



Key Quotes

Jean-Christophe Filori, the head of the Turkey unit at the European Commission's (EC) Directorate General for Enlargement, said last week that there are three obstacles in the way of Turkey's European Union membership, emphasising that Turkey's democratic reforms have been reversed in recent times. **"There are three obstacles [to Turkey's EU membership]. The first one is Turkey itself. Turkey is not acting quickly enough in terms of democratic reforms. I can even say it's going backwards,"** he said. Filori said the second problem is that Turkey is not well known by people in the EU. According to the senior EU representative, Cyprus is also one of the major problems for Turkey's EU bid. **"There is a [Greek-Cypriot] leader who has said 'Yes' to the Annan plan for the first time. It's a great opportunity and all sides should be supportive,"** Filori said. (*hri.org*, CY, 22/5).

<http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-05-22.tcpr.html#15>

Summary

Turkey moving away from democratic values

Martin Schulz, the European socialist candidate, has avowed himself strict towards Turkey *"I have always supported Turkey's EU accession,"* he said. *"But at the moment the country is dramatically distancing itself from the EU's democratic values,"* he added in reference to the government's attempts at gagging Twitter, the US-based social media platform (Standaard, BE, 22/5).

- Standaard, BE, 22/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140522/mi/item_199771137.pdf

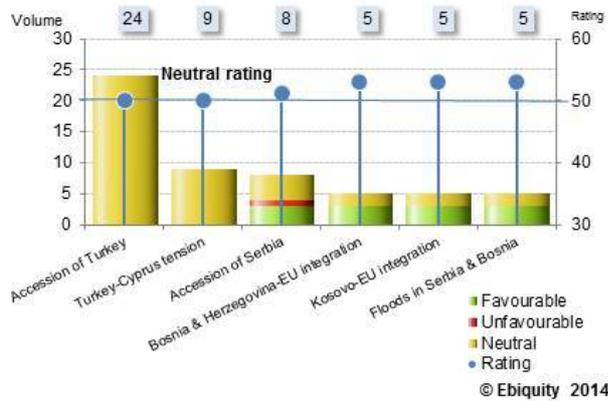
Pressure for Cyprus settlement

US Vice President Joe Biden arrived in Cyprus yesterday, to be followed at some point by Secretary of State John Kerry. Washington has been markedly and actively involved in the latest efforts at settlement, and this intense U.S. interest in the partitioned island has generated much interest, giving rise to statements by politicians on both sides of the dividing line, speculation and expectations, rumours and criticism. The momentum that has been gathering behind these latest attempts has to be seen against the background of the banking crisis and economic meltdown last year, and the discovery of considerable deposits of natural gas off the southern shores. Add to this the neighbouring Israeli gas deposits, Turkey's strategic position both as a market and conduit for gas, and European and American desires to shake off reliance on Russian gas (especially now with the Ukraine crisis), and the visits from the American politicians appear to be a carefully calculated attempt to promote peace and security in Cyprus in the context of hard-headed geopolitical and economic objectives (*cyprus-mail.com*, CY, 22/5).

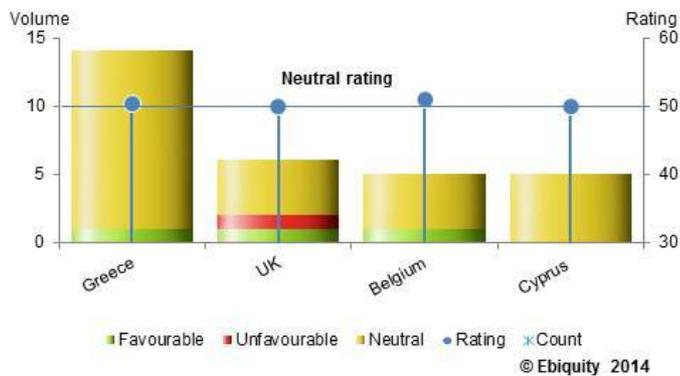
- *cyprus-mail.com*, CY, 22/5, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/05/22/realpolitik-arrives-in-cyprus/>

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