



Key Quotes

The standoff between Russia and the West since Moscow's annexation of Crimea and continued meddling in eastern Ukraine promises to complicate the already painfully slow and rocky process of the Balkans' journey towards the EU. *"Russia has huge potential for creating disturbances [in the region],"* says Tobias Flessenkemper of the European Institute CIFE in Nice. *"The challenge for the EU is to stick to the enlargement process."* ([bne.eu](http://www.bne.eu), DE, 19/5).

<http://www.bne.eu/content/russia-poses-problems-balkans-eu-journey>

Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Štefan Füle met in Brussels with President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Gorge Ivanov, during his first visit abroad since his re-election. Commissioner Füle pointed to the *"repeated OSCE/ODIHR recommendations regarding biased media coverage and the lack of separation between state and party activities, which are covered by the Copenhagen political criteria"*. On good neighbourly relations, the Commissioner urged the President to *"attach particular importance to a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue and welcomed recent reported progress on relations with Bulgaria"* ([neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 16/5).

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/fyrom-f%C3%BCle-asked-negotiated-and-mutually-acceptable-solution-name-issue>

Summary

The EU must put more pressure on Turkey

In an interview, German Green Party member, Claudia Roth suggested that the accession of Turkey is moving further and further away as are the EU funds to push reforms there. She says that as one who was always in favour of Turkey she is trusting that it will deliver a credible accession perspective but adds that it now seems increasingly difficult in the face of repression, restrictions on freedom of expression and authoritarian structures. Now the EU should put pressure on Erdoğan and negotiate the chapter on civil rights and civil liberties. All the people with whom I have spoken in recent weeks and months in Turkey tell me; *"we urge you not give up on us, do not let us down"* (Berliner Zeitung, DE, 16/5). However also in Germany in an interview with CDU Euro-candidate Birgit Collin-Langen she says that now the EU has 28 Member States further enlargement is hardly imaginable. When it comes to Turkey, there is the question of freedom of religion, which they do not have. (Wiesbadener Kurier, DE, 16/5).

- Berliner Zeitung, DE, 16/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140516/mi/item_198982072.pdf
- Wiesbadener Kurier, DE, 16/5, http://www.wiesbadener-kurier.de/wissen/vermishtes/cdu-europa-kandidatin-birgit-collin-langen-durch-nichts-zu-erschuettern_14142212.htm

In the Netherlands the CDA against the accession of Turkey to the EU

Turkey should never join the European Union said party leader Esther de Lange, on Thursday in a debate on BNR. According to de Lange Turkey does not respect the Western values and should not be eligible for EU membership. She pointed to the detention of journalists and the clubbing of demonstrators in that country. The CDA is in favour of an alternative partnership for Turkey (NU.nl, NL, 15/5).

- NU.nl, NL, 15/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140515/mi/item_198941985.pdf

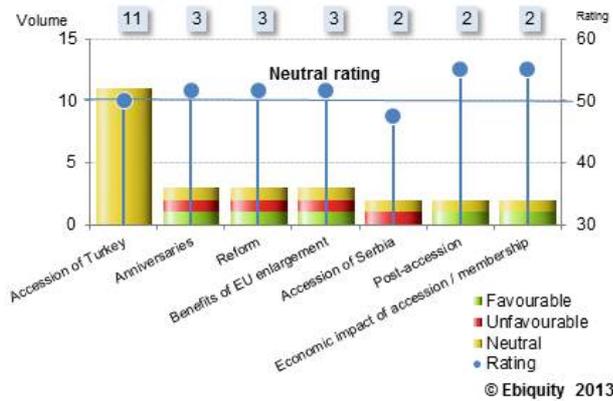
EU's Eastern enlargement

15 years after the fall of the Berlin wall, Europe was once again united, geographically and politically. While the integration of the states immediately on the external border of the EU went smoothly Brussels is still having difficulties dealing with the countries further east. Susan Stewart in her article on EU Democracy and Eastward expansion, said *"Overall I do not believe that a prospect of accession will represent a catalyst for reform. Certain circles of power and elites are not interested in enhanced transparency and are firmly in the saddle. This is what the leaders in Brussels may be underestimating. For these groups however, accession is not enough of an incentive to change behaviour patterns"* (Wirtschaftsblatt.at, AT, 16/5).

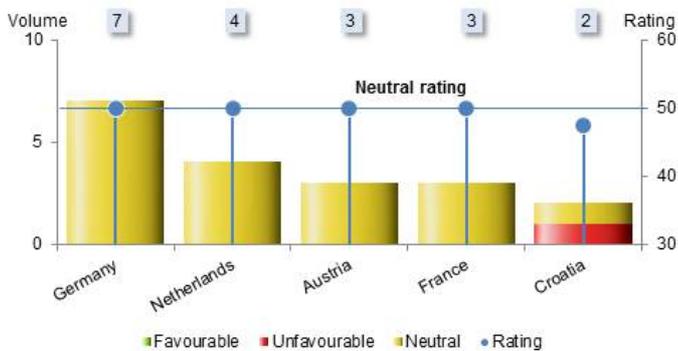
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Martin Schulz (EP President)	2
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