



Summary

The Daily Mail (9/11) focused on UK International Development Secretary Justine Greening's call for Britain to "stop sending billions of pounds in foreign aid to well-off nations including the EU aid fund to which Britain contributes £billion a year. Turkey has been one of the top five recipients of EU aid money for years. In 2010 it received almost £200 million, much of which was used to upgrade its sewers. Other relatively wealthy countries receiving British aid money via the EU include Serbia, Croatia and Iceland. The payments are made to help countries wanting to join the EU upgrade their infrastructure. There is no requirement to repay the money if the country later decides not to join or is refused membership."

- Daily Mail (UK, 9/11) (No link available)

Still in the UK media, the Financial Times ran an opinion piece: "Europe is witnessing a rise in separatism and regionalism that is testing the resilience of well-established states.

Some of these movements seek more extensive self-government rather than outright secession...Recent additions to the list of states include: Montenegro, which lost its independence in 1918 and regained it in 2006; and Kosovo, which declared independence in 2008, though five of the EU's 27 states have withheld recognition." (UK, 9/11).

- Financial Times (UK, 9/11) (No link available)

The Serbian Prime Minister, Ivica Dacic, after meeting with his Kosovo colleague Thaci and EU High Representative Catherine Ashton in Brussels said once you have ended the war your foe becomes someone you must negotiate with. The meeting focused on the implementation of the agreements which have already been reached and other issues including the protection of the Serbian national heritage, financing the Serb minority in Kosovo and the construction of Niš-Priština road. The next meeting between Serbian and Kosovo prime ministers is scheduled for December (Vecer, SI, 9/11).

- Vecer, SI, 9/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121109/mi/item_139481573.pdf

Speaking from Turkey, Stefan Füle told the candidate member state that the adoption of the Ankara Protocol and normalisation of relations with the Republic of Cyprus will provide a boost to its accession negotiations. If that happens, he added, the European Commission will call for the immediate unfreezing of eight chapters in Turkey's accession negotiations (Phileleftheros, CY, 9/11).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 9/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121109/mi/item_139482959.pdf

Key Quotes

The Home Secretary yesterday warned the Government is legally unable to block Romanian and Bulgarian citizens from coming to the UK under an expansion of EU "freedom of movement". The quotas on freedom of movement were introduced when Romania and Bulgaria joined the EU in 2007 but are set to expire at midnight on December 31, 2013 (Daily Express, UK, 12/11).

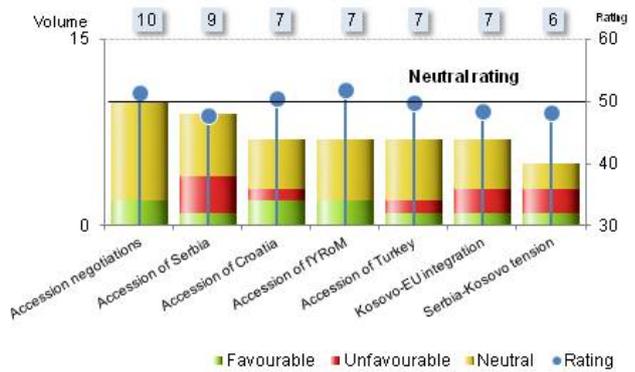
<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/357653/EU-rules-change-will-bring-more-migrants>

Bulgarian PM Borisov calls on Constitutional Court Judge Markovska to reject the post. If judge Markovska leaves the post, she will quell the scandal, which made the European Commission warn Bulgaria about an extraordinary report on justice (Focus News, Bulgaria, 12/11).

<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n291983>

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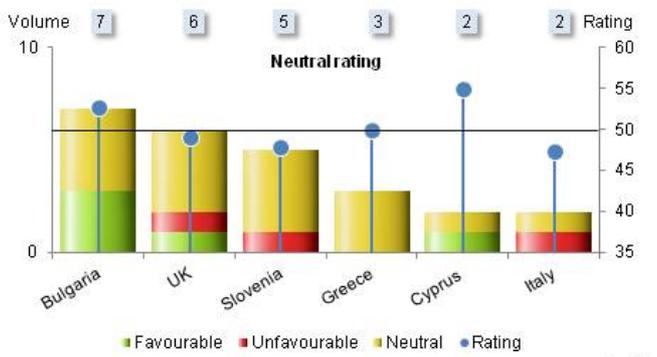


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