



Key Quotes

EU Enlargement Commissioner, Štefan Füle calls on Turkey and the EU to co-operate and make 2014 the year of the European Union, while referring to Cyprus he says that the full implementation of the additional Protocol will allow the immediate restart of negotiations. The Commissioner went on to say "***Does Europe need Turkey? Does Turkey need the EU? My response has always been that it is not about whom needs who more, but that it is about the reality of our already existing deep ties in many fields. It is about the huge joint potential offered by our relations, shared strategic interests and cooperation that can be best realized in the context of the accession process. We were always in agreement with our Turkish partners that the EU accession process is the best framework for the modernization of Turkey - a goal all of us have in common***" (Phileletheros, CY, 8/7).

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Summary

Croatia to set conditions for Serbian accession

Most of the countries in the Balkans were glad to hear President Ivo Josipović say that Croatia will not inhibit the enlargement process in any of the countries. However, Serbians were surely not be glad to hear that resolving open issues with its neighbouring countries will be one of the defining conditions. The President emphasised that Croatia will not do the same as Slovenia, when Croatia was still in its accession process, however serious war issues still burden both countries. For resolving those issues Serbia should engage far more than it has done till now (Jutarnji-list, HR, 8/7).

- Jutarnji-list, HR, 8/7, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140708/mi/item_205885275.pdf

When it comes to European integration in its neighbourhood, Russia has a clear double standard

"Russia has very different strategies when it comes to their former fellow republics in the Soviet Union - this is part of their previous sphere of influence," says Dmítar Bechev, director of the Sofia office of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). "*The Balkans are a level up [from that]. I think it is a foregone conclusion that one way or another [Balkan countries] will be integrated into the EU. But, having said that, Russia looks at the EU as a set of countries and so it sees an opportunity to have more members who are friendly.*" (rferl.org, CZ, 8/7).

- rferl.org, CZ, 8/7, <http://www.rferl.org/content/russia-different-strategy-serbia-eu/25449771.html>

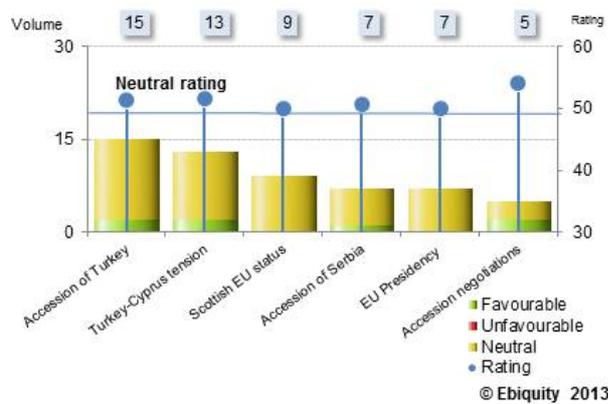
In Sarajevo, Europe is seen as the last hope

Bosnia and Herzegovina remains an internally torn country, where many are relying on EU membership. The need for consensus between the ethnic groups paralyzes. "*In the morning I read three newspapers and get three different perspectives on the same event,*" reports an employee of an international organization. Each ethnic group has their own parties, the few companies in the country are in state hands. "*If there were a developed private sector, then the parties would also not so powerful,*" says one journalist. Most do not trust each other and place their hope in the EU rather than their politicians. According to surveys, 85 percent in Bosnia and Herzegovina want their country to join the EU, as soon as possible (rp-online.de, DE, 8/7).

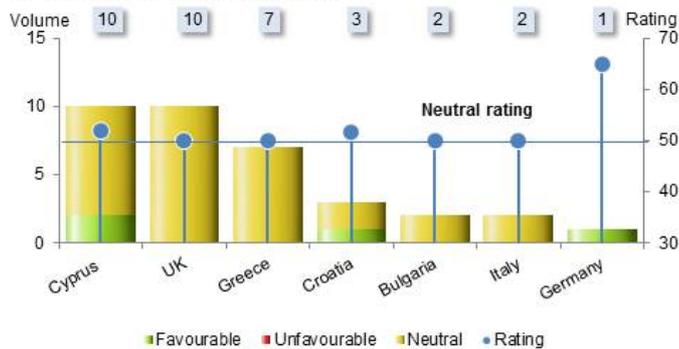
- rp-online.de, DE, 8/7, <http://www.rp-online.de/politik/in-sarajevo-qilt-europa-als-letzte-hoffnung-aid-1.4370605>

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Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	2
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