



Key Quotes

It's our responsibility to improve Turkey's image - EU Minister Çavuşoğlu

Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Stefan Füle is set to visit Turkey in May and June, in order to establish working groups between the European Commission and Turkey. The Turkish government will also set up sub-commissions under its EU Ministry, with the participation of officials from different ministries, which will discuss deficiencies and malfunctions regarding EU norms, Çavuşoğlu said, adding that they had asked the European Commission about attendance from the EU. "We stressed to the EU Commission that these working groups should not be an excuse not to open new chapters," he said. (Balkans.com, UK, 15/4) <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=191905>

Summary

10 years of Czech membership in the EU

European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Štefan Füle, spoke about the 2004/2007 enlargement at a Conference on 10 years of Czech membership in the EU. "Enlargement was and is the European Union's most effective tool for strengthening security and prosperity in Europe; for transformation. Enlargement has helped the old and new Member States economically and the EU as a whole. At the same time, many doubts have arisen, but they were rather about the level of preparedness of the new Member States than about enlargement itself. "I together with my colleagues, made it the priority of my mandate to further strengthen the credibility of the enlargement process. We have chosen to keep the process strict but fair; focusing on values and principles, including respect for fundamental rights and freedom of expression," Füle said ([neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 14/4).

- [neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 14/4 <http://www.neurope.eu/article/f%C3%BCle-new-europe-enlargement>

Presidential election in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's presidential election on April 13 was largely boycotted by ethnic Albanian voters. Albanians, who make up 25 percent of the population, refrained from taking part in the western and northern parts of the country, where they are the majority. The ethnic Albanian Democratic for Integration party - a junior partner in the government - recommended that their voters boycott the poll after the ruling conservative VMRO-DPMNE party rejected their demands for a joint candidate (rferl.org, CZ, 13/4). The election for the largely ceremonial post is seen as a barometer of the fortunes of the ruling party ahead of general elections later this month. All the major parties have based their campaigns around having the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia join Western organisations like the European Union and NATO - but differ on how those goals can be achieved ([neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 13/4).

- rferl.org, CZ, 13/4, <http://www.rferl.org/content/macedonia-presidential-election/25331345.html>
- [neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 13/4, <http://www.neurope.eu/news/wire/ethnic-albanians-largely-boycott-macedonia-presidential-election>

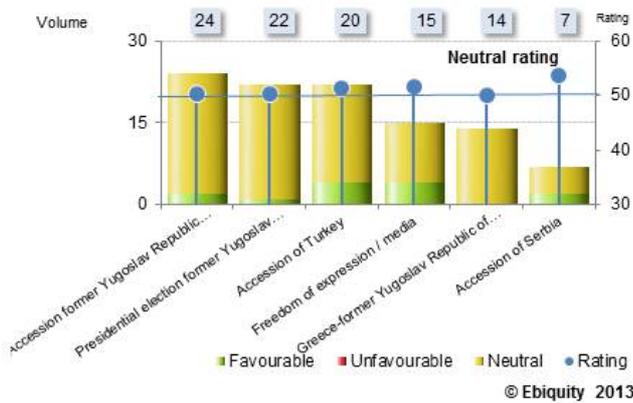
Turkish Prime Minister Erdoğan accuses Twitter of tax evasion (financninoviny.cz, CZ, 12/4)

Twitter executives will meet officials from Turkey's government, a company spokesman said, after the country's Prime Minister vowed to pursue the site for alleged tax evasion. "I can confirm that Twitter representatives will be in Turkey to meet with government officials," a Twitter spokesman said, without providing further details. It comes after Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan accused the micro-blogging site of tax evasion. "Twitter, YouTube and Facebook are international companies established for profit and making money," Erdoğan said (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 13/4).

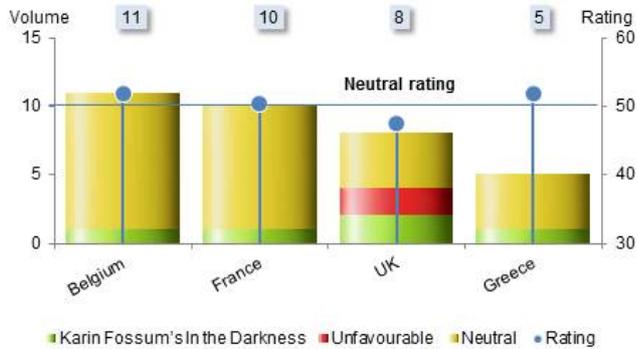
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- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 13/4, <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/twitter-executives-head-turkey-govt-meeting-174614806.html#Cb9IQJb>

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