



## Key Quotes

Erdoğan: threat of racism in Europe is increasing. Turkey's Prime Minister says the European Parliament election results this week strongly indicate the threat of rising racism in Europe. Recep Erdoğan said mainly-Muslim Turkey's EU membership would serve as an **"antidote"** to racism and anti-Semitism in Europe. He added: **"Europe needs Turkey more than Turkey needs the EU."** ([nd.nl](http://www.nd.nl), NL, 27/5)

<http://www.nd.nl/artikelen/2014/mei/27/erdogan-dreiqing-racisme-in-europa-neemt-toe>

## Summary

### Branković: We did a lot for the Romanian communities of Serbia in the past

Serbia's ambassador in Romania Branko Branković: *"First, you have to understand that for us Kosovo is part of Serbia. We will never, ever recognise the independence of Kosovo. Historically, that belongs to us; that always used to be a part of Serbia and that is as a rule. As far as the European Union is concerned, we very much appreciate that they organised the contact between Belgrade and Pristina in Brussels. We are trying to open up the avenues for the people in Kosovo to live together in peace, security and economic development. If the EU is going to help us in that, we are going to be very grateful. But that's the only reason why we have started to have contact between Belgrade and Pristina"*. The European Union can do a lot in positive terms, and it is hoped this will be done. Discussions have already started with the European Union about accession to the EU. We are doing our best so far and the Belgrade-Pristina talks are very important for people down there to live together in peace, security and economic development (agerpres.ro, RO, 27/5).

- agerpres.ro, RO, 27/5, <http://www.agerpres.ro/english/2014/05/27/interview-ambassador-brankovic-we-did-a-lot-for-the-romanian-communities-of-serbia-over-the-past-years-15-05-13>

### A message from electors in Europe

Before the mid-1990s when the future Union only had 15 Member States, some Commission spokespeople went as far as to claim the 12 stars symbolise the Member States, but due to rapid enlargement the *"missing stars"* had not yet been added to the flag! The culture of lying underlain by fantasy is part and parcel of *"the European idea"*. Breaking up the European Union is now a very legitimate subject for discussion. Following the 23-25 May elections, at least 25 – 35 million European voters share feelings about the European Union, which they were at last able to put the boot into and vote for the anti-European parties, right or left, whether *"constitutional or unconstitutional"*. (marketoracle.co.uk, UK, 26/5). On the other hand, *"Apathy, not rage, is the EU's biggest threat"* The enlargement of the EU to 28 members, many of them former vassals of the Soviet Union, has embedded a large chunk of middle and eastern Europe in the democratic system. It is a huge achievement (Channel 4, UK, 27/5).

- marketoracle.co.uk, UK, 26/5, <http://www.marketoracle.co.uk/Article45763.html>
- Channel 4, UK, 27/5, <http://blogs.channel4.com/matt-frei-on-america/apathy-rage-eus-biggest-threat/3697>

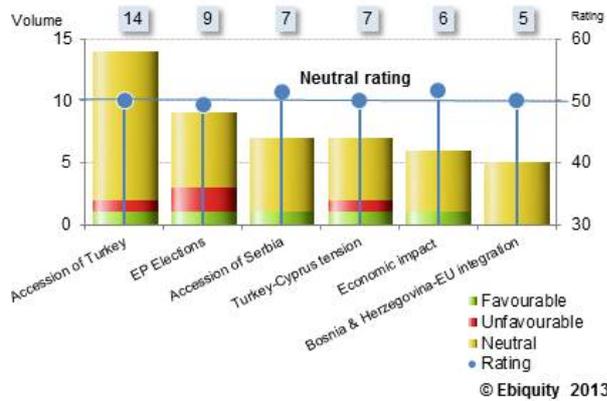
### Serbo-German cooperation

Serbia's Minister of Justice Nikola Selaković spoke with representatives of the German Organisation for International Cooperation (GIZ) about further cooperation between Serbia and Germany through joint activities of the Ministry and GIZ. A statement by the Ministry says that the cooperation will be intensified in the fields of strengthening the rule of law, implementation of the judiciary reform and European integration. Selaković and GIZ Project leader for Legal Reform in Serbia Mike Falke agreed during the meeting that cooperation over the previous two years had been good, but that there are new areas in which it can be improved. He informed representatives of GIZ that the Serbian Parliament had adopted amendments to judicial laws last week that will enable an effective establishment of the system of the public notary. (balkans.com, UK, 27/5).

- balkans.com, UK, 27/5, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=193512>

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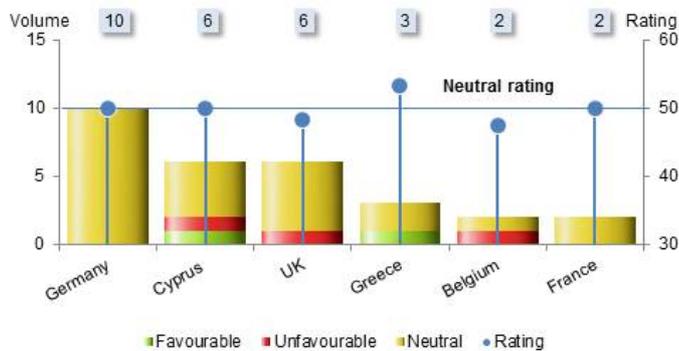
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