



Key Quotes

Turkey's Recep Erdoğan told a cheering arena of 16,000 diaspora supporters in Germany on Saturday to integrate but not assimilate and slammed German criticism of his response to a mining tragedy, in a defiant hour-long speech. **"Turkey, with its mission, values and its people is now part of Europe and European politicians should see and accept this. The problems of European politics will be solved with Turkey, not by using Turkey,"** Erdoğan said (uk.reuters.com, UK, 24/5)
<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/05/24/uk-germany-turkey-erdogan-idUKKBN0E40NN20140524>

Summary

Press freedom in Turkey

A columnist for a Turkish newspaper has proved her own point all too well after a piece she wrote criticising Ankara's crackdown on press freedom was rejected by her editor. Washington-based academic Gonul Tol left her position at the Aksam daily to preserve her "professional ethics" in a case that has sparked fierce debate about censorship in Turkish media. *"The fact that my piece has not been published is actually stating once more what's obvious"* Tol said. Her article focussed on the race-fuelled backlash against a report from Freedom House this month that claimed the country had seen the biggest decline in press freedom in Europe. The US-based media rights watchdog downgraded Turkey's status from "partly free" to "not free" - putting the EU hopeful in the same category as Libya, South Sudan, Ukraine and Zambia - after it put a record number of journalists behind bars. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's government fiercely rejected the report, accusing Freedom House of orchestrating a campaign to paint Turkey as an authoritarian regime that muzzles the press. But what angered Tol - and Freedom House - more were the accusations spattered across pro-government media outlets that claimed the downgrade was part of a Jewish conspiracy to smear the majority-Muslim country. *"Let's test the report,"* Tol wrote in her rejected column, which has since been published in other online media outlets. *"If this piece is published intact without being caught by the editor, the press freedom in Turkey could be better than what's reported by Freedom House"* (focus-fen.net, BG, 23/5).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 23/5, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/05/23/337065/column-row-sparks-debate-over-turkeys-press-censorship.html>

"Macedonians want EU membership but under constitutional name"

"More and more Macedonians support the country's Accession in The European Union (EU) under its constitutional name", Radio Free Europe Reported. According to the radio station, over the past five years, support for EU integration has dropped from 90% to 70%, as seen in the results of a survey carried out by the Soci t  Civile Institute. According to the poll, 60% of the respondents *"want Macedonia to become an EU member state under its constitutional name"*, while three years ago their share was around 20% lower (focus-fen.net, BG, 23/5).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 23/5, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/05/23/337104/macedonians-want-eu-membership-but-under-constitutional-name-rfe.html>

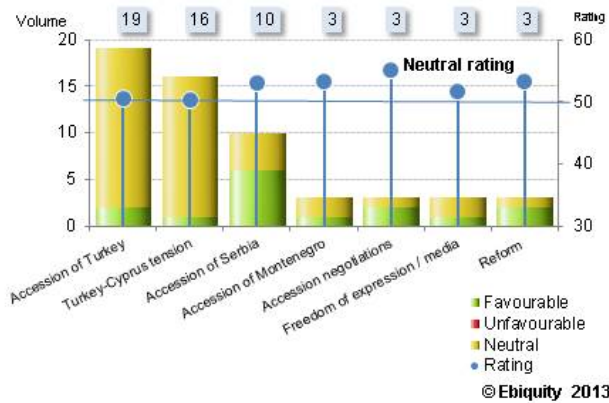
Screening process completed for Montenegro (dalje.com, SI, 22/5)

The European Commission announced that it has completed the screening process with Montenegro, which is a prerequisite for opening negotiations on individual chapters. *"The screening process has been completed, which is a very important part of the accession process that prepares a country for talks on individual chapters,"* Peter Stano said (index.hr, HR, 22/5).

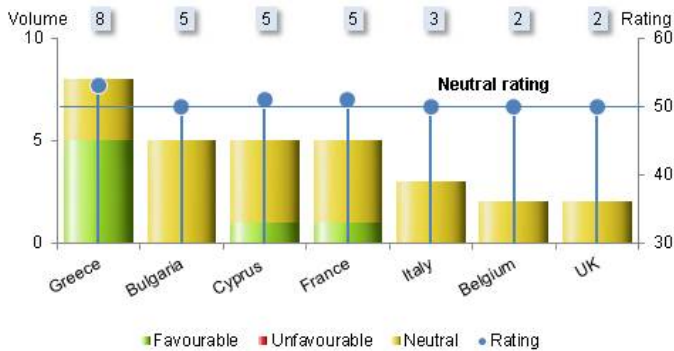
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