

Summary

Serbia did its best to reach a compromise in the dialogue with Kosovo, according to Marko Đurić the Serbian President's foreign policy advisor on Radio Television of Serbia (RTS) According to Đurić *"It is up to the countries of the international community which have influence over Pristina and are able to exert pressure on it"* (focus-fen.net, BG, 19/3). UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is to meet with the prime ministers of Kosovo and Serbia in New York within the framework of the debates on Kosovo during the UN Security Council meeting writes KS Reporter, and picked up by focus-fen.net (BG, 19/3). The UN Security Council will debate on Kosovo on Friday, March 22, two days after the seventh round of the negotiations between Belgrade in Pristina held in Brussels. European Commissioner for Enlargement, Štefan Füle, said during his visit to the Serbian capital city *"I am well-aware that everyone is interested in whether Serbia will be given a date to start the negotiations for its EU accession. This depends on the efforts the country makes in the realisation of the reforms, as well as on the progress registered in the negotiations with Kosovo"* (focus-fen.net, BG, 19/3). Ansa.it (IT, 19/3) also quoted Füle: *"If Kosovo and Serbia finally iron out their differences at what will be their seventh round of talks tomorrow, this could be a first step toward Kosovo's EU integration"*. The Serbian President added *"the country deserves starting date of negotiations for accession to the EU"* (kerdos.gr, EL, 19/3).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 19/3, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n302084>
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- focus-fen.net, BG, 19/3, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n302077>
- Ansa.it, IT, 19/3, http://www.ansa.it/nuova_europa/en/news/countries/serbia/2013/03/19/Kosovo-EU-Commissioner-Fule-urges-accord-Belgrade_8427972.html
- kerdos.gr, EL, 19/3, <http://www.kerdos.gr/default.aspx?id=1892416&nt=103>

Swedish daily Dagens-Nyheter (19/3) speaking about Turkey, commented that the hope of EU membership had stimulated the will to reform in Turkey, but the EU's parsimonious attitude and Turkey's self-confidence have given the country other priorities. Editor-in-chief of the Turkish Policy Quarter, Nigar Göksel was quoted that in the long term, Turkey's and the EU's interests in the region are the same: open borders and open economies and that although membership of the EU seems a long way off at present, the EU ought to act instead of remaining on the platform when the Orient Express departs.

- Dagens-Nyheter, SE, 19/3, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130319/mi/item_151611355.pdf

In Slovenia the Parliamentary Foreign Policy Committee will debate a bill to ratify Croatia's EU Accession Treaty on Wednesday. After the committee forms its opinion on the matter, the bill will be placed on the agenda of the plenary session, expected to be as early as this month, where it is expected to be passed (sta.si, SI, 19/3)

- sta.si, SI, 19/3, <http://sta.si/en/vest.php?s=a&id=1866692>

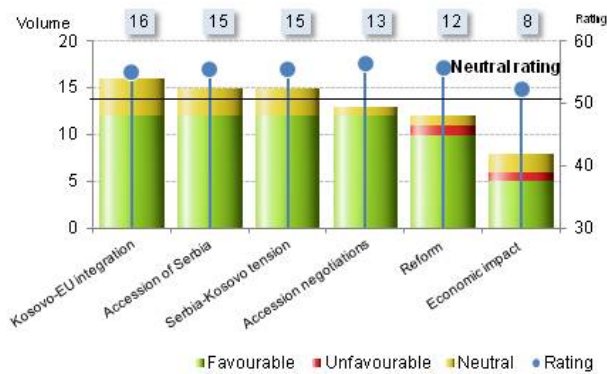
Key Quotes

Vecer, Macedonia: "Fair and democratic elections for positive EC report" (Focus News, Bulgaria, 20/3)
<http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1761807>

Viviane Reding: "The decision on the accession of Bulgaria to the EU was political" (Darik Radio, Bulgaria, 19/3)
http://dariknews.bg/view_article.php?article_id=1057092

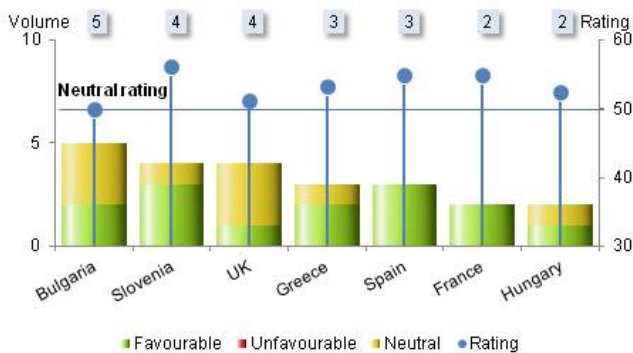
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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	4
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