



Key Quotes

The newly appointed European Union Affairs Minister Volkan Bozkir noted that some EU countries are hiding behind Cyprus. He said Bozkir: "**Like Germany for example. They are concerned about coming into the picture as countries that decelerate Turkey's speed during its EU process. That is why they say it would be great if you solve the Cyprus problem. However, they know that when the Cyprus problem is solved, all eyes will turn to those countries. We can also include France in this list,**" he said, adding that "**I personally wish that the Cyprus problem is solved so that we can clearly see those who oppose [Turkey's EU accession].**" (hri.org, CY, 3/9). <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-09-03.tcpr.html>

Summary

Greece-Turkey meeting

Greek Prime Minister Samaras and Turkish President Erdoğan will meet unofficially on Thursday at Cardiff during one of the breaks of the annual NATO summit in Wales, according to reports in Athens. This "*out of protocol*" meeting was requested by the newly elected President of Turkey and, despite the fact that Athens seemed to be annoyed by statements he made during his visit yesterday to the occupied areas of Cyprus, the meeting was arranged and reports say that the two leaders will discuss bilateral matters in private at Cardiff (famagusta-gazette.com, CY, 3/9).

- famagusta-gazette.com, CY, 3/9, <http://famagusta-gazette.com/samaras-and-erdogan-will-meet-privately-at-the-nato-summit-p25219-69.htm>

Freedom of expression and candidate countries

Internet governance tops the digital agenda of Brussels, and there will be an international meeting of the relevant institutions in Istanbul on Friday. As part of the Internet Governance Forum 2014, European Commission Vice President and Commissioner for Digital Agenda Neelie Kroes is expected to table many significant issues. Among these issues will be the pressure on the Turkish government in order to respect more the freedom of media, the strengthening of transparency and the copyright issue (Naftemporiki, GR, 3/9). "*If the EU is to maintain its stellar performance on freedom of expression, it should insist that candidate countries specifically demonstrate adherence to basic standards regarding press freedom laws and practices*", argues Freedom House's Jennifer Dunham. Seven of the eight candidate or potential candidate states considered have press freedom ratings substantially below the EU average, with Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in particular experiencing sharp declines in recent years (blogs.lse.ac.uk, UK, 2/9).

- Naftemporiki, GR, 3/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140903/mi/item_212380563.pdf
- blogs.lse.ac.uk, UK, 2/9, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsee/2014/09/02/the-eu-should-set-explicit-press-freedom-requirements-for-candidate-countries/>

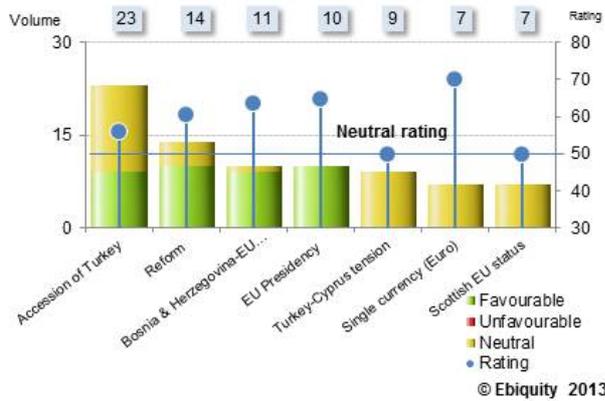
Albanian accession

Albanian president hopes for accession to the European Union; President Bujar Nishani is positive that negotiations to enter the EU will begin in a 1 or 2-year-period. "*That depends on us,*" Nishani said in an interview. Albania received the status of an EU candidate country at the end of June and Nishani welcomed this move as a "*very important achievement and a strong signal of the EU*". He hopes to start the EU accession as soon as possible. The EU has particularly criticised Albania because of the high levels of corruption and organized crime (Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 3/9).

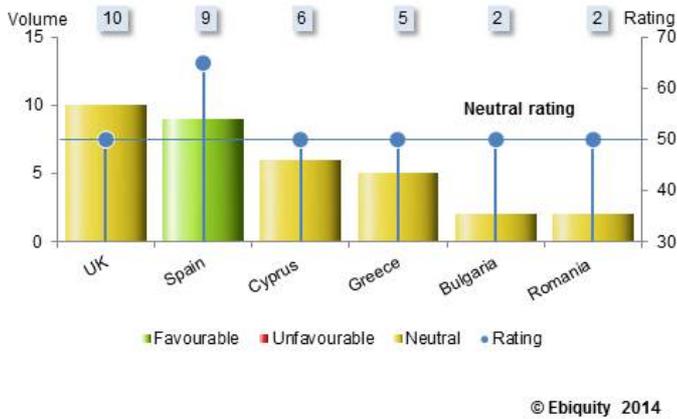
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (President, Turkey)	11
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Jean-Claude Juncker President elect, EC)	8
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	7
Alex Salmond (First Minister, Scotland)	6
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