



Key Quotes

"Vying for the Balkans. Kocijancic: The European Union is developing a "strategic plan" for countries of the region (Interview)

Maja Kocijancic, spokeswoman from the European Commission reveals that Brussels works for accession of the Balkan countries to the EU, by developing a 'strategic plan' in terms of infrastructure and energy cooperation with Ankara. **"Turkey is an important country which plays a key role in Europe's security"** she stressed in an interview with Onet. She also went on to explain that: **"It is important not only to continue the necessary reforms, but also to deepen relations with Brussels candidate countries, placing greater emphasis on the interest of both sides of economic development and cohesion and the development of infrastructure linking us"** (Onet.pl, 19/6)

<http://wiadomosci.onet.pl/swiat/trwa-rywalizacja-o-balkany-kocijancic-unia-europejska-rozwija-strategiczny-plan-dla/980hxb>

Summary

Norwegian support for Serbia

Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić spoke with Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg about bilateral cooperation, strengthening of economic ties and trade exchange, regional cooperation and cooperation in the fight against organised crime. Speaking to the press after the meeting, Vučić expressed gratitude to the government of Norway on the assistance it sent to Serbia during last year's floods and on the support it gives to Serbia on its European road. Solberg emphasised the importance of good cooperation between the two countries. We are old friends of the Balkans and Serbia and today it is important to help you on your road to Europe. The two officials also discussed regional cooperation, dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina, economic cooperation between Serbia and Norway (Balkans.com, UK, 18/6).

- Balkans.com, UK, 18/6, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=204585>

Kosovo Slovenia tension

The arrest of AAK leader, Ramush Haradinaj may damage relations between Slovenia and Kosovo. The party that he leads has demanded Kosovo immediately cut diplomatic relations with Slovenia. *"We demand from institutions of both countries to condemn this arrest which is based on an arrest warrant issued by the Serb regime condemned by the whole world"*, declared AAK MP, Donika Kada-Bujupi. Meanwhile, Slovenia's ambassador to Kosovo, Miljan Majhen, says that Haradinaj's arrest is not political, but it's based on an international arrest warrant. The Foreign Minister of Slovenia, Karl Erjavec said that he's expecting Slovenian authorities to announce the reason for the arrest of the former Kosovo PM, Ramush Haradinaj. Although Haradinaj was released, his passport is being held by Slovenian authorities (Balkaneu.com, GR, 18/6).

- Balkaneu.com, GR, 18/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/tension-mounts-relations-kosovo-slovenia/>

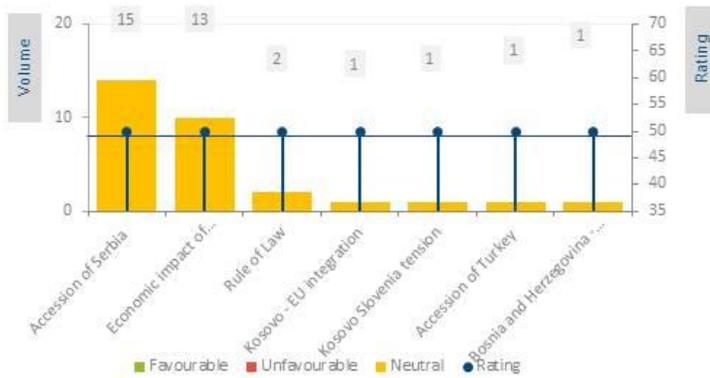
Serbia not happy with Hungarian fence

The Serbian authorities have great difficulty accommodating the flow of refugees that comes through the Balkans. The Serbian border police say they are now patrolling more intensively, but dozens of people still reach Hungary unnoticed each day. Hungary has little confidence in the border security of its neighbour Serbia, which is not a member of the European Union (De Tijd, NL, 18/6). Serbian Interior Minister, Nebojša Stefanović, called on the European Union to help Serbia defend the borders with neighbouring countries against illegal immigrants (24chasa.bg, BG, 18/6). Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto, said *"immigration is one of the most serious problems facing the European Union today"* adding *"EU countries are seeking a solution but Hungary cannot wait"* (ilssole24ore.com, IT, 18/6)

- De Tijd, NL, 18/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150618/mi/item_253526393.pdf
- 24chasa.bg, BG, 18/6, <http://www.24chasa.bg/Article.asp?ArticleId=4826774>
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Charts

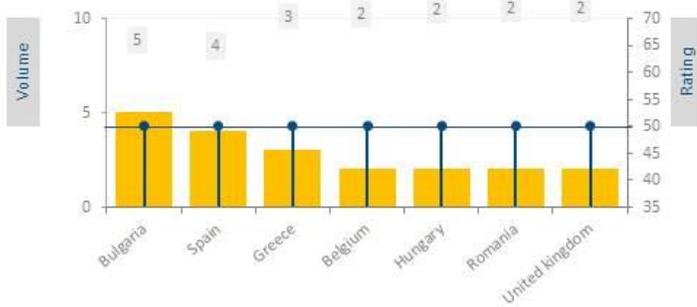
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Aleksandar Vučić - PM Serbia	5
Peter Szijjarto - FM Hungary	3
Nebojša Stefanović- Interior Minister Serbia	2
Maroš Šefčovič VP - Energy	1
Karl Erjavec - FM Slovenia	1
Ramush Haradinaj - Kosovo politician and former leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army	1
Donika Kada-Bujupi - Kosovo politician	1

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