



## Key Quotes

Jean-Claude Juncker, the conservative center-right candidate for European Commission President, said it would **"take much longer"** than the next five or ten years for Turkey to join the EU, citing **"significant setbacks in the democratization process"** in the country. However Juncker said the EU negotiations with Turkey should continue, and particularly focus on contentious areas such as justice and the rule of law ([dw.de](http://www.dw.de), DE, 5/4).

<http://www.dw.de/upcoming-europe-elections-under-focus-at-cdu-congress/a-17545945>

## Summary

### Turkey restores Twitter access

Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has hit out at a court ruling overturning his government's ban on Twitter. He said the appeal to lift the block should never have been accepted in the first place. Erdoğan said Friday that while he did not respect the Constitutional Court's ruling to overturn his March 20 ban on Twitter, he would accept it. *"We are of course bound by the Constitutional Court verdict, but I don't have to respect it,"* he told reporters before departing on a trip to Azerbaijan. ([dw.de](http://www.dw.de), DE, 4/4). In Ankara, many welcomed the ruling. *"This is great news. The Twitter ban was a breach of freedom. People were prevented from connecting with the world. I am very happy that Twitter is back"* one man said. Another Ankara resident echoed those sentiments. *"The ban was a disgrace for the country and thankfully it is lifted. This is a positive step in terms of individual freedoms, social freedoms and people's right to information"* he said ([euronews.com](http://euronews.com), BE, 4/4).

- [dw.de](http://www.dw.de), DE, 4/4, <http://www.dw.de/erdogan-hits-out-at-court-ruling-overturning-twitter-ban/a-17543129>
- [euronews.com](http://euronews.com), BE, 4/4, <http://www.euronews.com/2014/04/03/turkey-twitter-ban-lifted/>

### Special Court for Kosovo

The international community wants a special tribunal to be set up to deal with the crimes committed by the now disbanded ethnic Albanian KLA ([real.gr](http://real.gr), GR, 3/4). A senior European Union official told The Associated Press that hearings will take place in the Netherlands to protect documents and witness' identities. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal is yet to be approved by Kosovo's assembly. The creation of the court highlights the failure by both the Kosovo authorities and its international backers to establish a sound justice system in Kosovo ([dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk), UK, 4/4).

- [real.gr](http://real.gr), GR, 3/4, <http://www.real.gr/DefaultArthro.aspx?page=arthro&id=311985&catID=14>
- [dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk), UK, 4/4, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-2596806/EU-fund-court-Kosovo-orqan-harvesting-probe.html>

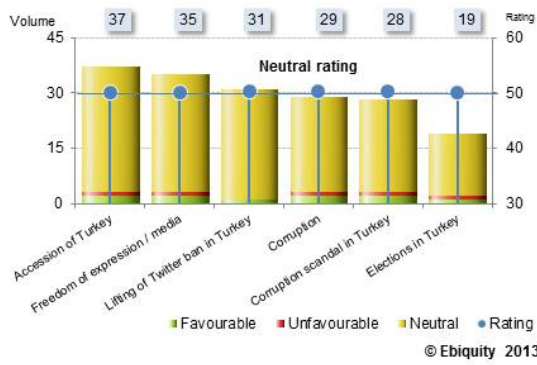
### German hopes for Serbia

The German Ambassador to Serbia Heinz Wilhelm stated that Germany would be satisfied should the Serbian government's desire to join the EU by 2020 become a reality, but, he stressed, it depends primarily on Serbia. Asked what Germany expects of the future Prime Minister of Serbia, Wilhelm said that Germany does not expect, but hopes that the government would implement legal reforms, which were considered, but not adopted by the outgoing government adding *"I think the administration should be more efficient, and one of the sectors which needs to be worked on is judiciary"* ([balkans.com](http://balkans.com), UK, 4/4).

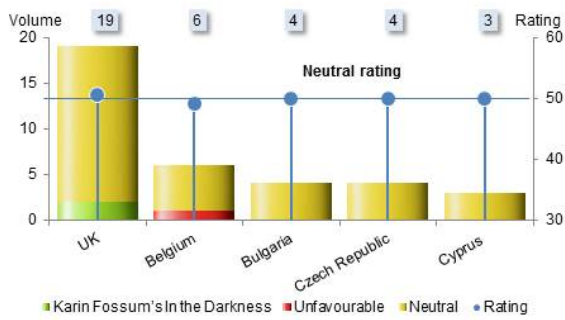
- [balkans.com](http://balkans.com), UK, 4/4, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniqueNumber=191516>

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**ELARG: Highlights**  
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Volume	44 items
Rating	50.1
Favourable %	4.5%
Unfavourable %	2.3%
Neutral %	93.2%

**ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
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Igor Lukšić (Foreign Minister, Montenegro)	34
Abdullah Gül (President, Turkey)	13
Nermin Nikšić (Prime Minister, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina)	3
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2

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