



## Key Quotes

Minister without Portfolio responsible for EU integration, Jadranka Joksimovic, signed on Tuesday two agreements between the Serbian government and the European Commission, clearing the way for Serbia to gain access to 102.3 million Euros from IPA funds for the flood recovery and public administration reform. **"By the end of the year, the country is expected to get additional 86.8 million euros from the funds envisaged as financial assistance to Serbia within the IPA program for 2014,"** reads the release (ansamed.info, IT, 30/6).

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## Summary

### Belgrade's squaring of the circle

On Monday, after several days of negotiations between Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić and Kosovo's Prime Minister Isa Mustafa with the help of HR Federica Mogherini, results have been presented that are supposed to pave Serbia's way to Europe. However, Florian Hassel writing in *Suddeutsche Zeitung* (DE, 30/6) states that the negotiations have still not even begun and that there is hardly progress. Serbia especially struggles with the idea of an independent Kosovo. At the beginning of July, Angela Merkel will make a trip to the Balkans and also reportedly address this topic. *Balkaneu.com* (GR, 30/6) notes that Mogherini said that two documents have been finalized, that for the Association of Serb Communes and that on the telephone country code, but the final agreement was not signed. Kosovo's Prime Minister Isa Mustafa said *"We have made a lot of progress about the Association of Communes. There are still issues that we still haven't agreed on, especially the nature of this association, as to whether it will have executive rights or not and which in fact is a violation of our laws and Constitution"*.

- *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, DE, 30/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150630/mi/item\\_255173208.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150630/mi/item_255173208.pdf)
- *Balkaneu.com*, GR, 30/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/talks-kosovo-serbia-agreement/>

### No agreement in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Leaders of the four biggest parties in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia did not reach a final agreement on the solution to the political crisis in the country at their meeting. Nevertheless, Nikola Gruevski, Zoran Zaev, Ali Ahmeti and Menduh Thaci at least agreed to hold another meeting over the next days to continue the talks on the government that would prepare the snap elections. The meeting, which lasted for more than an hour, was also attended by the ambassadors of the EU and the USA to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (focus-news.net, BG, 30/6).

- focus-news.net, BG, 30/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/06/30/376812/utrinski-vesnik-macedonia-political-leaders-agree-on-continuing-talks.html>

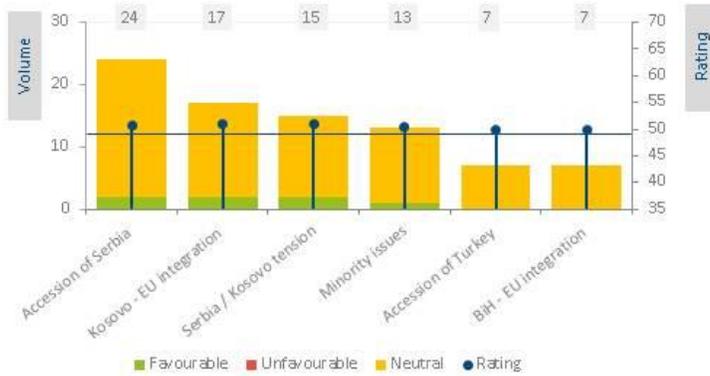
### Joint market between Kosovo and Albania

The creation of a joint market between Kosovo and Albania is necessary and time has come to make joint investments said Gjergj Buxhuku, head of AlbKonfindustria at the Expoforum organized by the Ministry of Diaspora in Kosovo. According to Buxhuku, one important prerequisite is the strengthening of the current markets and the launch of active projects. *"Both governments have started to realize the importance of this potential"* he commented. Albania's Minister of Energy and Industry, Damian Gjijnuri, said that the Kosovo's and Albania's capacities in the domain of energy have remained unexplored. *"We need foreign investment, to open our markets, because we cannot be attractive without a sustainable market"* he said (*balkaneu.com*, GR, 29/6).

- *balkaneu.com*, GR, 29/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/joint-market-kosovo-albania/>

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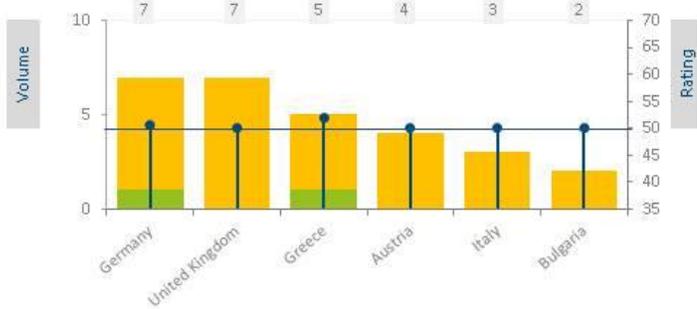
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	2

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