

Summary

Brussels once again called upon Slovenia and Croatia to find a mutually acceptable solution to the problem of the Ljubljanska banka savers. A solution was needed urgently according to Peter Stano, spokesperson for EC Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle, who also warned against rash and unconstructive statements and actions. The EU refuses to speculate on the possible consequences of the Slovene political crisis for the timely ratification of the Croatian accession treaty, while Slovene President Borut Pahor said that this was a matter of Slovene national interest as well as of preserving Slovenia's credibility in the international community (Vecer, SI, 26/1).

- Vecer, SI, 26/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130126/mi/item_146993515.pdf

Heinz-Christian Strache, leader of the Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ), advocates a referendum about a possible exit of Austria from the EU. As a matter of principle, he also wants Austrian Federal Chancellor Werner Faymann to take a tougher line in EU issues. Austria has to be firmer in advancing its interests as opposed to those of Europe. Mr Strache is also categorically opposed to Turkey's accession to the EU reported by ORF2 (27/1) and Kleine Zeitung (28/1).

- ORF2, AU, 27/1 (no link available)
- Kleine Zeitung, AU, 28/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130128/mi/item_147003968.pdf

For the first time since Romanian justice started being monitored, the European Commission will publish the report on the Mechanism for Cooperation and Verification, due this Wednesday, without sending it to the Romanian authorities in advance. The Commission is upset with information leaks which they believe start with the Romanian authorities that used to receive the report several days before publishing, according to Evenimentul-Zilei (RO, 28/1). Bucharest denies these accusations and claims that Brussels may be leaking the information itself (24-Chasa-Daily, BG, 28/1). In an interview for BNR, EC Spokesperson Mark Gray commented on the issue of Bulgaria's and Romania's forthcoming reports on justice and home affairs, adding that the date of the next report for Romania depended on the extent to which it had fulfilled the EC's recommendations.

- Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 28/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130128/mi/item_146981408.pdf
- 24-Chasa-Daily, BG, 28/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130128/mi/item_147004072.pdf

"Welcome to Britain, with our terrible weather, boarded up houses, shut down factories and drunken youths rampaging through recession crippled town centres?" That might sound like a Labour attack on the Tory-led Coalition's dismal record - but it's actually how the Government itself will present the country in a bid to prevent an expected mass migration from Bulgaria and Romania to these shores. The psychological PR stunt comes as restrictions on the number of Eastern Europeans moving to Britain to seek work are due to be lifted at the end of the year. Ministers plan to flood Bulgaria and Romania with adverts trying to put them off moving here amid fears the influx would pile huge pressure on the already stretched jobs market, housing and schools.' (Daily-Mirror, UK, 28/1).

- Daily-Mirror, UK, 28/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130128/mi/item_146983893.pdf

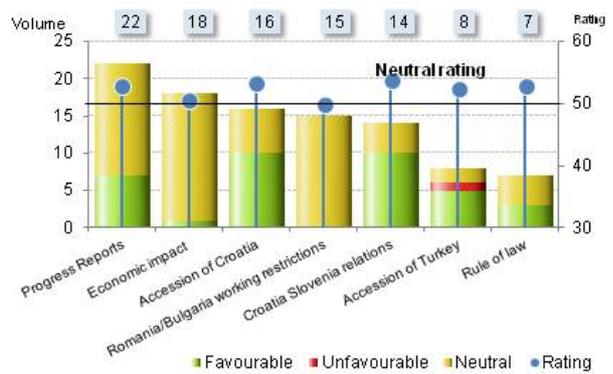
Key Quotes

Dervis Eroglu criticizes the EU for the accession of Cyprus: "The EU imported a problem" (Newsbeast.gr, Greece, 29/1)
<http://www.newsbeast.gr/world/arthro/480674/hronika-oria-stis-diapragmateuseis-zitei-o-eroglou/>

Vecer, Macedonia: New York hosts new round of name issue negotiations (Focus News, Bulgaria, 29/1)
<http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n298111>

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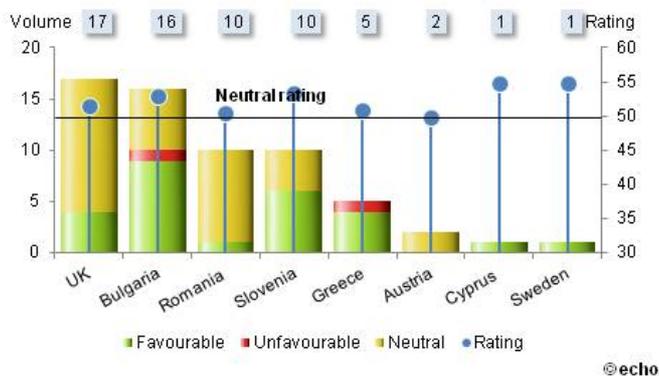
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Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	17
Mark Gray (Spokesman, EC)	10
David Cameron (Prime Minister, UK)	10
Peter Stano (Enlargement Spokesperson, EC)	8
Zdravko Rogić (Financial expert Croatia)	8
Vesna Pusić (Foreign Minister, Croatia)	7
Karl Erjavec (Foreign Minister, Slovenia)	7
Stewart Jackson (Conservative Party, UK)	5

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