



Key Quotes

There is growing anger amongst Turkish Cypriots that claim they were denied the right to vote in the European Parliament elections because they had no registered address. Meanwhile, apparently oblivious to the situation in Nicosia, the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso said: "**Citizens across the European Union have exercised their democratic right and made their voice count in the European Parliament elections. I thank all those who have voted.**" Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu said that the European Parliament "**are the elections of South Cyprus.**" "**Our expectation is the election of parliamentarians which will represent the Turkish Cypriot people. This can only be possible after an agreement.**" (famaqusta-gazette.com, CY, 26/5)
<http://famaqusta-gazette.com/turkish-cypriot-anger-over-election-exclusion-p23736-69.htm>

Summary

The economic impact of enlargement and elections

Both in the UK and France, the dominant theme of both UKIP and the Front National in the elections was as much about controlling immigration as it was about opposition to something called "*Brussels*". In the old Member States, many voters have yet to come to terms with the reality of a greatly enlarged EU. Politicians in many countries – not least in the UK, a passionate supporter of EU enlargement – failed to explain the consequences to their own electors. Now they are paying the price of their negligence in the European Parliament (blogs.ft.com, UK, 26/5). Nigel Farage, the leader of Britain's UK Independence Party (UKIP), best summed up the earthquake that shook European politics on May 25th and 26th. European integration once seemed inevitable, he said; from now on it is no longer so. The Eurosceptics now have political momentum. Governments in Britain and France face an acute dilemma over how to respond, and the likelihood is that they will harden their stance on a host of issues, particularly immigration and EU enlargement (economist.com, UK, 26/5).

- blogs.ft.com, UK, 26/5, <http://blogs.ft.com/the-world/2014/05/europes-new-tower-of-babel/>
- economist.com, UK, 26/5, <http://www.economist.com/blogs/charlemagne/2014/05/european-elections-0>

Help for Serbia

Brussels will assist in dealing with the consequences of floods in Serbia and the country will be treated as if it were a full member of the European Union, said Commissioner for Regional Policy Johannes Hahn in Belgrade. He pointed out that though "*we need to wait to estimate the total damage*", in any case it is a "*considerable amount of money*" (Vecernji-List, SI, 26/5).

- Vecernji-List, SI, 26/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140526/mi/item_200265388.pdf

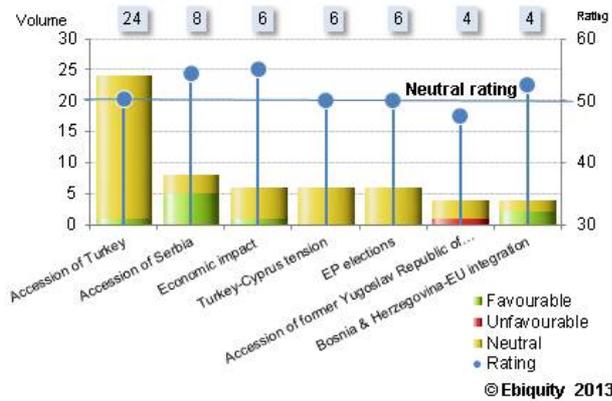
German attitudes to Turkey

In a poll in Germany, 77 percent of those polled opposed Turkey's accession to the EU, compared to twelve percent who favour it as a candidate country. Nevertheless, 37 percent say that Germany should help Turkey to become a democratic country. 28 percent are convinced, however, that Germany must stay out of the internal problems of their own country (finanznachrichten.de, DE, 24/5). German Chancellor Angela Merkel had appealed to Erdoğan to be sensitive in his address at a 10th anniversary rally of the Union of European Turkish Democrats (UETD), amidst criticism from German lawmakers that holding such a speech was insensitive 11 days after a mining accident in the south-western Turkish town of Soma which killed 301 (uk.reuters.com, UK, 24/5).

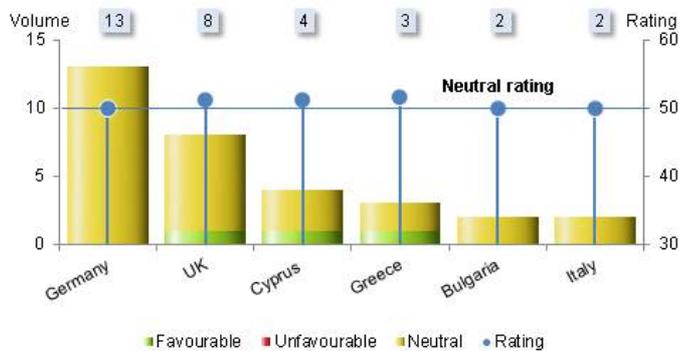
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	16
Angela Merkel (Chancellor, Germany)	6
Johannes Hahn (Regional Policy Commissioner, EC)	4
Martin Schultz (President, European Parliament)	2
Aleksandar Vučić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	2
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	2
Joe Biden (Vice President, USA)	2

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