



Key Quotes

Turkey should prioritize expanding freedom of speech to achieve improvement in its bid to join the European Union, according to Neelie Kroes, the vice president of the EU Commission. ***"We should take into account for membership to the European family, it is absolutely a must that freedom of speech and media are guaranteed,"*** she said (tovima.gr, GR, 9/9).

<http://www.tovima.gr/world/article/?aid=629539>

Summary

It is like asking for carte blanche from Brussels

Turkey is issuing demands on a political and diplomatic level, calling on Brussels to clearly record *"Turkey's positive stance"* in solving the Cyprus problem, with the aim of de-criminalising and relieving the candidate country from this burden. Citing a well-informed (unnamed) source, the article notes that during the preliminary discussions for the drafting of the Commission's Annual Progress Report on Turkey, the Turkish Foreign Ministry requested that clear reference is made to the catalytic role it played in restarting the Cyprus talks, culminating in the joint announcement issued by President Anastasiades and Turkish Cypriot leader Eroğlu (Phileleftheros, CY, 7/9).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 7/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140907/mi/item_213047814.pdf

Serbia recoils at borders to Kosovo

The conflict between Serbia and its former province Kosovo, has become quiet. That could change soon, when Serbia opens Chapter 35 of its EU accession negotiations. Serbia is caught between the Ukraine and EU sanctions against Russia. The pressure is on Serbia, but *"The EU is not speaking the language of ultimatums,"* the Serbian Chief Negotiator for Serbia's accession Tanja Mišćević says diplomatically. Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić is direct, he calls for the withdrawal of sanctions (Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 8/9).

- Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 8/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140908/mi/item_213059034.pdf

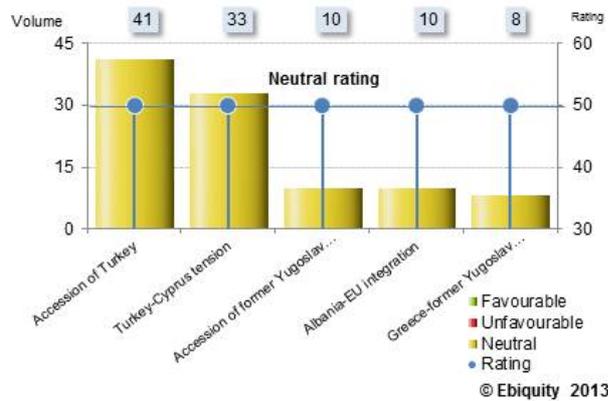
EU accession negotiations and Montenegro

Montenegro is planning to expand on the field of luxury tourism. The country has been in talks with the EU about a potential EU accession for about two years now. However, the EU criticises the insufficient legal security as well as the corruption and organised crime in the country. The EU especially criticises several tax advantages concerning yachts that exist in Montenegro (ORF2, AT, 7/9).

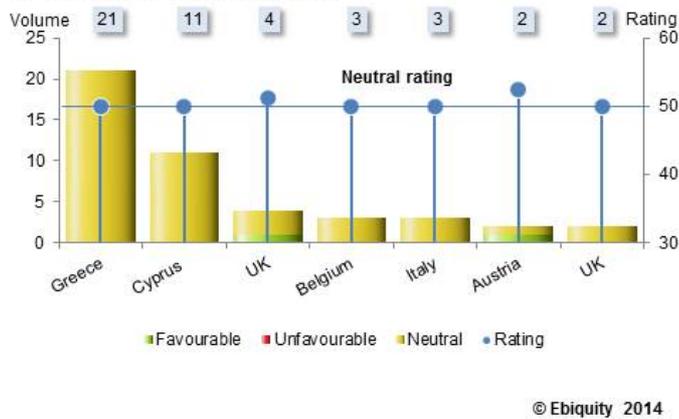
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