



Key Quotes

President of the Republic of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades has sent a letter to newly-elected Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, congratulating him on his election, and noting his expectation that the Turkish President will become personally involved in efforts to solve the Cyprus issue. **"I look forward to your personal involvement for reaching a solution to the Cyprus issue, which, if reached, will be to the benefit of all involved and will help Turkey assume the role it claims in the region"**, the President of Cyprus said (financialmirror.com, CY, 29/8). <http://www.financialmirror.com/news-details.php?nid=33034>

Summary

Commentary on Western Balkans Conference

An article in the Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, (DE, 29/8) reports on the conference in Berlin to which Angela Merkel invited states of the "Western Balkans" to discuss these states' path towards the EU. The article notes that the flags of Serbia and Kosovo hung in row, and Kosovar Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi was recognised as an equal participant. The participating states were encouraged to discuss measures to spur economic development. The "European perspective" was represented by José Manuel Barroso and European Commissioners Günther Oettinger and Štefan Füle. Commissioner for Energy Günther Oettinger highlighted the importance of investments in the energy sector, especially in the strengthening of energy infrastructures between the EU and the countries of the Western Balkans (Rizospastis, GR, 29/8).

- Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, DE, 29/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140829/mi/item_211758534.pdf
- Rizospastis, GR, 29/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140829/mi/item_211784355.pdf

The name issue of former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is characterised as bilateral

Discussing the Western Balkans Forum which took place in Berlin, with the participation of the leaders of Albania, Bosnia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and "Macedonia". Ethnos (GR, 29/8) comments that if the Germans want to put on a European hat at these meetings, they ought to use the temporary name of former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with which the EU has recognised this country, not its constitutional name, at least when a representative of the Commission is present. Ethnos underlines that in the announcement of the Forum, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is mentioned with its temporary name, but there is special reference to the name issue, which is characterised as a "bilateral" issue and adds that obviously the Germans do not share the Greek view over the intolerance of the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Nikola Gruevski.

- Ethnos, GR, 29/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140829/mi/item_211786646.pdf

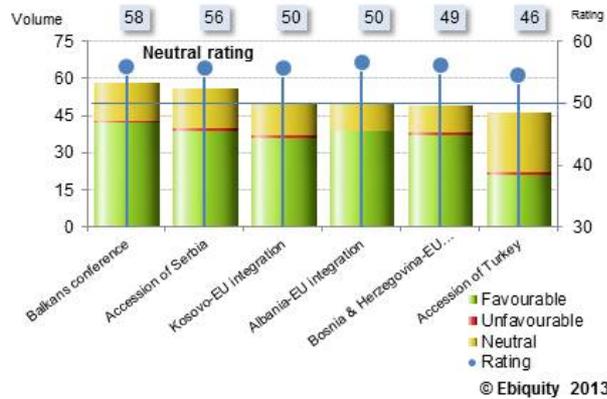
A vision of Turkey's future

In an article in Les Echos (FR, 29/8) Virginie Robert writes that despite all the obstacles in his way Recep Tayyip Erdoğan hopes to develop his vision of a "New Turkey" to make it a Eurasian power, part of the global economy but still with a wish to join the European Union. He is giving himself until 2023 the date of the 100 anniversary of the Republic.

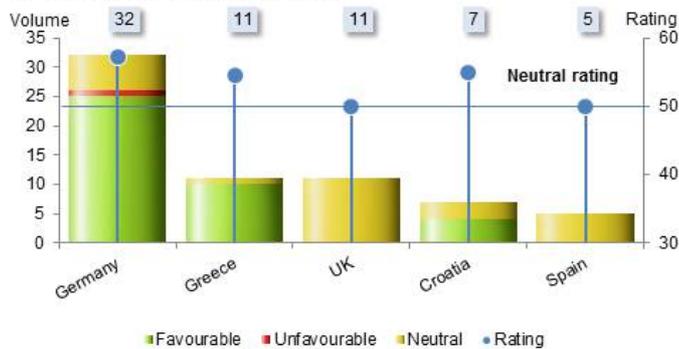
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