



## Summary

L'Express (lexpress.fr, FR, 23/4) reported that Brussels was opening the door of the EU to Serbia and Kosovo after an "historic" agreement, however German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said "The decision on whether to grant Serbia a start date for the accession talks with the EU is not yet on the agenda. The issue now is to implement the new agreement" (zpravy.e15.cz, CZ, 23/4).

- lexpress.fr, FR, 23/4, (no link available)
- zpravy.e15.cz, CZ, 23/4, <http://zpravy.e15.cz/zahranicni/politika/srbsko-je-bliz-k-prijeti-do-evropske-unie-982296>

In an interview with the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (De, 24/4) Kosovan Foreign Minister Enver Hoxhaj said that last week's Brussels' treaty between Serbia and Kosovo was a breakthrough for South East Europe and that with it begins a new chapter in the history of the Balkans. According to Mr Hoxhaj, all negotiated points can be achieved with the help of the EU and NATO. A normalisation of the situation in the North can only be reached through dialogue. Kosovo, Serbia and the EU should make as much effort as possible in order to enforce the treaty. "We have to offer a European perspective to our citizens". However nobody from the Kosovan government can say whether the people from North Kosovo who have, so far, been called criminals will be pardoned, the Kosovan Koha Ditore daily writes, (reports the Serbian Blic daily). According to the Kosovan newspaper, the pardon and appointment to the public administration of these people is part of the agreement in Brussels. According to anonymous sources the government will make a decision, but the pardon will be declared by the President (focus-news.net, BG, 23/4).

- Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, DE, 24/4, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130424/mi/item\\_154959977.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130424/mi/item_154959977.pdf)
- focus-news.net, BG, 23/4, <http://www.focus-news.net/index.php?id=n1774983>

Vanguardia (ES, 24/4) reports that Spain's Government does not support one-sided declarations of independence and is therefore set to disregard a recommendation issued by the European Parliament for Spain to recognise the emancipation of Kosovo, a move that reflects the Government's stance on Catalonia. "I respect everyone's opinion, but Spain has a stance on the matter" Prime Minister Rajoy said.

- Vanguardia, ES, 24/4, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130424/mi/item\\_154978497.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130424/mi/item_154978497.pdf)

The parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe on Tuesday voted to prolong post-monitoring procedures on Turkey, which still has a long way to go to meet European standards. The assembly noted that Turkey must review its definition of terrorism and make a clear distinction between freedom of expression and terrorist propaganda (ansamed.info, IT, 23/4).

- ansamed.info, IT, 23/4, [http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/europe/2013/04/23/Turkey-insufficient-progress-rights-Council-Europe\\_8602028.html](http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/europe/2013/04/23/Turkey-insufficient-progress-rights-Council-Europe_8602028.html)

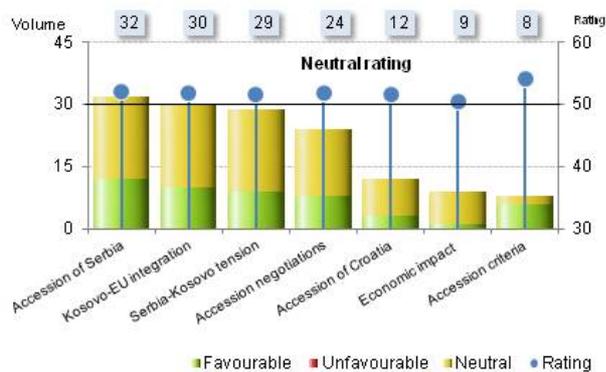
## Key Quotes

The EU's foreign policy chief has praised the "**brave**" leaders of Serbia and Kosovo for reaching a landmark deal to normalise ties. "**I wasn't sure we would get a deal until the moment the two prime ministers initialled it,**" Catherine Ashton said. "**I really didn't know**" (BBC online, UK, 24/4).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-22278542>

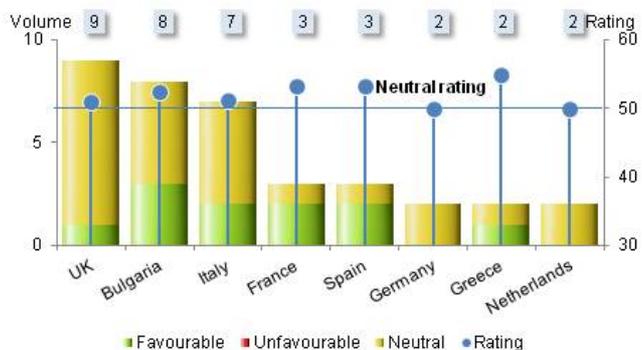
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Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	9
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	7
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	6
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	6
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	3

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