



Key Quotes

Members of the Serbian party, the Dveri Movement, protested outside the EU's office to voice their opposition to the EU's migration policy, in Belgrade, Tuesday. The protesters, among them the leader of the anti-EU party Bosko Obradovic, gathered outside the EU office building, where they erected symbolic fences. Speaking at the protest, Obradovic said that "**Serbia must oppose the dictates from Brussels,**" adding that Brussels want to turn Serbia "**into an immigration colony,**" accusing the EU of seeking to prevent migrants and asylum seekers from entering further into Europe (zie.nl, NL, 18/8).

<http://www.zie.nl/profile/Ruptly/overige/Serbia-Nationalists-accuse-EU-of-making-Serbia-a-migrant-colony/iyMZ28nf2vsg>

Summary

Stiff message from Mogherini to Ankara

The EU High Representative for foreign Affairs, Frederica Mogherini, has stated that Turkey should be fully committed to good neighbourly relations and the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the United Nations Charter. In this context, she urges Turkey to avoid any kind of threat or action directed against a Member State of the European Union and any sources of friction and actions that could damage good neighbourly relations. (Kathimerini, GR, 18/8). In an interview with the Kurier (AT, 18/8), former Austrian Foreign Minister and Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner talks about the current successes and challenges Europe must face. She says that the EU accession talks with Turkey should be continued, since Turkey as an important NATO member state must not drift away from Europe. However in an opinion piece for Les Echos (FR, 18/8), Laurence Daziano, Professor at Sciences Po, discusses the political and economic situation in Turkey. Ms Daziano considers that Ankara "*is looking for its identity*" either "*western or eastern*" and either "*democratic or authoritarian*." She suggests that even though Turkey is a major strategic partner of the EU she believes that the country "*is not intended to be part of it*."

- Kathimerini, GR, 18/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150818/mi/item_261367061.pdf
- Kurier AT, 18/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150818/mi/item_261359530.pdf
- Les Echos (R, 18/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150818/mi/item_261338320.pdf

Totalitarianism in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The experience of many countries where totalitarian regimes have ruled, has shown that these systems can only be overthrown through the unification of all opposition parties into a joint front and not through division and individual policies. The right wing corrupt Croatian government led by HDZ, was overthrown through the unification of Croatian opposition parties in the 'Kukuriku' joint front. The regime of the Serb president Slobodan Milosević was overthrown through the unification of all opposition parties into a joint front known as 'Otpor'. The authoritarian and criminal regime in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which came into power in 2006, managed to turn a country which aspired to become a NATO and EU member, into ghost-like state and ruined its image in the eyes of the democratic world. This situation has led to the international community to engage in order to turn the country into a normal state (balkaneu.com, GR, 18/8).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 18/8, <http://www.balkaneu.com/ibna-op-eda-large-opposition-front-overthrow-regime/>

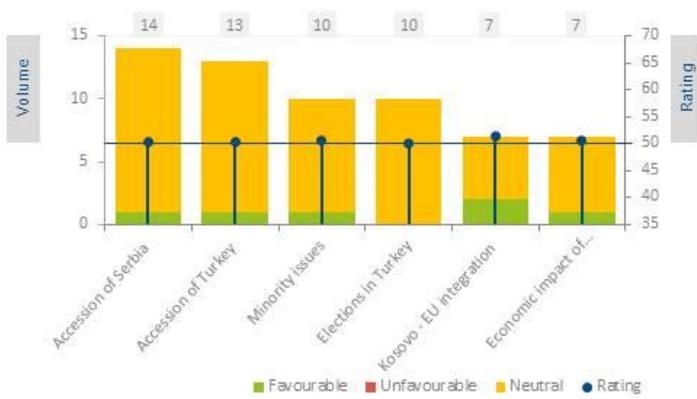
High-ranking Western Balkans Conference on 27 August in Vienna

The current issue of the refugees, especially with regard to the West Balkan route, will certainly play a role, Austrian Foreign Minister Kurz said before the conference, as well as "*the affirmation of the European perspective of the Western Balkan region*" (kleinezeitung.at, AT, 18/8)

- kleinezeitung.at, AT, 18/8, http://www.kleinezeitung.at/s/politik/aussenpolitik/4801398/Diplomatie_Hochrangige-WestbalkanKonferenz-am-27-August-in-Wien?_vl_backlink=/s/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do

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