



## Key Quotes

A peace settlement in Cyprus could double its GDP, EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle told representatives from the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities in Nicosia on April 7. ***“This is a unique opportunity to put an end to the division of Cyprus and I look forward to discussing with you how we can all contribute,”*** Füle said. A settlement ***“could open up other opportunities both for Turkey and for Cyprus. A settlement would open the Turkish market for Cyprus and the EU market for Turkish Cypriots. The construction of an energy pipeline to Turkey could be possible,”*** he added ([neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 7/4)

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/eu-unique-opportunity-cyprus-settlement>

## Summary

Eleftherotypia reported that Nicosia considered the visit of Commissioner Füle and Eric Rubin, the US Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, as *“important, as it provides an opportunity to discuss the confidence-building measures with the first being the return of Famagusta to its rightful owners”*. And, according to information obtained by Eleftherotypia, both the EU and the US are *“open to the proposal for the return of Famagusta”* (Eleftherotypia, GR, 7/4). Commissioner Füle noted *“the remarkable positive dynamic which could, after so many years, lead to a solution”* and also said that the EU will continue to offer every support which the two communities and the UN consider useful, noting the important contribution of Commission President Barroso’s Special Adviser Pieter van Nuffel. Füle also stated that *“it is important to continue efforts to help the Turkish Cypriot community to prepare itself for the implementation of the EU acquis”* (Haravgi, CY, 7/4).

- Eleftherotypia, GR, 7/4, (Link not available)
- Haravgi, CY, 7/4, (Link not available)

### Enlargement and Serbia

The European Commission has adopted a new approach to enlargement policy, focusing on the economy, to enable better coordination between candidate countries and the Union. It is expected to allow for the faster implementation of reforms, with the goal of economic development. Serbia commenced accession talks in January this year and will soon get recommendations from Brussels about the economic measures that need to be implemented in the forthcoming period, as part of the preparations for membership. According to announcements from the EU delegation in Serbia, the suggestions will probably relate to the reforms of the labour market, because the unemployment rate is very high, as well as to the reform of the public sector and in particular the state managed companies, because the subsidies are burdening the budget (balkans.com, UK, 7/4).

- balkans.com, UK, 7/4, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=191575>

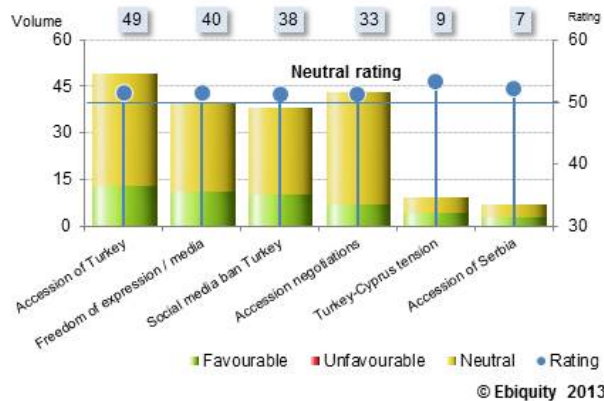
### Enlargement and Montenegro

European Union enlargement is not just a tedious bureaucratic legal process, it is above all an investment in the peace and stability of the continent. This is especially true in the Balkans. The best example here is Montenegro, one of the youngest countries in the world. A month ago, the European Council praised the country's progress but pointed to the immediate need for reform of such key sectors as justice and respect for fundamental human rights, limiting corruption and money laundering (Tvn24.pl, PL, 5/4).

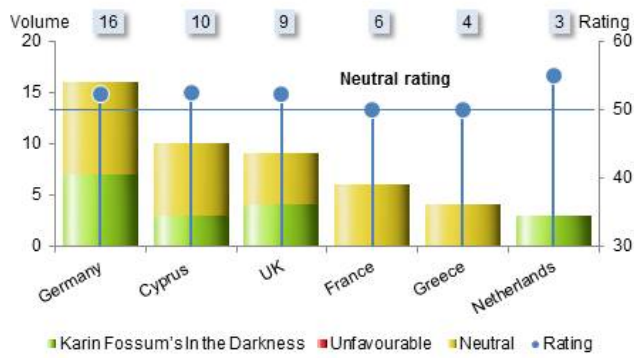
- Tvn24.pl, PL, 5/4, <http://www.tvn24.pl/tu-europa,94,m/moskwa-nad-adriatykiem-puka-do-drzwi-ue,415536.html>
-

## Charts

**ELARG: Leading Daily Issues**  
by volume, favourability & rating



**ELARG: Leading Daily Countries**  
by volume, favourability & rating



**ELARG: Highlights**  
by volume, favourability & rating

Volume	57 items
Rating	51.8
Favourable %	31.6%
Unfavourable %	0%
Neutral %	68.4%

© Ebiquity 2014

**ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
by volume, favourability & rating

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Jean-Claude Juncker (former Prime Minister of Luxembourg)	25
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	19
Angela Merkel (Chancellor, Germany)	15
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	10
Frank-Walter Steinmeier (Foreign Minister, Germany)	10

© Ebiquity 2014

**Disclaimer:** The access to this press report is restricted to European Commission staff. It should not be forwarded or circulated.