

Key Quotes

Schulz and Juncker against Turkey's EU membership. Martin Schulz believes that **"Turkey is not ready for membership at the moment"**, whereas Jean-Claude Juncker states that **"Turkey must become more democratic"** ([sueddeutsche.de](http://www.sueddeutsche.de), DE, 21/5)

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/news/politik/wahlen-schulz-und-juncker-gegen-eu-beitritt-der-tuerkei-dpa.urn-newsml-dpa-com-20090101-140521-99-00167>

Summary

Turkey and energy supplies for Europe

The visit of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden to Cyprus comes at a most propitious moment. Firstly, owing to crude Russian intervention in the Ukrainian crisis, Europe's energy supply is unreliable. Secondly Turkey needs to re-establish itself after some internal upheavals and thirdly the energy situation in the Eastern Mediterranean basin is changing. Some gas has been found but more exploration in the area between Cyprus, Egypt, Israel and Turkey is needed. Capitalising on the full potential of hydrocarbon reserves in the area requires increased cooperation between countries concerned. Only then can the most economical way of getting gas to customers in Europe be envisaged, i.e. through Turkey and Europe would thus ease its dependency on an unstable supply situation. A revival of Turkey's drive, moribund at present, towards membership of the European Union would help (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 20/5). A spokesperson for EU Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger said *"the Commission has been considering for years that Turkey is sufficiently prepared to start negotiations on the energy chapter,"* adding, *"in our view the chapter could be opened and the Commission has repeatedly expressed this view in public"* (hri.org, CY, 19/5).

- cyprus-mail.com, CY, 20/5, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/05/20/cyprus-the-cavalry-is-coming/>
- hri.org, CY, 19/5, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-05-19.tcpr.html#03>

Kosovo elections

The President of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga, received the Special EU Representative, Samuel Žbogar, who informed the President on EU High Representative for Foreign Policy and Security, Catherine Ashton's decision to send an EU monitoring mission to Kosovo which will observe the early general elections in the country. Baroness Ashton's decision comes as a response to the letter sent by the President where she asked the EU to monitor the June 8 elections, in order to guarantee a democratic election process in the whole of Kosovo. President Jahjaga praised the positive response of Baroness Ashton on the request for the international observers and said that *"a fair normal process would help Kosovo in its integration path"* read the statement released by the presidency. (balkaneu.com, GR, 20/5).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 20/5, <http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-sends-monitoring-mission-elections/>

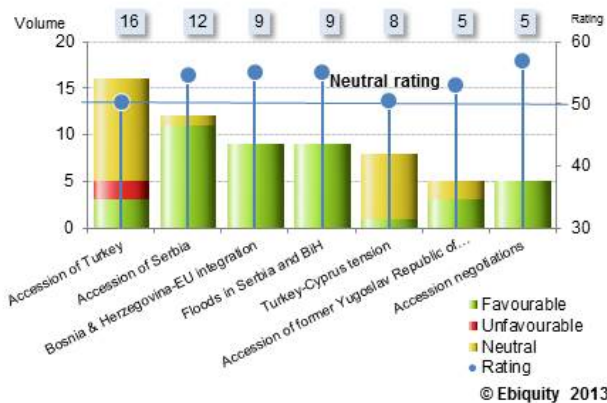
Albania waits

In the Western Balkans, it is a joke that Albanians who believe in Europe (87% are in favour of EU membership) are much more numerous than those who believe in God. This small poor country (2.8 million people) is feverishly awaiting the month of June, when the European Council will decide whether to grant it candidate status. This is the fourth time that the EU will decide on the future of the *"Land of Eagles"* recognised as a potential candidate in 2000. The coveted status of potential candidate has not always existed; it did not exist for Romania and Bulgaria. *"This is an empty shell, a beautiful shell. It works as an antidepressant, it boosts mood"* said a senior Albanian official (Figaro, FR, 20/05).

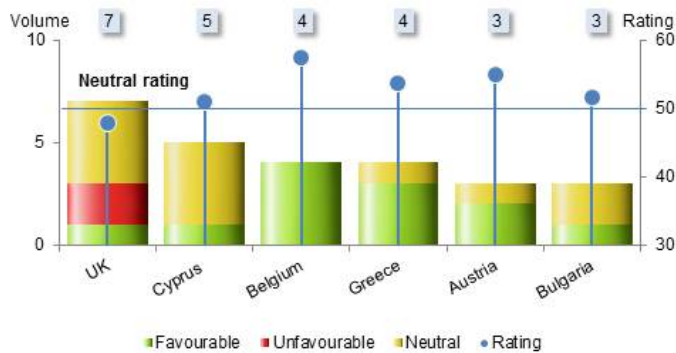
- Figaro, FR, 20/05, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140520/mi/item_199443176.pdf

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Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	4
Joe Biden (Vice President, USA)	4
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	3
Aleksandar Vučić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Mehmet Ali Talat (former President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus)	2

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