



## Key Quotes

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EPP European Commission candidate Jean Claude Juncker praised the Anastasiades government yesterday when he addressed a ruling Democratic Rally conference in Nicosia. He lent his support to the on-going talks process and what he termed the constructive package proposal put forward by President Anastasiades on the return of the fenced off city of Famagusta, which has been **"endorsed by both the EU and the US."** Juncker called on Turkey to implement the Ankara protocol, calling for the recognition of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as hand Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants and respect the country's sovereign energy exploration rights ([incyprus.philenews.com](http://incyprus.philenews.com), CY, 5/5) <http://incyprus.philenews.com/en-gb/Top-Stories-News/4342/41449/juncker-thumbs-up>

Kosovo and the European Union have concluded the negotiations for the signature of the Stabilization and Association Agreement. Peter Stano, spokesperson for the EU Enlargement Commissioner, said that the agreement **"offers a clear European perspective for Kosovo" and "constitutes a major step forward on the road towards Europe"** ([europapress.es](http://www.europapress.es), ES, 2/5) <http://www.europapress.es/internacional/noticia-ue-kosovo-concluyen-negociaciones-acuerdo-asociacion-estabilizacion-20140502192655.html>

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## Summary

### Everyone in the EU benefited from the "big bang" of 2004

The "big bang" expansion had a positive impact on the economies of most of the 15 EU Member States of that time. The biggest winners were those that boosted trade in the region or opened their job markets to the new Member States. All EU Member States actually benefited the most when they made use of the potential provided by the single market, especially the free movement of goods and people, Die Presse suggested (Presse-Austria, AT, 2/5).

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### Turkey and the European Union

The Austrian politician Udo Landbauer has said that Turkey has no place in the European Union; *"Turkey does not fit generally into the European Union, neither geographically nor culturally,"* he said (ots.at, AT, 2/5). However the Chairman of the Forum for Intercultural Dialogue, part of the Hizmet Movement of Fethullah Gülen, Ercan Karakoyun said, in response to the President of Germany's comments during his visit to Turkey *"We want as Mr Gauck, a Turkey that is oriented towards the European Union. We want a Turkey, which stands for the rule of law. A Turkey in which different people are free to live their lives"* (stuttgarter-nachrichten.de, DE, 2/5).

- ots.at, AT, 2/5, [http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS\\_20140502\\_OTS0022/fp-landbauer-tuerkei-hat-in-der-europaeischen-union-nichts-verloren](http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20140502_OTS0022/fp-landbauer-tuerkei-hat-in-der-europaeischen-union-nichts-verloren)
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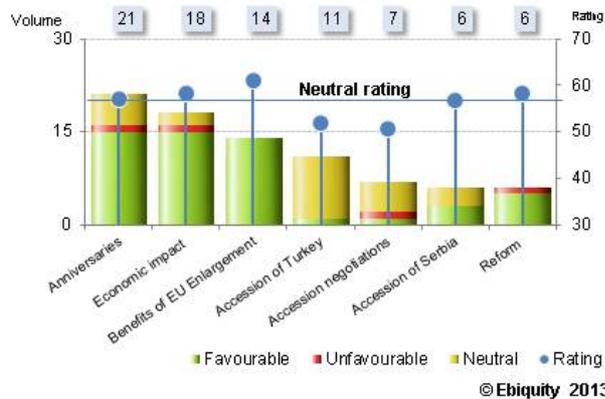
### New parliament for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's opposition Social Democratic Union (SDSM) warned that it will boycott the new parliament in protest at what it alleges was manipulation of recent elections. Following a party leadership meeting, SDSM said it will not take the 34 seats it won in the snap parliamentary election. With the boycott, however, SDSM is going against recommendations from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union and the United States, who have urged the party to accept the result and take its place in parliament (en.europeonline-magazine.eu, DE, 1/5). Over the name issue, Greek Foreign Minister, Evangelos Venizelos is not optimistic that the government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia plans to take steps to make progress in the name dispute (dnevnik.bg, BG, 1/5).

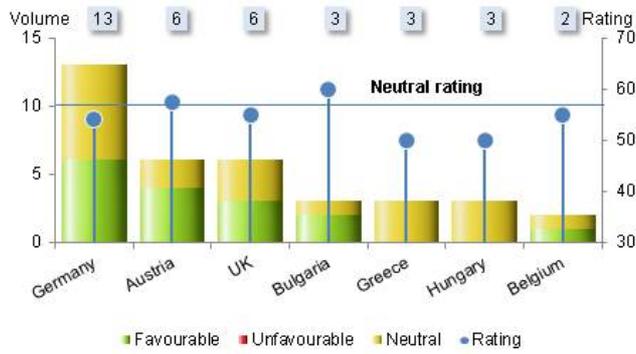
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	7
Nikola Gruevski (Prime Minister, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	4
Joachim Gauck (President, Germany)	4
José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	3
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	2
Martin Schultz (President, European Parliament)	2
Baroness Catherine Ashton (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	2
Ivica Dačić (Foreign Minister, Serbia)	2
Aleksandar Vučić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2

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