



Key Quotes

Cypriot Government Spokesman Nikos Christodoulides confirmed that the nation anticipates a strong stance by the EU, regarding Turkey's relative noncompliance acts, through the European Commission's Turkish progress report. Christodoulides stated:

"Turkey has a series of obligations to fulfil but unfortunately, especially as regards its obligations for Cyprus, there has been no progress. In this regard we expect that a strict message will be sent (from the Commission)" (newgreektv.com, GR, 1/10).

<http://www.newgreektv.com/index.php/world/item/11512-cyprus-anticipates-strong-eu-stance-over-turkey>

Summary

Hahn hearing

The EU's next neighbourhood commissioner at his EU parliament hearing on Tuesday (30th September) spoke firmly on Turkey. When one MEP noted that Turkey has jailed more journalists than China or Iran, Hahn said: *"It's unacceptable that anybody is jailed for reasons related to freedom of expression and this is something you can be assured I will address in the accession negotiations"*. He added that no new chapters in the EU entry talks will be opened until Ankara *"proves over a time period"* that it is serious on reform (europa-nu.nl, NL, 1/10). Hahn explained during his opening statement. *"The EU must become more visible and more present locally to represent our fundamental interests and act as an indispensable reform partner for our neighbouring countries."* Hahn said that he sees three decisive factors for future enlargement negotiations - Justice and rule of law, economy and a functioning democracy. His motto is: "Quality before speed." (EurActiv.com, UK, 1/10).

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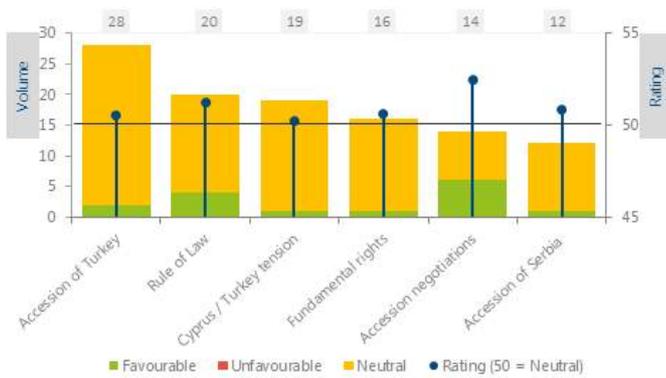
Hahn hearing and the Balkans

Hahn said he will work in order to help Balkan countries to meet their accession criteria. He pledged that in his next five year term in office, he will promote regional cooperation, especially dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina. Hahn also said that he will work for the development of infrastructure in the region and that this is a shortcoming as far as railways and roads are concerned. Asked if he wanted Kosovo to be recognized by the five remaining EU countries or for Kosovo to build relations like Taiwan, Hahn said that this comparison cannot be made and that Kosovo is a priority. *"I don't think we can compare Kosovo to Taiwan. Kosovo is in Europe and has a European perspective. We can help Kosovo to be economically developed and this must be high in our priorities. Kosovars are poor and we must help this country to be developed"* said Hahn (balkaneu.com, GR, 1/10).

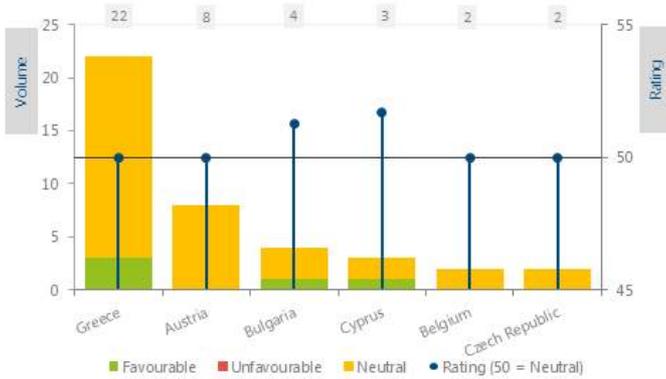
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