



## Key Quotes

Italy, which holds the six-month EU presidency, intends to work to get Serbia's first EU membership talks chapters opened by the end of the year. This depends on Serbia, however, Ambassador to Belgrade Giuseppe Manzo said on Tuesday. **"Italy believes that EU membership candidates should be encouraged to implement internal reforms, and that the EU must prove that it is credible and show clear dedication to the enlargement process,"** Manzo said (ansa.it, IT, 9/9).

[http://www.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2014/09/09/italy-to-push-serbias-eu-accession-process-forward\\_0b4cd557-ad62-4e46-a55d-2215a792e2d4.html](http://www.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2014/09/09/italy-to-push-serbias-eu-accession-process-forward_0b4cd557-ad62-4e46-a55d-2215a792e2d4.html)

## Summary

### The new EC without a Commissioner for Enlargement

Večernji list (HR, 9/9) writes that the possible surprise, when EC President-elect Jean-Claude Juncker announces his candidates for commissioners, will be the omission of a commissioner for enlargement. Mr Juncker has announced that enlargement will not be taking place during his five-year mandate and Mr. Juncker's spokeswoman Natasha Bertrand has reiterated this, adding that the process of EU enlargement will continue to happen, especially with the countries of the Western Balkans. Jutarnji list writes that Brussels does admit that Mr Juncker is giving priority to EU internal consolidation something which is shared by most of the EU.

- Večernji list, HR, 9/9, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140909/mi/item\\_213193667.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140909/mi/item_213193667.pdf)

### EU centralisation and Scottish independence

In this commentary on the Scottish referendum over the country's secession from the United Kingdom, Fabian Leber writing in Tagesspiegel (DE, 9/9) notes that the EU made this development possible in the first place "with its emphasis on centralisation" and its ever-increasing supranational tendencies. Yet an accession to the EU for an independent Scotland will be fraught with difficulty as other member states with similarly heterogeneous structures such as Spain or Belgium will refrain from permitting it, lest they set an example for their own minorities. Furthermore, José Manuel Barroso has announced that Scotland will have to apply normally, just like Turkey, should it wish to join the EU.

- Tagesspiegel, DE, 9/9, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140909/mi/item\\_213177414.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140909/mi/item_213177414.pdf)

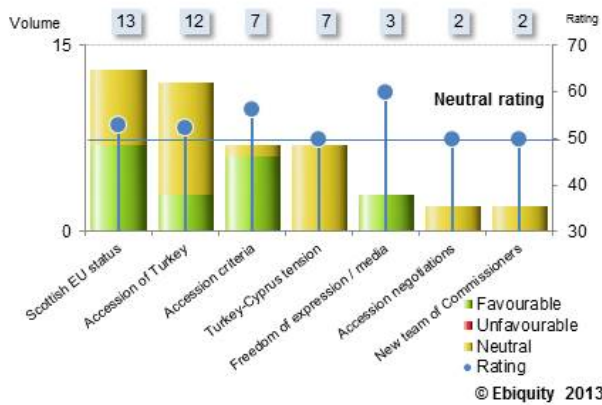
### Accession a priority for Turkey

One of the priorities of the new government is the EU accession process of Turkey, said the Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, expressing his dissatisfaction, especially with chapters 23 and 24 that are blocked by Cyprus. The Turkish Minister said that the statements of President Tayyip Erdoğan during the election campaign and later, support the accession process. *"Just the fact that we have the Ministry of EU proves it"*, said Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, stressing that Turkey's accession process is one of the strategic issues of the country's foreign policy (balkaneu.com, GR, 9/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 9/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/cavusoglu-we-blocked-cyprus/>

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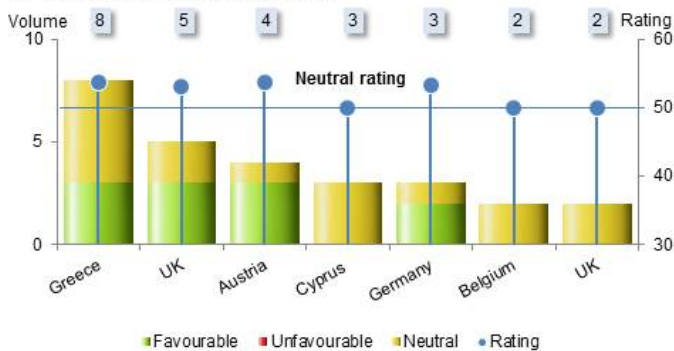
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