



## Key Quotes

FRESH concerns about a new wave of immigration from eastern Europe were triggered last night when Albania took a big step towards joining the European Union. Tory MP Nigel Mills, who campaigned against relaxation of visa controls with Romania and Bulgaria at the end of last year, said: ***"It is hard to imagine that Albania is anywhere close to the level of economic or social development, or has the democratic and justice systems in place that you would normally associate with a member of the EU"*** (express.co.uk, UK, 25/6)  
<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/484647/New-migrant-fears-as-Albania-moves-step-closer-to-joining-EU>

## Summary

### EU urges Turkey to implement the Ankara Agreement

The EU has again asked Turkey to implement the Ankara Agreement during the 52nd meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council. Vice President of the Greek government Evangelos Venizelos presided over the meeting, replacing EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton. Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle also attended the meeting. On behalf of the EU, Mr Venizelos emphasised the obligation of Turkey to fully and without any differentiation implement the Ankara Agreement, make progress in its relations with all the EU member states and respect the good neighbourhood relations. Mr Füle stressed that there can be decisive progress on the accession negotiations only when Turkey proceeds with the necessary reforms and all the issues concerning Cyprus (Kathimerini, GR, 24/6). The Turkish ban on Cypriot air and sea traffic is a major aspect of the protocol, and the delay in implementing it for Cyprus, has since 2006, prevented any movement on eight chapters necessary for Turkey to move forward with its EU accession (Cyprus-Mail, CY, 24/6).

- Kathimerini, GR, 24/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140624/mi/item\\_204031203.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140624/mi/item_204031203.pdf)
- Cyprus-Mail, CY, 24/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140624/mi/item\\_204040609.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140624/mi/item_204040609.pdf)

### The international mission in Kosovo clashes with Albanian protesters

Tensions in Kosovo are high. Serbians barricaded the bridge on the Ibar River, and international peace-keepers prevented Albanian protesters from destroying these barricades. The government called on the people living in the south to remain calm and promised to remove the barricades. The government called on the EU to make sure Serbia is keeping the agreement it made with Belgrade. The government expects Brussels and Washington to put pressure on Belgrade to remove the new barricades (Magyar-Hirlap, HU, 24/6). US soldiers supported by German police in riot gear were deployed to seal off the bridge while US armoured vehicles blocked access to it (ibtimes.co.uk, UK, 23/6).

- Magyar-Hirlap, HU, 24/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140624/mi/item\\_204008451.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140624/mi/item_204008451.pdf)
- ibtimes.co.uk, UK, 23/6, <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/us-nato-peacekeepers-battle-kosovo-albanians-mitrovica-bridge-clash-1453871>

### Czech Republic settles with Albania

Czech utility CEZ will receive 100 million euros (\$136 million) in a settlement that ends a dispute with Albania over a power distributor, the company said on Tuesday. Albania was keen to resolve the 18-month row so it could go ahead with a \$200 million investment in its electricity sector, with the World Bank and other donors ready to back that with funding once the dispute was sorted (uk.reuters.com, UK, 24/6).

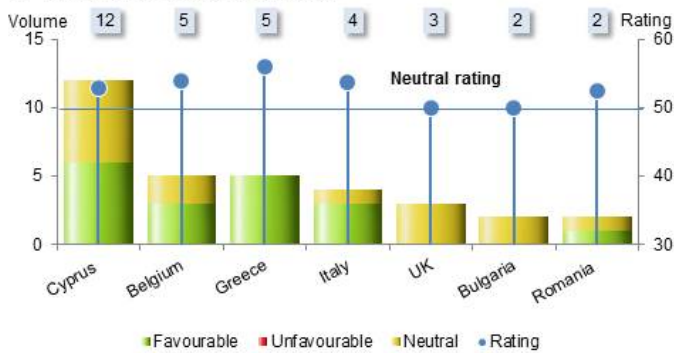
- uk.reuters.com, UK, 24/6, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/06/24/albania-cez-idUKL6N0P51L820140624>

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