



## Summary

There was wide-spread coverage of a recent report from the European Commission on Turkey's accession to the EU which considered issues such as the freedom of the press, the judiciary and the Kurdish question, as real obstacles to Turkish membership (collectifvan.org, FR, 2/11 and other European media, particularly in the UK). It was also reported that at a meeting with the Turkish Prime Minister, German Chancellor Angela Merkel had said that the European Union would continue its negotiations in good faith, despite the disagreements (collectifvan.org, FR, 2/11). Turkey wants full EU membership or nothing said Egemen Bagis, Turkish Minister for EU Affairs during a visit to Germany, in answer to German Chancellor Angela Merkel's offer of a 'privileged partnership'. (ad.nl, NL, 31/10). The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (DE, 1/11) reported Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan's warning that a decision on Turkey's EU accession should no longer be postponed and that if Europe fails to approve Turkey's membership before the country's 100th founding anniversary in 2023, the EU could lose Turkey as a partner. Mr Erdogan's view was that Turkey would be able to help the EU to overcome its current crisis.

- collectifvan.org, FR, 2/11, <http://www.collectifvan.org/article.php?r=4&id=68555>
- ad.nl, NL, 31/10, <http://www.ad.nl/ad/nl/1013/Buitenland/article/detail/3340318/2012/10/31/Turkije-wil-EU-lidmaatschap-of-niets.dhtml>
- Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, DE, 1/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121101/mi/item\\_138774495.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121101/mi/item_138774495.pdf)

The U.S. Secretary of State reminded the Serbian Government that dialogue with Kosovo is the condition imposed by the European Union so that negotiations can open for membership (televideo.rai.it, IT, 1/11). She said "*Today, you are not only a full member of NATO and you will be joining the European Union, but you serve as an anchor of stability and prosperity in the region and demonstrate unequivocally what people and political leaders can accomplish when they work together toward a shared goal*" (newsbeast.gr, EL, 1/11). Prime Minister Ivica Dacic said on Thursday the government and president were ready to find a final solution for Kosovo by the end of their term. Director General for Enlargement at the EC, Stefano Sannino said the commission was very satisfied with the way the dialogue had begun and wanted to see "*a progressive normalisation of Belgrade-Priština relations*" adding "*we are not here to impose terms but to work on our common goal of Serbia becoming an EU member*" (citypress.gr, EL, 1/11). Tomislav Nikolic says the authorities have prepared a solution for Kosovo, and that he expects a date for the start of EU membership talks by the end of 2012 (world.actualno.com, BG, 1/11).

- televideo.rai.it, IT, 1/11, <http://www.televideo.rai.it/televideo/pub/view.jsp?id=268&p=101>
- newsbeast.gr, EL, 1/11, <http://www.newsbeast.gr/world/arthro/437369/paradeigma-pros-mimisi-i-kroatia/>
- citypress.gr, EL, 1/11 (no link available)
- world.actualno.com, BG, 1/11, [http://world.actualno.com/Nikolich-imal-reshenie-za-Kosovo--news\\_405459.html](http://world.actualno.com/Nikolich-imal-reshenie-za-Kosovo--news_405459.html)

The Daily Telegraph (UK, 1/11) picked up on the report from the European Court of Auditors about the European Union mission to Kosovo failing to deal with corruption and organised crime despite vast sums of money being spent. The republic, described by European Commission President Barroso as "*the biggest recipient per capita of EU assistance in the world*", has spent £976million since 2007 but the ECA states that there has been "*almost no progress*" in establishing the rule of law in northern Kosovo, which is dominated by Serbs.

- Daily-Telegraph,UK,1/11 (No link available)

## Key Quotes

***The Czech Republic is a long-term supporter of EU enlargement to Serbia and other Balkan countries***" (Ceskenoviny, Czech, 5/12)

[http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/zpravy/zpravy/ministr-zahranici-srbska-se-setka-se-schwarzenbergem/861837?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=feed](http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/zpravy/zpravy/ministr-zahranici-srbska-se-setka-se-schwarzenbergem/861837?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=feed)

***"Bulgaria wants to help Macedonia on its way to the EU. Our country has always been absolutely well-disposed towards Macedonia and the countries in the West Balkans,"*** Bulgarian Foreign Minister Nikolay Mladenov said, as cited by Macedonian Vecer daily (Focus News, Bulgaria, 5/12)

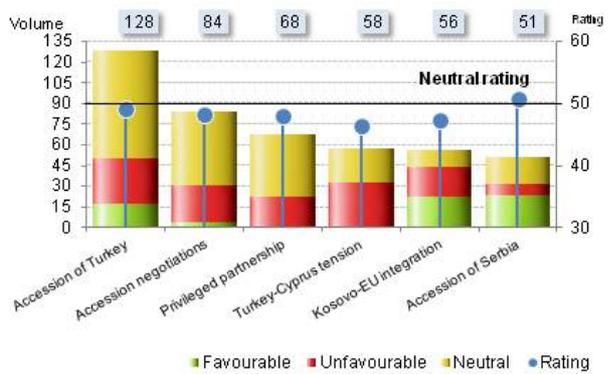
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**U.S. Secretary of State: "*I look forward to Croatia's accession to the EU*"** (Stockwatch, Cyprus, 5/12)

[http://www.stockwatch.com.cy/nqcontent.cfm?a\\_name=news\\_view&ann\\_id=160917](http://www.stockwatch.com.cy/nqcontent.cfm?a_name=news_view&ann_id=160917)

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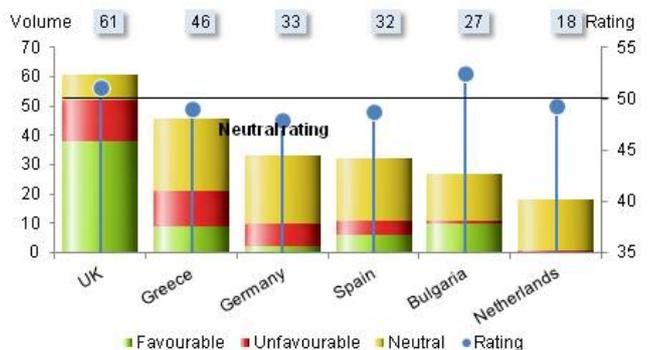


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