



## Summary

Looking at the economic impact of enlargement, the UK Independence Party leader, Nigel Farage, has argued it was irresponsible and wrong to open the British borders to Bulgarians and Romanians from next year. Speaking on the BBC News, Farage said his party will campaign very hard on the fact that on January 1, 2014 the United Kingdom will open the doors to 29 million migrants from "*the very poor countries of Bulgaria and Romania*" not just for work, but for social security too. The statement came just a day after David Cameron said Britain will demand new restrictions to keep out benefit tourists as it fears a tidal wave of Romanian and Bulgarian immigrants is about to swamp the country next year. The Prime Minister suggested only working immigrants should be allowed into the country, even if it means undermining the EU's key principle of free movement (novinite.com, BG, 8/1). Theresa May, the UK Interior Minister, is understood to be already examining possible curbs on access to welfare for EU citizens, and the rights of their dependants to come to this country (Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 7/1). However in an interview on BBC Radio 4 Sarah Molley of the Institute For Public Policy Research said that the vast majority of migrants in the UK are working hard and paying taxes (BBC-RADIO-4, UK, 7/1).

- novinite.com, BG, 8/1, [http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=146661](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=146661)
- Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 7/1, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130107/mi/item\\_144560830.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130107/mi/item_144560830.pdf)
- BBC-RADIO-4, UK, 7/1, <http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130107/mi/2501-437366-001.mp3>

The accession of Bulgaria and Romania to Schengen will be one of the priorities of the Irish EU presidency, said the Irish Ambassador to Romania, Oliver Grogan (Trud-Daily-Bulgaria, BG, 8/1). A draft resolution on their Schengen accession will be discussed at the Foreign Affairs Council on 7 March, 2013, according to the preliminary programme for the first half of the year announced by the Irish EU Presidency. The compromise project for a stage-by-stage accession will once again be considered (focus-fen.net, BG, 8/1). However according to diplomatic sources in Brussels, the political decision on their Schengen accession could be delayed beyond March 2013, (money.ro, RO, 8/1).

- Trud-Daily-Bulgaria, BG, 8/1, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130108/mi/item\\_144599942.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130108/mi/item_144599942.pdf)
- focus-fen.net, BG, 8/1, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n296288>
- money.ro, RO, 8/1, [http://www.money.ro/decizia-privind-aderarea-romaniei-si-bulgariei-la-schengen-ar-putea-fi-amanata\\_1237140.html](http://www.money.ro/decizia-privind-aderarea-romaniei-si-bulgariei-la-schengen-ar-putea-fi-amanata_1237140.html)

More generally it was reported that the UK Europe Minister wants no pause in enlargement after Croatia. He said that alongside the single market, this has been the real success story of the EU adding "*We have supported the emergence of freedom, democracy and justice for people in countries that were deprived of those rights for more than 50 years. This is a good opportunity for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM) to move further forward next year. Likewise, I am pleased the European Commission will propose negotiating directives to take forward Kosovo's EU path with a stabilisation and association agreement once Kosovo meets the agreed conditions. This is part of the reason why the UK remains committed to Turkey's EU membership. We also believe Turkish membership would contribute to European security and would motivate reform in Turkey. We are focused on making real progress on Turkish accession in 2013 and we fully support the Irish EU presidency in its desire to open a new acquis chapter*" (publicserviceeurope.com, UK, 7/1).

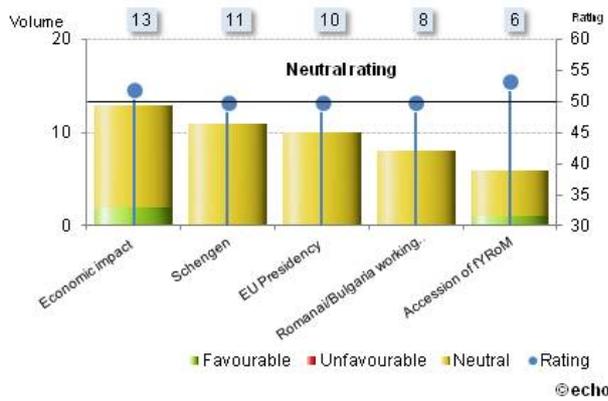
- publicserviceeurope.com, UK, 7/1, <http://www.publicserviceeurope.com/article/2910/uk-europe-minister-wants-no-pause-in-enlargement-after-croatia>

## Key Quotes

**Nimetz to meet Greek FM Avramopoulos on Wednesday. The envoy will afterwards visit Skopje, in the framework of the process of settling the name issue under UN auspices** (Focus News, Bulgaria, 9/1) <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n296406>

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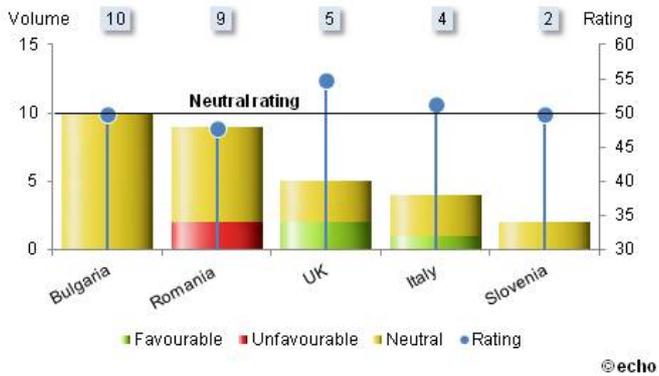
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ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
David Cameron (Prime Minister, UK)	7
Nigel Farage (UK Independence Party leader, UK)	5
Oliver Grogan (Irish Ambassador to Romania)	3
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Carl Bildt (Foreign Minister, Sweden)	2
Ed Miliband (Labour Party leader, UK)	2
Cristian Diaconescu (Foreign Minister, Romania)	2

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