



Summary

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt suggested that Turkey's entry into the EU was not 'a given' (dnevnik.bg, BG, 7/1), saying "It requires efforts by both sides. It requires a continued reform process in Turkey, and it requires a continued open attitude by the European Union" (directmatin.fr, FR, 6/1). According to Nerikes-Allehande (SE, 5/1) in order to increase its chances of EU membership, Turkey began easing up on the Kurds once PKK leader Abdulla Öcalan was captured in 1999, but the conflict continued, and escalated last year.

- dnevnik.bg, BG, 7/1, http://www.dnevnik.bg/evropa/razshirivane/2013/01/07/1979594_shvedskiiat_vunshen_ministur_vlzaneto_na_turcia_v_es/?ref=rss
- directmatin.fr, FR, 6/1, <http://www.directmatin.fr/monde/2013-01-06/ue-adhesion-de-la-turquie-pas-acquise-selon-la-suede-324504>
- Nerikes-Allehande, SE, 5/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130105/mi/item_144522869.pdf

In an opinion piece on enlargement and Turkey (Munchner-Merkur, DE, 7/1) former German chancellor Gerhard Schröder predicts an increasing deterioration of the relations between Europe and the United States. According to him, the US views itself as a Pacific power and is therefore going to orient itself towards Asia. Europe could only compensate for this fact by an alliance with Turkey and Russia. He envisions a strategic partnership with Russia as well as Turkey joining the EU and suggests furthermore, that increased integration of the EU is of crucial importance.

- Munchner-Merkur, DE, 7/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130107/mi/item_144511135.pdf

In Kosovo it was reported that Presidents Tomislav Nikolić and Atifete Jahjaga will meet in Brussels on January 17 to discuss the signing of a peace treaty between Belgrade and Pristina (Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 5/1). However it was also reported that Serbian President Nikolić was not granted permission to visit a Serbian monastery in Kosovo, where he wished to attend a ceremony to celebrate the Orthodox Christmas. This is expected to put additional strain on the bilateral relations between Belgrade and Pristina. According to Kosovan media, Nikolić addressed his request to the EU office in Kosovo, which submitted it to special EU representative Samuel Žbogar, who in turn submitted it to the Kosovan authorities. Nikolić criticised EULEX for not granting him permission to visit. Meanwhile, head of EU diplomacy Catherine Ashton said that the dialogue between Serbia and Kosovo will soon enter the crucial phase (Dnevnik, SI, 7/1).

- Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 5/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130105/mi/item_144517924.pdf
- Dnevnik, SI, 7/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130107/mi/item_144523423.pdf

In Croatia, Foreign Minister Vesna Pusić said that Croatia was prepared to withdraw the lawsuits against the LB bank in Croatian courts provided that both governments officially adopt the proposals of the two financial experts appointed to solve the dispute. Pusić did not wish to discuss the details of the talks between Slovene and Croatian experts, but said that they agree in principle, while the details remain to be decided (Radio-Slovenija-1, SI, 5/1). Former Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Jandroković suggested that the Croatian government has to do more. Although Croatia's Accession Treaty has been ratified by 20 out of 27 EU member states, some states such as Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark have decided to wait for the spring European Commission report on Croatia's fulfilment of commitments for full membership to the EU (rtvslo.si, SI, 4/1).

- Radio-Slovenija-1, SI, 5/1 (no link available)
- rtvslo.si, SI, 4/1, <http://www.rtvslo.si/evropska-unija/jandrokovic-slovenija-je-najvecja-groznja-hrvaskemu-vstopu-v-eu/299432>

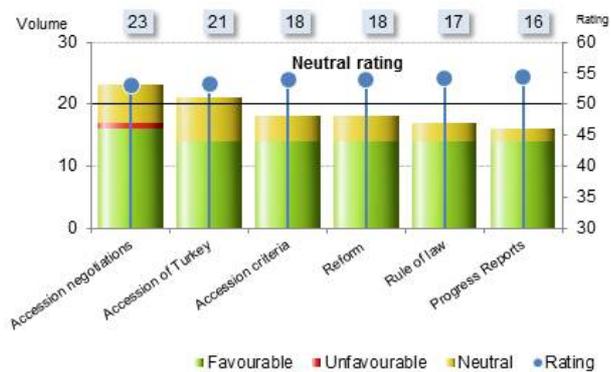
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Serbia to get 172 million euros for reforms from the EU. Pajevic said that the funds will be used for projects that will help Serbia to carry out the necessary reforms (MarketPress.info, Italy, 8/1) http://www.marketpress.info/notiziario_det.php?art=240501

The EU has allocated € 21.3 million to support Montenegro on its EU integration process. As underlined by the European Commissioner for Enlargement, Štefan Füle the new funds will be used to support the country in the necessary reforms to bring it closer to the EU (MarketPress.info, Italy, 8/1) http://www.marketpress.info/notiziario_det.php?art=240503

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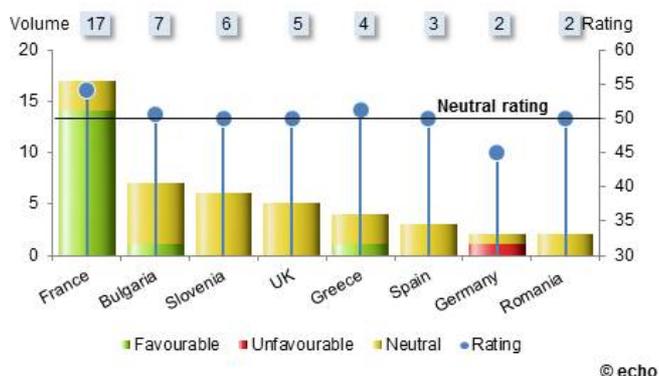
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