



Key Quotes

An official document submitted by Turkey to the European Union has referred to the Republic of Cyprus as a “*defunct*” state, according to reports in Cypriot media. The document by Turkey’s Foreign Ministry, which was reportedly circulated to all EU member states during a session of the EU-Turkey Association Council in Luxembourg on Monday, said that Ankara is against Cyprus’s membership of any international organization until “*a final and just settlement*” has been reached on the divided island, reports said. There was no official reaction to the Turkish document. A press release issued after the meeting welcomed progress in reunification talks between the two sides. “*The EU welcomed the resumption of the full-fledged settlement talks in Cyprus between the leaders of both communities under the auspices of the UN. Turkey’s commitment and contribution in concrete terms to such a comprehensive settlement remains crucial,*” the statement said (ekathimerini.com, GR, 25/6) http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcqi/w/articles_wsite1_1_25/06/2014_540828

Summary

Unease about Albanian candidate status

Downing Street said Britain would be prepared to veto Albania’s eventual membership of the European Union unless Cameron’s plans to restrict freedom of movement for citizens of new member states were agreed. His proposal is a significant hardening of the current system of transitional controls which allow member states to impose restrictions for seven years after a country joins the EU. The prime minister’s spokesman said: “*Accessions require unanimity and the prime minister won’t agree unless there are tougher rules*” (Guardian, UK, 25/6). However the status of candidate country says nothing about the actual initiation of accession talks. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, for example, has been a candidate for accession since 2005 and there is a general lack of appetite for new additions. Jean-Claude Juncker, who is nearly certain to be the next European Commission President, has actually ruled such a thing out during the next five years. He plans to continue the ongoing accession proceedings, however (Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 25/6).

- Guardian, UK, 25/6, [link not available]
- Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 25/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140625/mi/item_204195118.pdf

Progress with Montenegro accession

Montenegro and the EU opened accession negotiations on three new chapters. Commissioner Füle has confirmed on his Twitter account that both sides have opened three new negotiating chapters at the meeting in Luxembourg. These are the chapters on free movement of capital, financial control and foreign and security policy. Both sides have opened negotiations to date in a total of twelve chapters and have provisionally closed two of those relating to education and culture and science and research, the Enlargement Commissioner recalled (diariosigloxxi.com, ES, 24/6).

- diariosigloxxi.com, ES, 24/6, <http://www.diariosigloxxi.com/texto-ep/mostrars/20140624101831/la-ue-y-montenegro-abren-negociaciones-de-adhesion-sobre-tres-nuevos-capitulos#.PIT2FerWjelGV03>

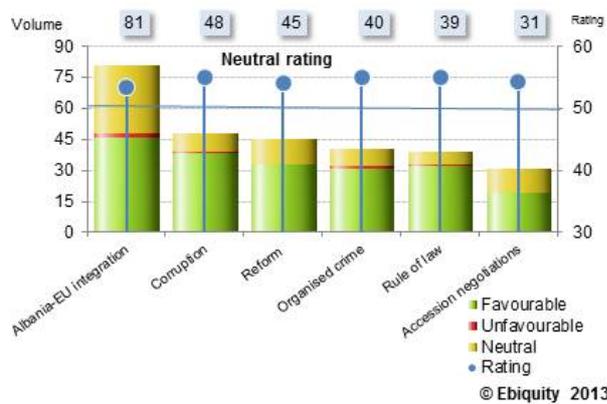
Europe’s black holes

In an opinion piece in El Mundo (ES, 25/6) on the EU’s enlargement policy, Francisco de Borja Lasheras, the deputy director at the Madrid office of the European Council on Foreign Relations, says enlargement was successful in past years but is now at risk of failure, notably regarding highly symbolic candidate countries such as Bosnia and Herzegovina. He says that Europe is at a fork in the road, and the solution should not be either a tactical retreat nor the use of what he calls a “*Twitter diplomacy*” that yields meagre results. There is a need for a new transformation agenda, internal and external. Otherwise, we are heading for a fragmented, nasty, weak Europe surrounded by black holes in its eastern and southern border – insecurity and instability spaces confirming the failure of policies.

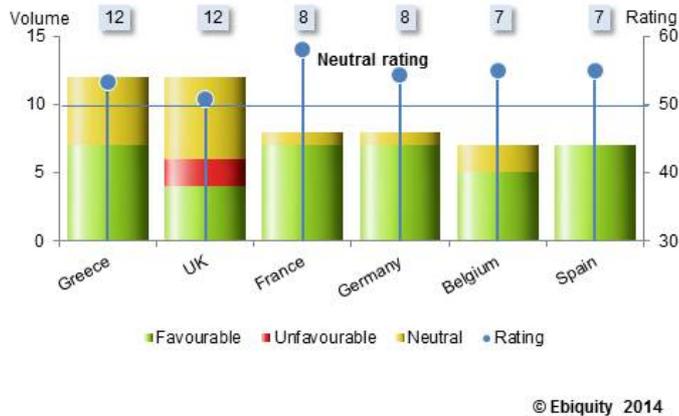
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