



## Summary

Slovenia and Croatia's prime ministers Janez Janša and Zoran Milanović signed a memorandum on Ljubljanska banka savings deposits, clearing the way for Croatia's entry into the EU (sta.si, SI, 11/3). Slovenia is the only EU member which has not yet initiated the procedure for the ratification of Croatian accession treaty (Delo, SI, 11/3). This morning Delo argues that the signing of a Slovenia-Croatia memorandum of understanding returns the dispute over Ljubljanska banka to where its resolution first started - at the Basel Bank for International Settlements ([sta.si](http://sta.si), Slovenia, 12/3)

- sta.si, SI, 11/3, <http://sta.si/en/vest.php?s=a&id=1863483>
- Delo, SI, 11/3, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130311/mi/item\\_150886549.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130311/mi/item_150886549.pdf)
- sta.si, SI, 12/3, <http://www.sta.si/en/vest.php?s=a&id=1863774>

Reformers in Serbia will mourn former prime minister Zoran Đinđić this week, painfully aware that his assassination a decade ago severely damaged efforts to bring the country into the European Union. "If Đinđić had not been killed, I am convinced that Serbia would have joined the EU along with Croatia," Zoran Živković, the former Prime Minister told AFP (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 9/3).

- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 9/3, <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/ten-years-serbians-mourn-murdered-premier-142933640.html>

Hirald.hu (HU, 12/3) reported that in relation to the agreement made between Serbia and Kosovo, that Nikolic said: "Pristina, which has so far insisted on every solution having to fit in into their legal frameworks, finally gave in" After the meeting between Serbian leaders and Catherine Ashton, Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic said that Belgrade was ready for a compromise in the talks with Kosovo and an agreement would be inked on March 20 or March 28, KS Reporter informed, (Focus News, Bulgaria, 12/3).

- Hirald.hu, HU, 12/3, [http://www.hirado.hu/Hirek/2013/03/12/06/Megallapodas\\_keszul\\_Szerbia\\_es\\_Koszovo\\_kozott.aspx1421](http://www.hirado.hu/Hirek/2013/03/12/06/Megallapodas_keszul_Szerbia_es_Koszovo_kozott.aspx1421)
- Focus News, BG, 12/3, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n301421>

Greek Foreign Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos was rather reserved about the expectations from the new round of negotiations over the name issue with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, online FYRoM news edition Kurir reported. "The political crisis and the elections in Skopje are making us more cautious. The crisis confirmed what we talked about when the European Commission's report was published in October. It is dangerous to conceal the problems," reported Avramopoulos (focus-fen.net, BG, 11/3). According to Vecer the European Parliament will vote on a Macedonian resolution on April 8 and will present a report on April 16. Unnamed sources from the Commission said that if the elections in Macedonia passed normally, the report would be positive and would recommend the start of the EU accession talks (Focus News, Bulgaria, 12/3).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 11/3, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n301352>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 12/3, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n301426>

In a signed editorial in Dagens Industri, Tobias Wikström says to look at how much can happen in a decade - at that time Sweden was all for Turkey joining the EU. Then came a number of setbacks for democracy and human rights in Turkey and the tone changed. What is most surprising is how quickly it changed. But the EU needs Turkey - not just as a bridge and buffer to the Middle East, but also because of its strong economy. Turkey's President Abdullah Gül is visiting Stockholm - the first state visit since Turkey's establishment. It seems the Turks are a patient people. It was in 1963 that they were first promised EU membership (Dagens-Industri, SE, 11/3).

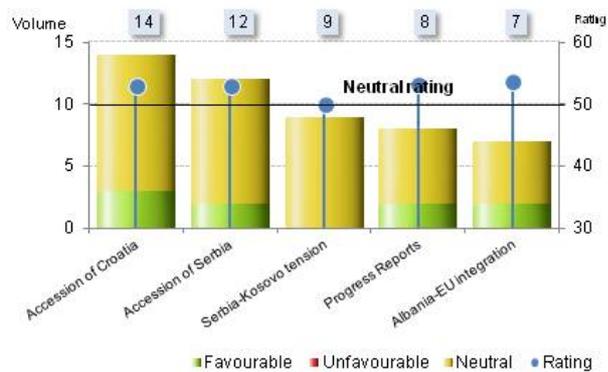
- Dagens-Industri, SE, 11/3, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130311/mi/item\\_150881086.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130311/mi/item_150881086.pdf)

## Key Quotes

**One step closer to Serbia's accession to the EU** (Hvg.hu, Hungary, 12/3)  
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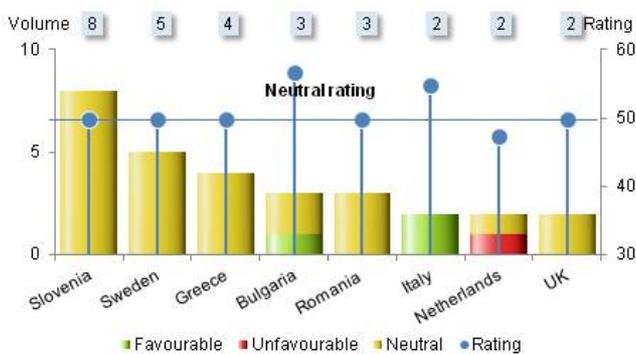
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Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	8
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	4
Zoran Milanović (Prime Minister, Croatia)	4
Janez Janša (Prime Minister, Slovenia)	4
Viviane Reding (Justice Commissioner, EC)	3
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	3
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	3

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