



Key Quotes

Following the explosion in a Turkish mine which has killed 245 miners with hundreds remaining underground, politicians, including William Hague and Carl Bildt, foreign ministers of Britain and Sweden express regret and unhappiness. European Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle was shocked at the extent of the disaster, while Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland in his condolence also speaks of "deep shock." In the U.S., the tragedy was mentioned on the twitter account of the National Security Council. "Our thoughts are with the Turkish nation and those, who are still underground," says the message. (Denik.cz, 15/5).

http://www.denik.cz/ze_sveta/v-tureckem-uhelnem-dole-doslo-k-vybuchu-uvezveno-je-200-horniku-20140513.html

Summary

Enlargement and the European elections

During the electoral campaign for the European Parliament the FPO in Austria is focusing on anti-Islam messages. At an election rally on 10 May the FPO promoted among its central messages opposition to Turkey joining the European Union saying "Turkey is not welcome here: Better for Austria Better Europe" (HotNews, RO, 13/5). Meanwhile, Spitsnieuws.nl (NL, 14/5) reported the VVD position on the accession of new Member States such as Serbia and Turkey, which is that as long as candidates do not meet the strict conditions they have no place in the EU. By contrast, in its election manifesto the Dutch Party D66 calls for the introduction of European taxes, for Turkey's accession to the EU and to allow the free establishment of nurses and doctors from other European countries in the Dutch health care system (NOS.nl, NL, 13/5). In France, the UMP procrastinates on Europe, with Nadine Morano saying "I defend the reform of the Schengen area, fiscal and social convergence, stopping the enlargement of the Union, I am for a Europe of Nations and it is these ideas that I would defend the European Parliament" (Le Figaro, FR, 14/5) The UMP slogan chosen for the campaign - "For France, acting in Europe" - is evidence of the desire to direct forces to national problems. Despite internal tensions the UMP remains nevertheless a predominantly pro-European party (LeMonde.fr, FR, 14/5).

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- Spitsnieuws.nl, NL, 14/5, <http://www.spitsnieuws.nl/archives/binnenland/2014/04/europa-in-met-de-vvd>
- NOS.nl, NL, 13/5, <http://nos.nl/artikel/647215-buma-pechtold-qooit-beloftes-weq.html>
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Enlargement and Presidential election

In an interview Martin Schulz talks about his plans for Europe. Further enlargement of the EU should not proceed for now, he says "we are now in a phase of consolidation of the EU that will take time so because of that a rapid expansion is of the question." (Münchener Merkur, DE, 14/5).

- Münchener Merkur, DE, 14/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140514/mi/item_198674039.pdf

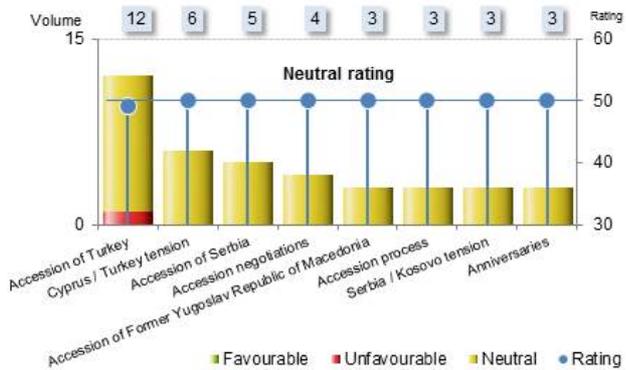
New initiative for BiH

The EU Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle said that the EU will promote new initiatives to strengthen the social and economic stability of Bosnia–Herzegovina. The first initiative aims to improve the macroeconomic policy and investment climate and therefore the financial position of the country. The second initiative will set up an EU-Bosnia working group, which will accelerate the implementation of projects. Referring to the third initiative he clarified that this would be for the strengthening of the structural dialogue on justice which will include anti-corruption measures (politisnews.eu, GR, 14/5).

- politisnews.eu, GR, 14/5, <http://www.politisnews.eu/cqibin/hweb?-A=264364&-V=articles>

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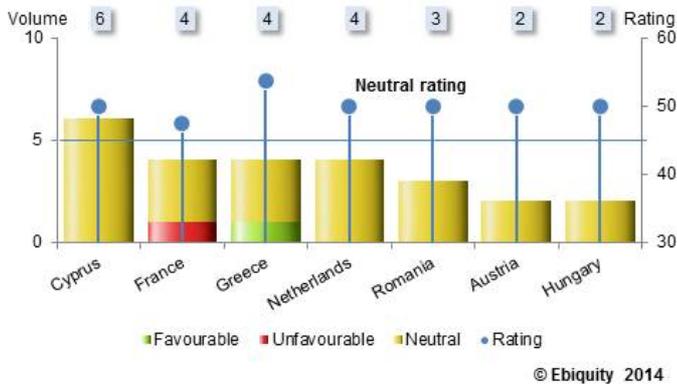
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Jose Manuel Barroso (EC President)	1
Herman Van Rompuy – (European Council President)	1
Martin Schulz (EP President)	1

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