/26-10-2012/britain-to-support-uk-visa-reintroduction-for-balkan-nations.aspx>

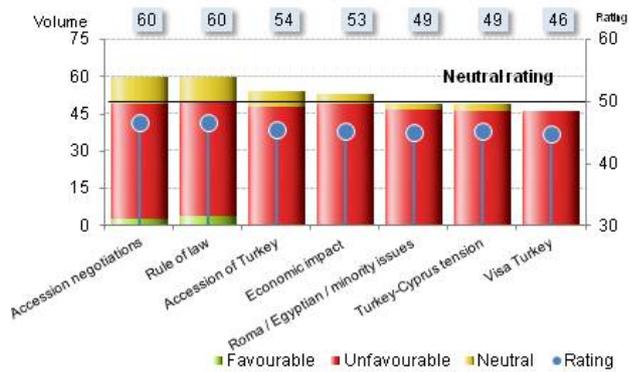
## Key Quotes

**Clinton, who will be joined by European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton during her first stop in Sarajevo, is expected to call on Bosnia to speed up reforms in a country still deeply divided along ethnic lines 17 years after the 1992-1995 war there. The pair "will underline the urgent need for party leaders to serve the interests of the people of that country and accomplish necessary reforms" to become members of the European Union and NATO, a State Department spokesman said ahead of the trip.** (Yahoo! UK and Ireland, UK, 30/10) <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/clinton-sarajevo-first-leq-balkans-tour-193651527.html>

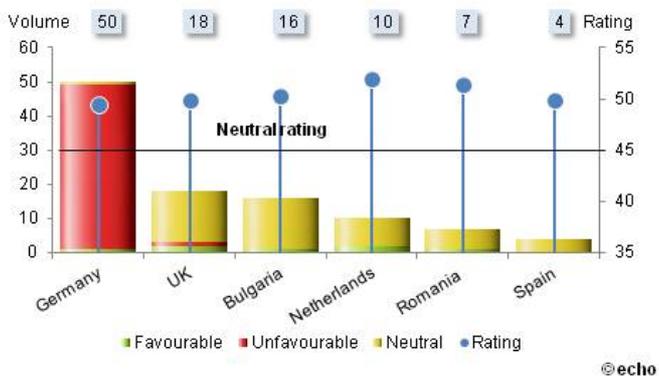
**"Right now, the government of Spain – which has a similar issue to Scotland in its Catalan region – seems hostile to the notion that areas which decide to secede from their nation state's and become independent can have an easy entrance into the EU"** (The Scotsman, UK, 30/10) <http://www.scotsman.com/news/dr-phillips-o-brien-riding-scotland-of-nukes-might-take-longer-than-expected-1-2604893>

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Alex Salmond (First Minister, Scotland)	10
Radosław Sikorski (Foreign Minister, Poland)	10
Norbert Lammert (President of the Bundestag, Germany)	7
Uri Rosenthal (Foreign Minister, Netherlands)	6