

Key Quotes

Athens has issued a strict warning to Ankara, saying in a more diplomatic matter: **“Either respect International Law concerning Cyprus’s rights over gas and petroleum exploration within its legal sea and continental shelf, either take the consequences for your EU membership”**. Konstantinos Koutras, spokesman for the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Turkey ought to respect the sovereign rights that the Republic of Cyprus has on its own continental shelf, as a country-member of the UN and the European Union. **“Cyprus cannot tolerate any further violations of International Law”**, Mr. Koutras warned, adding that **“Turkey’s behaviour will decide it’s European future and also the negotiation process on the Cyprus matter.”** (financialmirror.com, CY, 6/10). <http://www.financialmirror.com/news-details.php?nid=33256>

Summary

Future for Turkey

Turkey made a mistake in blocking access to Twitter, its EU Minister Volkar Bozkir has said. *“I wish we had not closed Twitter. It was wrong. Everybody accessed [the site] anyway. Now we’re trying to restore a wrong perception”* Bozkir was reported by daily Haberturk as saying. Turkey blocked access to Twitter on March 20, hours after then Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan vowed to close down the social media platform, triggering both domestic and international reaction. On April 3, the microblogging site was unblocked, 24 hours after the Constitutional Court ruled that the ban was a violation of free speech. The company now is now in talks to open a Turkey office. In the same Haberturk interview, Bozkir also said Turkey does not have the luxury of being able announce that it does not need to be a full member of the European Union, stressing that the bloc is still a very big economic player (Balkans.com, UK, 6/10). Meanwhile at his hearing before the European Parliament Johannes Hahn said that he wanted to contribute to the strengthening of reforms in Turkey (noen.at, AT, 6/10).

- Balkans.com, UK, 6/10, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=197503>
- noen.at, AT, 6/10, <http://www.noen.at/nachrichten/noe/politik-bildung/Johannes-Hahn-Hahn-ueberzeugend:art79519.573593>

Montenegro a new strategy

A better and independent civil service, a strengthened system to fight organised crime, an improved business environment, an enhanced capacity for environmental management – these are only some of the aims of a new strategy paper of the European Commission for Montenegro. The so-called Indicative Strategy Paper (ISP) will be the main framework and reference point for the European Commission and the Government of Montenegro in planning and conducting EU-funded actions in the period 2014-2020. For this time frame the EU has earmarked an indicative 270 million Euros for projects in Montenegro. The document is part of a series of strategy papers adopted by the European Commission in late August for Enlargement countries as well as for regional cooperation in the Western Balkans. Montenegro’s efforts in the context of accession negotiations will have to focus on meeting the political and economic Copenhagen criteria for EU membership as well as to assume the EU body of laws, the *acquis communautaire* (Balkans.com, UK, 6/10).

- Balkans.com, UK, 6/10, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=197500>

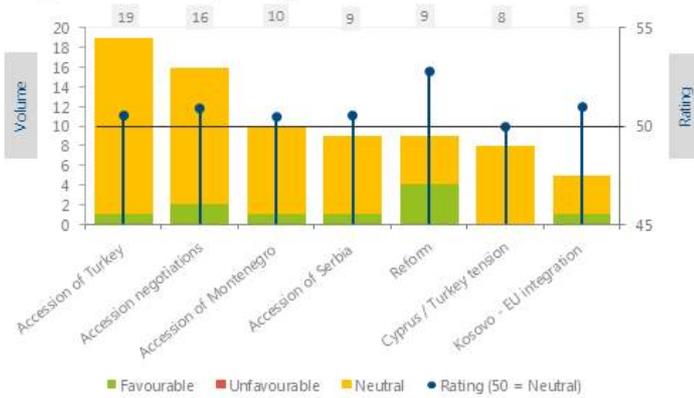
CSU urges more German in the European Union

German Bundestag Vice President Johannes Singhammer (CSU) has called on the EU Commission to translate more important documents into German. Johannes Singhammer was particular annoyed that the progress reports on the accession negotiations between the EU and Turkey and Montenegro had not been translated into German. The European Commission had claimed the opposite (FinanzNachrichten.de, DE, 6/10).

- FinanzNachrichten.de, DE, 6/10, <http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2014-10/31597448-rheinische-post-csu-fordert-mehr-deutsch-in-der-europaeischen-union-007.htm>

Charts

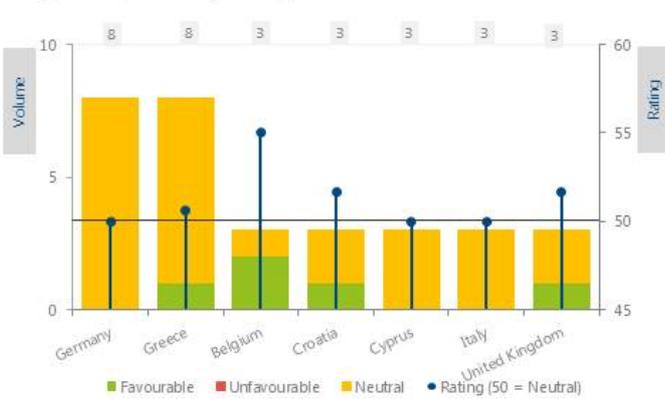
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