



Key Quotes

Ukrainians vote for reform path - Although the hardships of the economic crisis will be felt, Ukrainians elect reform-parties who want to bring the country closer to Europe. The EU should support this by offering the country a membership perspective. Now the European Union should finally show its true colours: Ukraine needs a concrete membership perspective. As the country is light years away from EU prosperity, this would be expected to take many years, if not decades, anyway. But the Ukrainians need the option as a goal towards which we can work towards. Otherwise they will soon run out of steam on her painful path to reforms on the way to Europe (wiwo.de, DE, 27/10)

<http://www.wiwo.de/politik/ausland/wahl-am-sonntag-die-pro-russischen-separatisten-halten-eigene-wahlen-ab/10893824-2.html>

Turkey's determination to seek natural gas off Cyprus, despite Greek Cypriots' objection, reflects Ankara's willingness to force Nicosia's hand in stalled settlement talks between Greek and Turkish communities. Greek Cypriots have declared they will take measures against Turkey, including blocking negotiations between the European Union (EU) and Turkey, as well as lodging a formal complaint to the United Nations. Turkey, however, urged the EU to reject Greek Cypriot's actions with the EU Minister and Chief Negotiator, Volkan Bozkir, saying that **Turkey will not let the EU membership process be undermined by such outbursts** (neurope.eu, BE, 27/10)

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/turkey-deploys-ship-force-cyprus-concessions-talks>

Summary

Tensions between Cyprus and Turkey

Some media note EU concern over growing tension between Cyprus and Turkey, reporting at the European Council meeting "Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades announced to block the opening of any more chapters in Turkey's accession talks with the EU" because of the "lingering conflict over Mediterranean gas reserves" (Der Standard, AT, 24/10). Kathimerini (GR,24/10) reported that Cyprus wanted that "the final conclusions of the European Council include a decisive reaction from the Europeans towards the increasing provocations of Ankara in the Cypriot EEZ," resulting in the European Council noting that "the recognition of all the Member States is a necessary ingredient for the accession procedure." Eleftheros Typos (GR, 24/10) added that "Germany and Italy are favouring the Cypriot positions. Great Britain Sweden and Finland suggest a milder document, in order to avoid escalation."

- Der Standard, AT, 24/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141024/mi/item_219500886.pdf
- Kathimerini, GR,24/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141024/mi/item_219497740.pdf
- Eleftheros Typos, GR, 24/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141024/mi/item_219516209.pdf

Füle on economic governance

Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Štefan Füle at the Western Balkans Six Ministerial Conference about new economic governance and better connectivity in the region, highlighted EU strategy going forward, saying "our new approach to economic governance involves credible reform programmes and enhanced monitoring by the EU. This should help your transformation to functioning market economies, able to cope with competitive pressures and market forces within the Union, including boosting competitiveness, growth and jobs" emphasising that this is meant to "bring Serbia and other countries of the region the benefits of enlargement even before joining the EU" (Balkans.com, UK, 24/10).

- Balkans.com, UK, 24/10, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=198074>

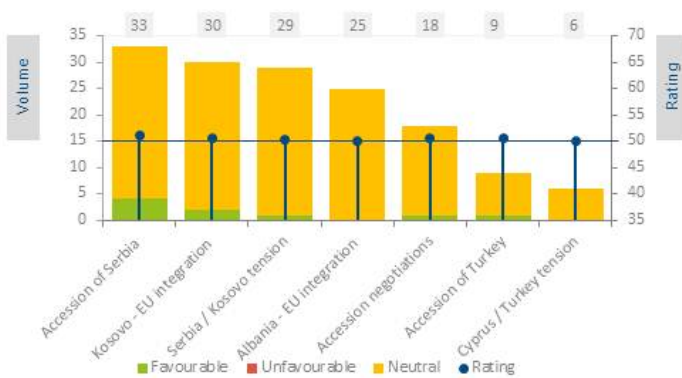
Füle on Serbia Kosovo relations

While he was in Belgrade the Commissioner also said that the EU has not asked and will not ask Serbia to recognize Kosovo, but it has only asked for relations to be normalized. "The EU position remains the same as last year, when we started the talks. At that time we said that we expect relations between Kosovo and Serbia to be normalized. We didn't demand the recognition of Kosovo then and we're not demanding it now" said Füle (balkaneu.com, GR, 24/10).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 24/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/were-serbia-recognize-kosovo-eu-enlargement-commissioner-fule/>

Charts

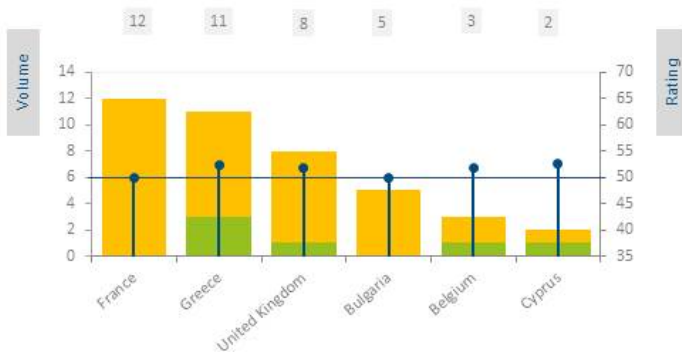
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