



Summary

Serbia has rejected the European Union-brokered deal for reconciliation with its former province of Kosovo; *"The Serbian government cannot accept the proposed principles ... because they do not guarantee full security, survival and protection of human rights for the Serbs in Kosovo,"* Serbia's prime minister Ivica Dacic said. *"Such an agreement could not be implemented and would not lead to a lasting and sustainable solution"* (Belfast Telegraph, UK, 9/4). Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy commented, *"I believe that all the elements for an agreement on northern Kosovo are on the table. I regret the decision of the Serbian government to reject the proposals and call on them to make a last effort to reach an agreement, for the benefit of their people"* (BBC, UK, 8/4). The Serbian media reports that Commission's offer is less favourable for Serbia than the previous solution, but also reports that if Serbia rejects the deal, this might lead to the collapse of the Serbian coalition, as well as the suspension of European integration for at least two years (Vecer, SI, 8/4).

- Belfasttelegraph.co.uk, UK, 9/4 <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/defiant-serbia-rejects-kosovo-deal-29182816.html>
- bbc.co.uk, UK 8/4, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-22068944>
- Vecer, SI, 8/4, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130408/mi/item_153447891.pdf

The President, Tomislav Nikolic had said on Sunday that the EU's proposal was not an offer but an ultimatum, that the plan needed improvement and that the EU should stay out of any future negotiations - which in effect means calling on the UN to get involved according to Kurier (AT, 8/4). Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić said on Monday that Serbia will ask the European Union for more time to negotiate a deal to tackle the ethnic partition of its former Kosovo province, *"The government should propose the urgent and immediate continuation of talks,"* he told reporters.

- Kurier, AT, 8/4, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130408/mi/item_153458818.pdf

Yesterday's presidential elections in Montenegro, returned unclear results, with both candidates - incumbent President Filip Vujanović and opposition leader Miodrag Lekić claiming victory. *"I ask Vujanović to be serious and responsible, because for him to declare victory is tantamount to a coup"*, Lekić stated, accusing his opponent of *"electoral theft"* and alleging that the vote was tainted. With the electoral commission releasing no numbers, Vujanović claimed 51.3% of the vote, against 48.7% for Lekić (ansamed.info, IT, 8/4).

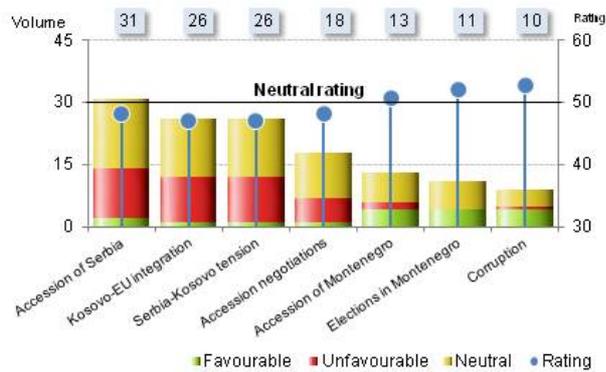
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Key Quotes

Brussels opened EU accession talks with Montenegro in June, but the European Commission noted that Podgorica should do more to uphold the rule of law and crack down on organised crime and corruption (Yahoo!, UK, 8/4)
<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/montenegros-vujanovic-elected-vote-panel-155747353.html#VmD9vkm>

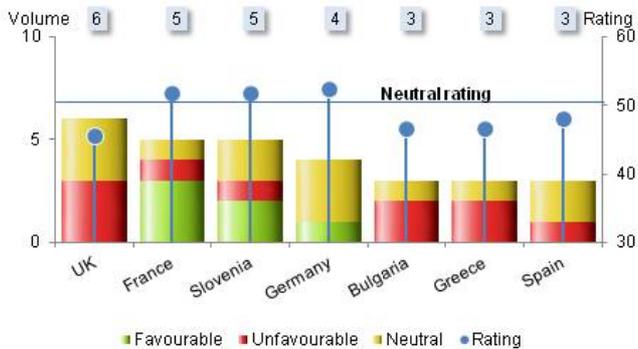
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Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	15
Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	12
Filip Vujanović (President, Montenegro)	11
Miodrag Lekić (Presidential Candidate, Montenegro)	11
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	10
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	10
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	6
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	4

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