



Summary

In the German Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, (De, 9/4) Mr Dačić states that he is tired of telling *stories* about Kosovo. According to him a realistic solution is needed, based on actual facts and not on ideas and fabricated stories. He aims for an affiliation of the Serbian communities in Kosovo into a region of its own. The Berliner Zeitung (9/4) reports that although Serbia's rejection of the agreement with Kosovo leads to a suspension of any negotiations regarding its accession to the EU for the time being, the country's government has shown the EU that it has greater interests than EU membership. Joining the EU is not as attractive as it used to be and without it, the Serbian government is not obliged to sign drafts it does not approve of, such as those five years ago with Kosovo's split-off. It is time for the EU to accept its failure and structure Kosovo's two separated sides contractually.

- Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, DE, 9/4, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130409/mi/item_153529653.pdf
- Berliner-Zeitung, DE, 9/4, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130409/mi/item_153529646.pdf

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament accepted the report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), appealing to the European Council to decide on beginning negotiations by the end of June. The report stresses the importance of good-neighbourly relations. MEPs called for the establishment of joint expert committees on history and education which will assist objective reading of history. Bulgarian MEPs want guarantees against history manipulation and discrimination of citizens of Bulgarian origin in the former Yugoslav Republic (bTV, BG, 8/4).

- bTV, BG, 8/4 (no link available)

Key Quotes

Serbia will not get a date to start negotiations with the EU. "The EU report will include everything that was required during the December summit, primarily how much has been achieved in the normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina and reforms," Peter Stano said (Actualno, Bulgaria, 9/4)

http://world.actualno.com/Syrbija-njama-da-poluchi-data-za-zapochvane-na-pregovori-s-ES--news_420865.html

Commissioner Füle: "Politicians in Skopje should focus on European integration" (Dnevnik.bg, Bulgaria, 9/4)

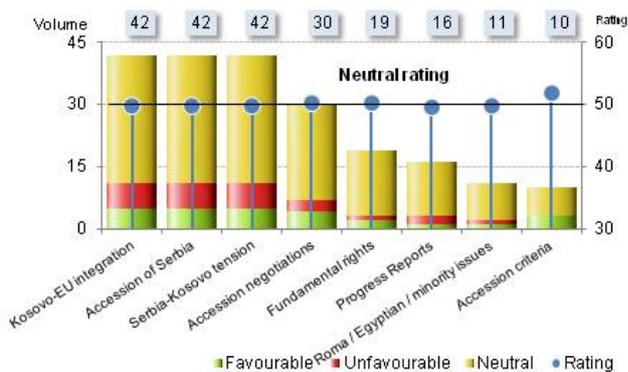
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Kosovo on Tuesday raised the prospect of another push for a deal with Serbia to tackle the ethnic partition of the former Serbian province. "Given the circumstances, and also that Serbia said it is ready for more talks, I believe there will be one last attempt," Bekim Collaku, an adviser to Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci, told Reuters (Yahoo!, UK, 9/4)

<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/deal-serbia-still-possible-eu-ruling-kosovo-145303635.html#MR8tkmk>

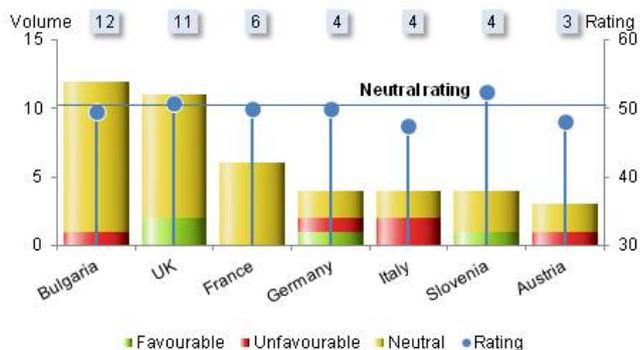
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