



Key Quotes

President Nikos Anastasiades returned to Cyprus last night after his two-day working visit to Athens. As one of his spokesmen said, the President returns home **"as a tired but less worried man"** because it is important that Athens and Nicosia are adamant on continuing the negotiation process with the Turkish Cypriots, **"although this process, lately seems to have staggered"**. He said that **"it is time to implicate the European Union"** in the **"solution process"**. (thetoc.gr, GR, 30/7). <http://www.thetoc.gr/eng/politics/article/anastasiadis-wants-to-implicate-eu-in-cyprus-solution>

Summary

Serbian economic reforms

The Serbian Government is carrying out a PR campaign aimed at convincing the EU that its traditional close links with Russia should be respected. To this end it has hired some *"has been"* politicians, e.g. ex-IMF boss Dominique Strauss-Kahn. However, if changing its rhetoric proved to be easy for Belgrade, changing its practices was not. It is only of late that Serbia has begun to reform its economy following suggestions from various foreign sources. (Rzeczpospolita, PL, 30/7). However Hans-Peter Siebenhaar writing in Handelsblatt (DE, 30/7) criticises Serbia's Prime Minister, Aleksandar Vučić, for playing double games regarding the upcoming accession to the European Union. While he promises the EU to engage in national reform efforts to tackle corruption, the poor macroeconomic indicators and the freedom of the press, his government appeals to strong nationalist sentiment surrounding the anniversary of WWI instead of acting on the promised reforms. Tightening media controls are a major vehicle in this process. Fears are growing that future EU subsidies might trickle away in the government sector where corruption is flourishing more than ever.

- Rzeczpospolita, PL, 30/7, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140730/mi/item_208470047.pdf
- Handelsblatt, DE, 30/7, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140730/mi/item_208454380.pdf

Name dispute

The name dispute between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece is an issue that concerns many countries, including the U.S.A. and Germany, and many people are interested in its solution. This is what UN mediator in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-Greece name issue talks, Matthew Nimetz, said yesterday in Skopje, as cited by Macedonian Vecer daily. In his words, the problem should not be neglected but solved. Nimetz also remarked that the two countries were not negotiating over the identity but only over the name (focus-fen.net, BG, 30/7).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 30/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/30/344135/vecer-macedonia-negotiations-are-on-name-dispute-not-on-identity-says-nimetz.html>

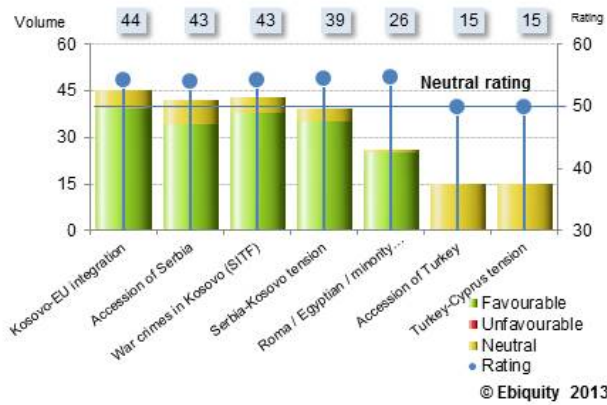
Turkey Cyprus tension

The government of Cyprus has placed itself at the disposal of the International Criminal Court to provide documentation on the colonization of the occupied area of Cyprus by Turkey. *"Since 1974, Turkey has implemented a systematic policy of colonization of the occupied part of Cyprus, from which it expelled approximately 170.000 Greek Cypriots, in an attempt to change the demographic character of the island and create a fait accompli"* a Ministry of Foreign Affairs press release says (greekreporter.com, GR, 30/7).

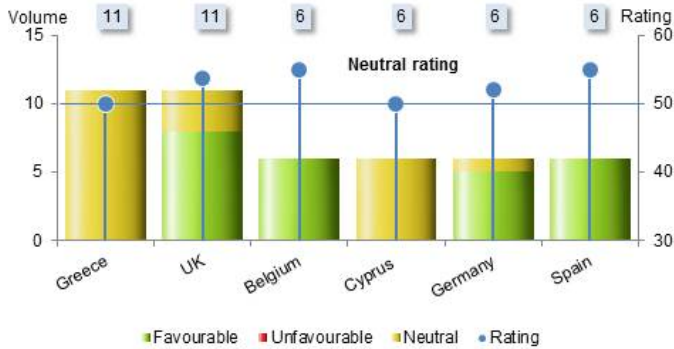
- greekreporter.com, GR, 30/7, <http://greece.greekreporter.com/2014/07/30/cyprus-at-the-disposal-of-international-criminal-court-over-turkish-illegal-settlers/>

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