



## Key Quotes

Serbia warned that a resolution commemorating the 1995 Srebrenica massacre would only widen ethnic divides in neighbouring Bosnia. The British-drafted resolution condemns what it describes as the genocide at Srebrenica and any denial of the genocide. That has angered Serbia and Bosnian Serbs, who have branded it as "**anti-Serb**" and sent a letter of protest to the United Nations. Serbian Foreign Minister, Ivica Dacic, said: "**I expect the countries who took part in making the Dayton agreement ... to take no decisions that could destabilise the situation (in Bosnia)**" (Reuters, UK, 7/7).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/07/07/uk-serbia-un-srebrenica-idUKKCNOPH1AB20150707>

## Summary

### The Serbian love of Russia is dangerous

In the Globus column of the Wirtschaftsblatt (AT, 7/7) Krsto Lazarevic writes that the Serbian love of Russia is dangerous. Tomorrow in Belgrade German Chancellor Angela Merkel will announce the opening of the first chapter of EU accession negotiations with Serbia but the Serbian people are divided and tend to favour an alliance with Russia rather than the EU. If love of Russia stands in the way of the country's accession to the EU, in the long term it would mean economic collapse for Serbia because hardly any investment comes from Russia and little is exported to Russia. In addition, focus-news.net (BG, 6/7) quoting Serbian online news edition Telegraf, Serbia will be put under serious pressure by the European Union as it will have to change its laws and allow gay marriage. The legislative amendments should allow the gay couples to inherit, share their property and adopt children.

- Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 7/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150707/mi/item\\_256233976.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150707/mi/item_256233976.pdf)
- focus-news.net, BG, 6/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/07/06/377410/telegraf-serbia-should-allow-gay-marriage-if-it-wants-to-enter-eu.html>

### Better relations between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Sutorina border dispute has been resolved and Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina are close to signing the border agreement, Foreign Ministers Igor Lukšić of Montenegro and Igor Crnadak of Bosnia and Herzegovina announced at a press conference following a meeting in Podgorica. The two countries have developed excellent and friendly relations, which will be further enhanced by signing a set of agreements aimed at improving quality of life of citizens. The two ministers also discussed European and Euro-Atlantic integration of both countries. "*With regard to EU accession Montenegro is a few steps ahead of us, but it is our desire to soon sign an agreement on cooperation in the field of European integration*" Crnadak noted (Balkans.com, UK, 7/7).

- Balkans.com, UK, 7/7, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=205103>

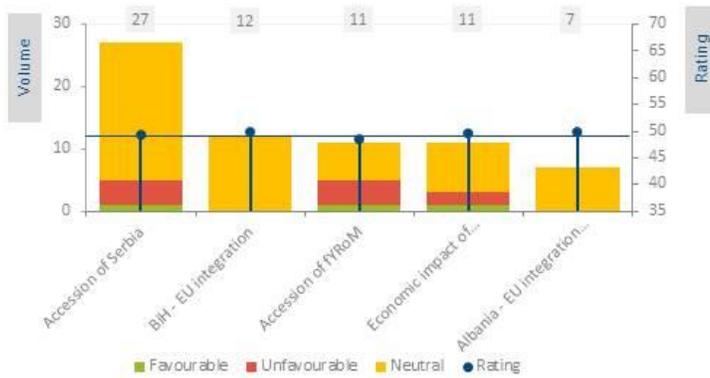
### Croatia pushes for Balkan enlargement

Croatian President Kolinda Grabar Kitarović said on Monday the European Union perspective for South-eastern European countries should not be denied, although the Greek situation could impact on Europe's enlargement. She made the remarks after a meeting with the visiting President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Gjorge Ivanov, whose country is an EU aspirant. "*EU enlargement is a process which contributes to the strength of the European Union and economic development*" she said. Ivanov, who had arrived in Zagreb for a two-day visit, commenting on the situation in neighbouring Greece, said there were many Greek banks in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia but no fear for them closing. "*There's no risk of Macedonian banks closing*" he said (Balkans.com, UK, 7/7).

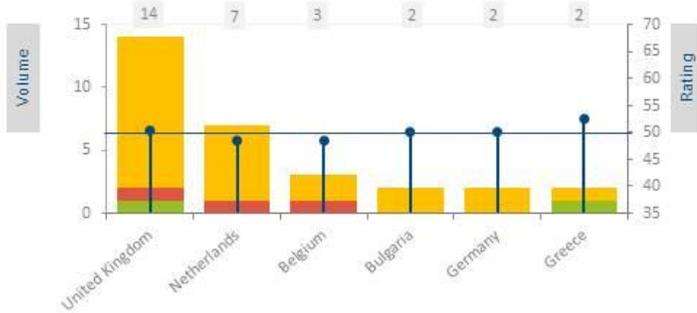
- Balkans.com, UK, 7/7, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=205062>

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