



Key Quotes

During the BNR party leaders debate, Esther de Lange, the European leader for The Christian Democratic Appeal in the Netherlands announced that the CDA is against Turkey joining the European Union. *"If you look at what we have seen in recent months, recent years. Journalists are imprisoned, protesters being clubbed, investigations sabotaged. Then Turkey is not committed to respect European values"* (bnr.nl, 16/5).

<http://www.bnr.nl/nieuws/politiek/europese-verkiezingen-2014/744143-1405/cda-tegen-toetreding-turkije-tot-de-eu>

Summary

A Leviathan that is deaf to the aspirations of the people

An article by Hans Magnus Enzensberger in Le Point, (FR, 15/05) explains that thanks to the Schengen area Europeans can move and settle freely in the country of their choice, however the European institutions responsible for governing all aspects of our lives show signs of excess and indulgence. The article argues that most European officials want only to push further the frontiers of the Union, regardless of the fact that the vast majority of citizens do not want these enlargements. According to Enzensberger, at the Commission in Brussels, those who balk at the *"grand design"* are guided by ignorance and deceived as to what is best for them, which explains the reluctance of European hierarchies to organize consultations and referendums.

- Le Point, FR, 15/05, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140515/mi/item_198792747.pdf

Association Agreement between the EU and Montenegro

The Polish Prime Minister, Donald Tusk, said that Poland supports Montenegro's drive for EU and NATO membership. Speaking after a meeting with the Montenegrin Prime Minister, Milo Đukanović in Warsaw, Mr Tusk said that Poland has high regard for the progress in accession negotiations between the Balkan country and the EU. He also upheld Montenegro as an example of a national consensus behind this objective (Polskie Radio 1/ PR1, PO, 14/05).

- Polskie Radio 1/ PR1, PO, 14/05, <http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140514/mi/6000-549700-001.mp3>

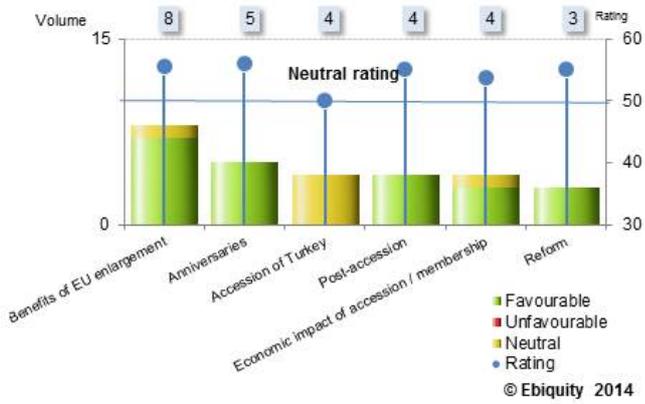
A homage to the European Union

The Mayor of Wąbrzeźno in Poland, Leszek Kawski said that accession to the European Union has made the country shine in new colours. Leszek Kawski made no secret that the EU accession of Poland was first viewed with scepticism ten years ago, as it was preceded by a period of uncertainty. The Mayor said that *"fortunately all parties had shown courage and were now reaping the fruits of enlargement"* (Weser-Kurier.de, DE, 15/5). Meanwhile, Hier-luebeck (DE, 15/5) suggests that the European Union must focus on the essentials - the 1st May was the tenth anniversary of the enlargement of the European Union by ten central European countries alongside Malta and Cyprus. These countries have benefited greatly in the past ten years from EU membership but they also often had to make uncomfortable adjustment processes in taking on European law.

- Weser-Kurier.de, DE, 15/5, http://www.weser-kurier.de/region/diepholz_artikel-Ein-Loblied-auf-die-Europaeische-Union- arid_851292.html
- Hier-luebeck, DE, 15/5, <http://www.hier-luebeck.de/2014/05/die-europaische-union-mus-sich-auf-das-wesentliche-konzentrieren/>

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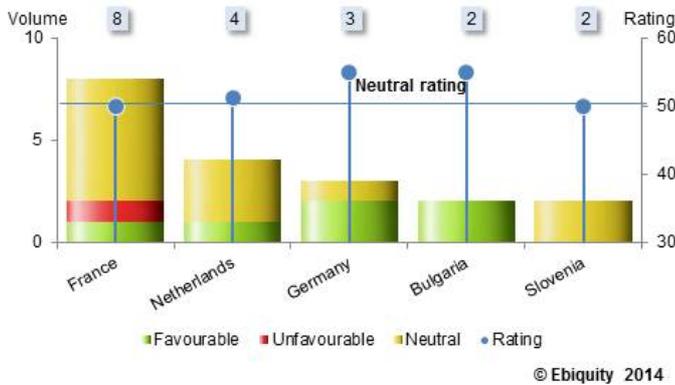
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