



Key Quotes

Turkey's new Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu reaffirmed ambitious goals to make Turkey a top 10 global economy and member of the EU by 2023 as he presented the programme of his new government. Davutoğlu - who was criticised by some analysts for pursuing an overly ambitious foreign policy while top diplomat - said Turkey would carry on with an assertive diplomacy. **"We will be not be a country whose agenda is set by other countries,"** he said. **"Turkey... will continue to bring stability to the world by being part of the solution, both in the region and on a global scale. We will pursue an active foreign policy."** (Yahoo!, UK, 1/9). <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/turkish-pm-promises-peace-kurds-active-diplomacy-180825800.html#ARCcVz8>

Summary

Commission silent over Turkey's hopes to profit from Russian food ban

At least publicly, the Commission has kept silent over Turkey's statements that it should profit from the Russian embargo on imported Western food. As an EU candidate country, Turkey is expected to align with EU foreign policy, especially in the cases of restrictive measures imposed on third countries. In the case of Serbia, also a candidate country, Brussels praised the government for its choice not to economically exploit the Russian embargo on EU food imports. In contrast, it avoided giving a "clear" answer regarding a controversial reaction of Turkish authorities. The Turkish finance minister Nihat Zeybekci said that the ongoing crisis between Russia and the West was an "opportunity" for Ankara. The statement angered Athens, which accused Turkey of exploiting the Russian embargo on EU food imports. (euractiv.com, BE, 1/9).

- euractiv.com, BE, 1/9, <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/europes-east/commission-silent-over-turkeys-hopes-profit-russian-food-ban-308115>

New appointment High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy good for Serbia

Appointment of Italian Federica Mogherini to the post of EU top diplomat is a good decision for Serbia. Ivica Dačić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, made the comment, the Serbian online news edition Blic reported. According to Dačić, Mogherini is in favour of Serbia's EU integration. The edition says that despite a statement of hers during a visit to Belgrade not a long time ago in which she said Serbia had to impose sanctions on Russia and her leaving the impression she wanted to speak through ultimatums, sources familiar with the situation say it is exactly the opposite (focus-fen.net, BG, 1/9).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 1/9, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/09/01/347351/appointment-of-italys-federica-mogherini-for-eu-foreign-policy-chief-goof-for-serbia-foreign-minister-says.html>

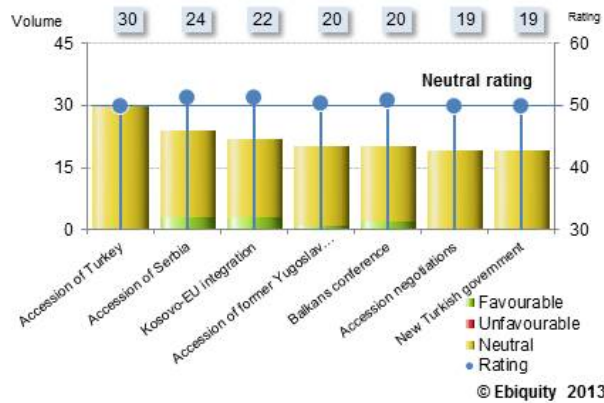
Balkans Conference

The Berlin conference dedicated to the Western Balkans recently concluded with aims of further European integration. According to the German press, the conference was important to give forward momentum to EU candidates. Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung focused on the statement of the German economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel, who among other things said *"The future of the Western Balkans lies in the European Union"* (Business.HR, HR, 1/9).

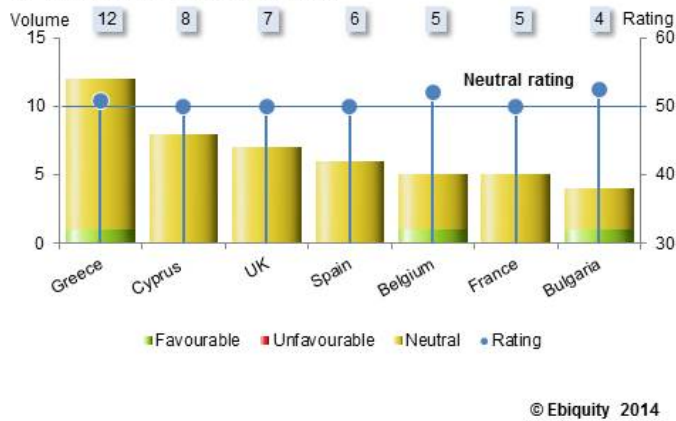
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