



Key Quotes

Confined to the extra-large European T-shirt

The number of European Union countries could grow to 36 in the long run. The forthcoming enlargement will not lead to new institutional problems in the EU, but will deepen the existing ones - according to a new book, which is the result of collaboration between European research institutes. Péter Balázs, the centre's Director pointed out that the EU as a result of successive additions has outgrown its framework. Initially a "family dining table" for 6-9 manning the first national board of directors increased its size (12-15 members) before 2004, after the great expansion the veritable 'Assembly' has increased. It now looks "like an XXL-sized teen who wears a size L shirt". This is an indication that despite the repeated extension of the institutional structure and working methods, the EU has hardly changed" said former foreign minister of Hungary and EU commissioner under the Bajnai government. (Brux Info, HU, 13/5)

<http://www.bruinfo.hu/cikk/20140512-szorit-a-polo-az-extra-meretu-europan.html>

Summary

The acid test of the Turkish regime is the European issue

Although the Prime Minister has declared the entry of Turkey into the EU to be a strategic issue the facts belie him. Negotiations were opened in 2005 and only fourteen chapters are currently under negotiation. Sixteen others are blocked because of the Cyprus conflict. Currently Chapter 23 which deals with legal issues does not come at the best moment for Turkey. As for repression of the media, one of the Commission Presidential candidates, Jean-Claude Juncker was very explicit on February 9 – "no state blocking Twitter can be in the Union". He added that, "during his 5 mandate as Commission President (5 years) it is not foreseeable that the Union would incorporate state number 29" (Capitalmadrid.com, ES, 12/5).

- Capitalmadrid.com, ES, 12/5, http://www.capitalmadrid.com/2014/5/12/0000033810/erdogan_busca_la_presidencia_de_turquia_al_estilo_putin.html

Turkey Cyprus tension

The EU should not impose solutions, but help solve problems. "On the one hand unravelling the Turkish political situation and convincing the other that we want a democratic solution", says MEP candidate in the upcoming elections Eleni Theocharous. The EU set a legal framework for a solution beginning with the statement on 21 September 2005 which explicitly stated that if Turkey wants to move the accession process forward it must recognise the Republic of Cyprus. The statement and Protocol by which Cyprus joined the EU form an integral part of the *acquis communautaire*. Cyprus is seeking the defence of the Republic of Cyprus and a solution that will recognise it and also removes the divisive lines of invasion and racial divisions between Greeks and Turks. And above all Cyprus will not legalise existing illegal separation. The principles and values of the EU are not vague concepts but democratic practices. Considerable effort has been made to prevent Turkish propaganda. Many times we have to explain the Cyprus problem from scratch because of inaccurate impressions (sigmalive.com, CY, 12/5).

- sigmalive.com, CY, 12/5, <http://www.sigmalive.com/simerini/politics/125438>

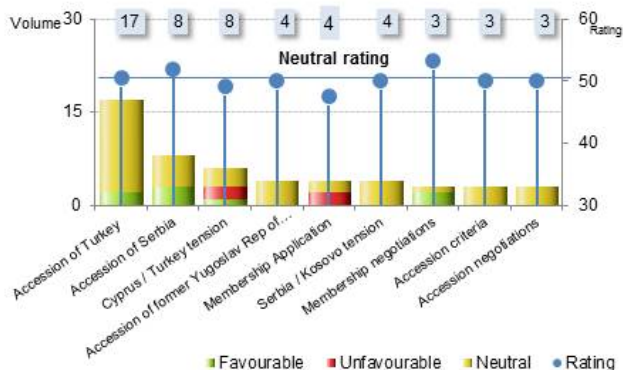
Serbia's future

"Serbia will have to liberalise its energy market in terms of opening transparency and independent price determination. All of this will be monitored by both the Energy Community and during the negotiations with Serbia on membership in the EU through section 15 which relates to energy" said Peter Stano (Business.hr, HR, 12/5). Meanwhile the UK Prime Minister said "I hope that Serbia will soon join the EU and condemn the illegal actions of Russia" (Dnevno.hr, HR, 10/5).

- Business.hr, HR, 12/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140512/mi/item_198418883.pdf
- Dnevno.hr, HR, 10/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140510/mi/item_198406792.pdf

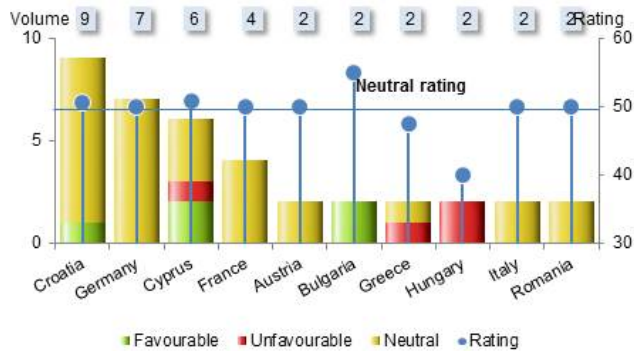
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Herman Van Rompuy - European Council President	3
Ivica Dačić- former Serbian Prime Minister	2
Catherine Ashton - Vice-President EC	2
Recep Erdoğan– Turkish Prime Minister	1
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José Manuel Barroso – EC President	1

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