

Summary

Baroness Ashton, summed up the agreement between Serbia and Kosovo, writing that with the prize of our wonderful diversity at stake, the Serbian and Kosovar Prime Ministers, Ivica Dačić and Hashim Thaçi, embarked on a different path a few days ago and agreed to normalise relations between the two countries. She went on to say that four important lessons can be learned from the previous months: firstly, courageous leadership was the key for lasting changes, secondly, modern Europe is not homogeneous, one of the major challenges being how to come to terms with this inhomogeneity, thirdly, the European Union can contribute significantly to change, which is a great attempt to ensure that diversity benefits all and lastly hard power is important, but soft power is even more important (Delo, SI, 6/5).

- Delo, SI, 6/5, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130506/mi/item_156014222.pdf

The UN special envoy, Matthew Nimetz will ask Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM) to express their views about his recent proposal regarding the name issue by June. His main concern is to get a reply from both countries prior to the EU Council in June. If this is the case, Ethnos newspaper comments that Commissioner Štefan Füle will have more freedom of movement and will be able to put more pressure on Athens in putting the entry talks with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on track. The newspaper predicts that there will be an effort to play the "blame game" accusing Greece of standing in the way of entry talks. (Ethnos-Kyriakis, EL, 4/5) Experts say that Skopje has to fix relations with its neighbours not only because it is a stage for receiving a date for negotiations with the EU, but also because good relations should be natural between neighbouring countries and are beneficial for the people of those countries (focus-fen.net, BG, 3/5).

- Ethnos-Kyriakis, EL, 4/5, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130504/mi/item_156020980.pdf
- focus-fen.net, BG, 3/5, (No link available)

When Croatians celebrate joining the EU on 1 July, they may have to do so without raising a glass of their beloved Prosek, a sweet dessert wine which is souring their membership of the bloc. The European Union has ruled that the name of the centuries-old tippie is too similar to Prosecco, the bubbly wine produced in Italy's Veneto and Friuli Venezia wine regions (independent.co.uk, UK, 5/4). Andro Tomic, a winemaker from Hvar, said Prosek has been produced for more than 2,000 years, "long before the current Italian state started to exist". Mr Tomic is joining other winemakers in a bid to challenge the ban in court before the official EU membership date. "Taking Prosek away from Dalmatia would be like taking away the sea" (Independent, UK, 6/5).

- independent.co.uk, UK, 5/5, <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/croatians-refuse-to-swallow-eu-ban-on-timehonoured-tippie-8604571.html>
- Independent, UK, 6/5 (No link available)

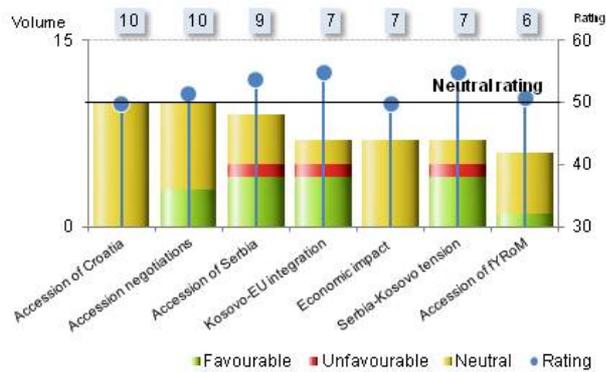
Key Quotes

Vecer, Macedonia: "**UN mediator to ask Athens, Skopje rule on latest proposal by June**" (Focus News, Bulgaria, 7/5)
<http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1779993>

"**We think that it is important for Turkey to continue the EU process with the goal of full membership,**" said President of Portugal, Anibal Cavaco Silva (ABC, Spain, 6/5)
<http://www.abc.es/agencias/noticia.asp?noticia=1410042>

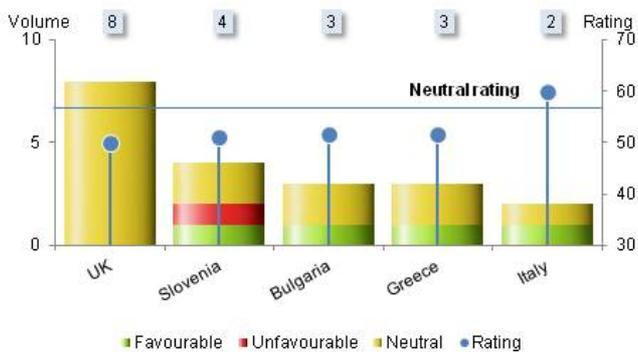
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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	6
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	4
Štefan Füle (EC Commissioner for Enlargement)	3
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	3
José Manuel Barroso (European Commission President)	3
Vesna Pusić (Foreign Minister, Croatia)	3
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2

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