

## Summary

Zeit.online reported that Serbia has appointed its first government representative for Kosovo. The first task for Dejan Pavićević according to a spokesperson for the Government, is to be *"facilitating communication and the implementation of agreements"* between Belgrade and Pristina, (Zeit.online, DE, 5/2)

- Zeit.online, DE, 5/2, <http://www.zeit.de/politik/ausland/2013-02/serbien-kosovo-diplomatie>

In Romania the President Traian Băsescu commenting on the recent Progress Report said that the message of the CVM report is *"do not play with the rule of law"* and that the document is *"fair, based on facts, events and political actions of Romanian officials"* (Curierul-National, RO, 4/2) adding the CVM is the mirror we do not like to see ourselves in (Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 4/2) but concluding that the European Commission's report is correct (Romania-Liber, RO, 4/2).

- Curierul-National, RO, 4/2, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item\\_147661029.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item_147661029.pdf)
- Evenimentul-Zilei, RO, 4/2, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item\\_147664465.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item_147664465.pdf)
- Romania-Liber, RO, 4/2, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item\\_147664541.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item_147664541.pdf)

In relation to Cyprus, there is apparently no sign that Brussels is preparing to use its advantage to achieve a reunification that narrowly eluded negotiators when the Mediterranean island joined the EU in 2004 according to UK.news.yahoo. Indeed the most powerful member states, Germany and France, may be content to see the Cyprus conflict fester rather than deal with the potential consequences of a resolution that would bring Turkey closer to EU membership. Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan says the EU accession process has helped Turkey to implement democratic and economic reforms and strengthen the rule of law, underpinning a decade-long economic boom in which GDP per capita has tripled. EU membership is a strategic target for Turkey, Babacan told reporters in Davos, saying *"We have been working for this target since 1959.. It seems we are still going to take a long time to reach it, if it (ever) happens"* (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 4/2).

- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 4/2, <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/analysis-last-eu-cyprus-leverage-065457728.html>

The economic impact of enlargement was still the main story in the UK with the Romanian ambassador boasting that the Olympic Village would not have been built without Romanian workers. The limits on Romania and Bulgaria were imposed after a failure to do so during the EU enlargement in 2004 led to hundreds of thousands of workers from Poland, Lithuania and other Eastern European countries heading to Britain. However, under the same EU rules, controls can be imposed for only seven years according to the Daily-Telegraph (UK, 4/2). Tory MP Peter Bone said that Romanians have been using a loophole allowing the self-employed to bypass immigration controls and adding *"I have no doubt the Polish ambassador would have said exactly the same thing when Poland became a full member of the EU, and 500,000 of them turned up."* (express.co.uk, UK, 4/2).

- Daily-Telegraph, UK, 4/2, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item\\_147656456.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130204/mi/item_147656456.pdf)
- express.co.uk, UK, 4/2, <http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/375472/-Self-employed-Romanians-exploit-migration-loophole/>

## Key Quotes

***"We have been standing before the EU's gate since 1959. The official accession talks started in 1963. Such delays are unforgivable,"*** Recep Tayyip Erdogan said. ***"We are aware that we still have a lot to do, but I think many European countries do not meet the criteria that Turkey meets,"*** he added (Actualno.com, Bulgaria, 5/2)

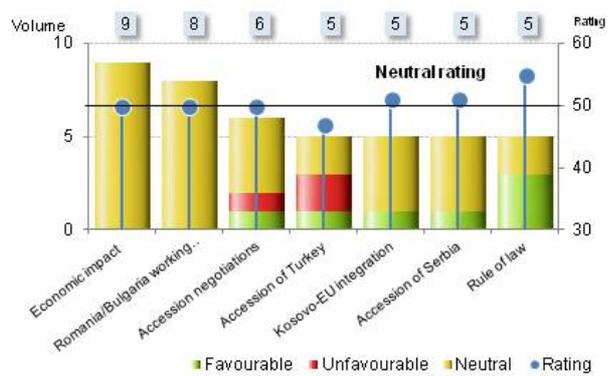
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**The EU has said progress in talks on stabilizing relations between Serbia and Kosovo will help Serbia's drive for EU membership** (Rferl.org, Czech, 5/2)

<http://www.rferl.org/content/serbia-kosovo/24893018.html>

## Charts

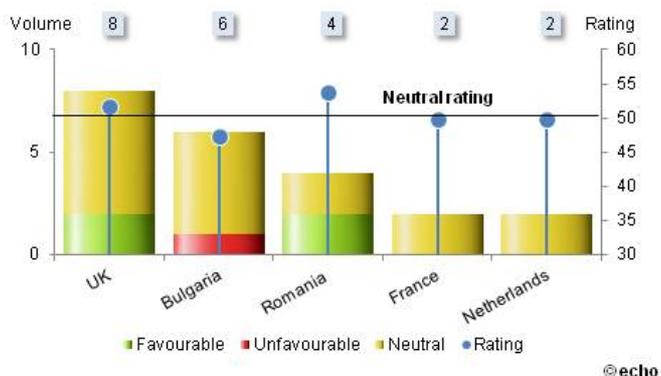
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	3
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	3
Traian Băsescu (President, Romania)	3
Atifete Jahjaga (President, Kosovo)	3
Nikolai Mladenov (FM Bulgaria)	2

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