



Summary

Delo (SI, 1/2) reported that the European Commission has expressed their satisfaction over the recent meeting between Slovenian Foreign Minister Karl Erjavec and his Croatian counterpart Vesna Pusić - in particular the atmosphere at the meeting, but the two countries now have a huge challenge ahead of them, that is to agree a compromise by the end of February. When asked what the Croatian Government wants in exchange for withdrawal of Governmental authority for Croatian banks to take action against the Ljubljanska Bank (LB), Mr. Erjavec stated that they asked for the ratification of the accession treaty. He added that somewhere in between they must settle the dispute regarding LB savers.

- Delo, SI, 1/2, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130201/mi/item_147421516.pdf

In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM) it was reported that the Director-General for Enlargement Stefano Sannino has visited Athens. The visit took place, while Skopje and Athens were holding a new round of negotiations about the fYRoM's name in New York. According to the media Sannino visited the Greek capital, because the European Commission wants to ensure a positive report on the fYRoM. Sannino departed for Athens after secret talks in Skopje (focus-fen.net, BG, 1/2)

- focus-fen.net, BG, 1/2, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n298373>

The topic of Romanians and Bulgarians coming to the UK to work continued: Foreign minister Nikolai Mladenov was quoted by the Daily Express (UK, 4/1) *"I do not expect the UK to be overwhelmed by a wave of our nationals coming over seeking employment for a number of reasons.; we have not seen mass waves of Bulgarians moving across Europe and seeking illegal rights or illegal immigration to other countries . We had some issues in the first days after accession but in a number of cases we acted very swiftly. The UK would not be the primary country of choice for many people to go and work."* (Daily Express, UK, 4/1).

Boris Johnson Mayor of London however was reported by 24-Chasa-Daily (BG, 1/2) as saying he would support the immigration of talented people.

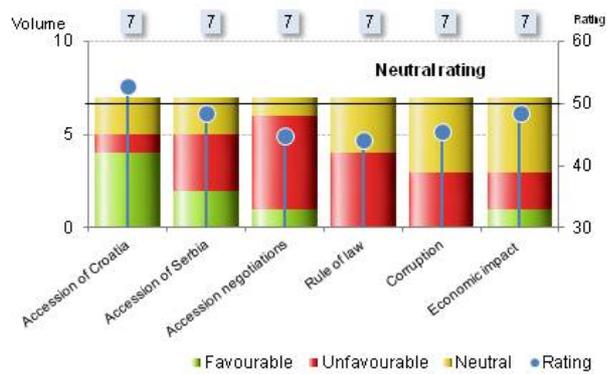
- Daily Express, UK, 4/1 <http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/375428/Britain-will-escape-flood-of-new-migrants-vow-leaders->
- 24-Chasa-Daily 1/2, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130201/mi/item_147414673.pdf

Key Quotes

Serbia-Kosovo technical dialogue to continue on February 5. "The major topic of the talks will be the technical agreements, connected to the appointment of diplomats for connection between Belgrade and Pristina. The next issue in the agenda will be connected to the telecommunications and energy," said Dejan Pavicevic, head of the Serbian negotiating team. (Focus News, Bulgaria, 4/1)
<http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n298563>

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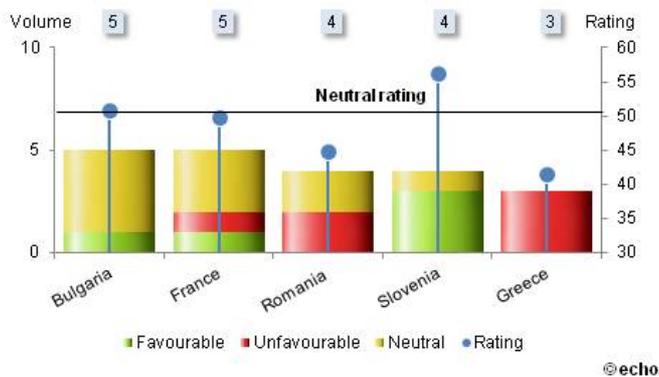
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