



## Key Quotes

Europe's migrant drama puts Turkey centre stage. The EU is now scrambling to provide money. Johannes Hahn, the enlargement commissioner, is trying to scrape together up to €1bn. It is welcome, but overdue. To date about \$200m has been granted for refugees in Turkey, compared with the \$6bn Turkey spent itself. **"For the last few years they were happy just to give us a pat on the back,"** said one senior Turkish official (ft.com, UK, 21/9).

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/b23d68a0-5dfe-11e5-9846-de406ccb37f2.html#axzz3mRhWD1WW>

Dayton agreement should be changed, hears conference. **"A more rational approach to analysing relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina and internal evolution through the maturing of democratic forces seem a more successful solution,"** said a member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency, Bakir Izetbegović. He said that the upgrading of the agreement would be easiest through the integration of the country with the European Union (dalje.com, HR, 21/9).

<http://en.dalje.com/2015/09/dayton-agreement-should-be-changed-hears-conference/>

## Summary

### Turkey and EU distance themselves at the worst moment

In an opinion piece in Cinco Días (ES, 21/9), Bernardo de Miguel ponders on what he calls the love-hate relationship between Turkey and the European Union which he says is deteriorating at the worst possible moment. He notes that Ankara and Brussels have distanced themselves just when they needed each other the most in order to face common challenges such as the migrant crisis, instability in the Middle East or the security of oil and gas supplies. Growing resistance by EU partners to accept Turkey as an EU Member State and a spiral of violence threatening to destabilise the candidate country are pushing accession negotiations initiated ten years ago, towards a dead end.

- Cinco Días, ES, 21/9, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150921/mi/item\\_265999314.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150921/mi/item_265999314.pdf)

### A crucial time for Europe

In an opinion piece in La Croix (FR, 21/9), journalist Alain Vernholes writes that Germany is leading the way by massively welcoming refugees but some countries are obviously going to refuse to follow in its footsteps. Disputes on the matter are already intense between Eastern and Western European countries, between founding and "new" Member States. *"This raises the central issue of the disastrous functioning of European institutions, which are incapable of bringing the slightest lasting solution to important matters"* Mr Vernholes laments. The EU malfunctions amid the selfishness of its Member States. It is too wide and heterogeneous politically, economically and even culturally to cope with crisis situations effectively. The EU Member States need to agree on the essential issues, but the ongoing tragedy exposes a deeply disunited Europe, Mr Vernholes writes. The EU is paying a heavy price for its enlargement policy, which should have been limited to some fifteen countries, he concludes.

- La Croix, FR, 21/9, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150921/mi/item\\_265971948.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150921/mi/item_265971948.pdf)

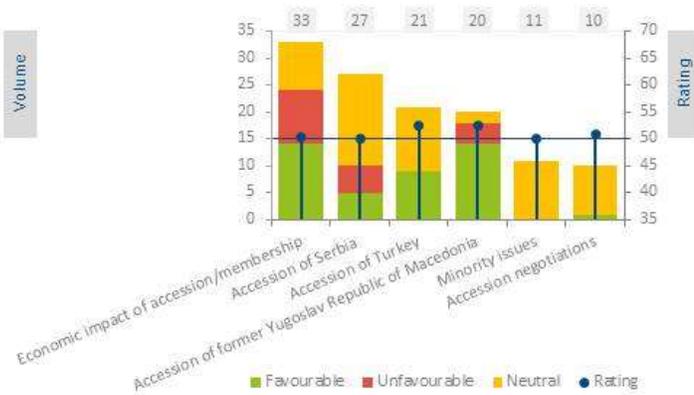
### Disaffection in Kosovo

Opposition parties in Kosovo have started a petition which aims at collecting signatures from citizens against the agreements reached in the talks between Pristina and Belgrade in Brussels and the agreement with Montenegro on the border demarcation. In the first three days, the petition has been signed by more than 40 thousand citizens of Kosovo, IBNA reports. Leader of Self Determination, Visar Ymeri, says that this petition is important because it expresses the objection against the agreements that Kosovo's government reached with the Serb government in the framework of the talks in Brussels. Leader of the Incentive for Kosovo, Fatmir Limaj says that the petition is an opportunity for citizens to manifest their will, as they have nothing else left to contest the agreements that Kosovo's government is reaching with Serbia (balkaneu.com, GR, 21/9).

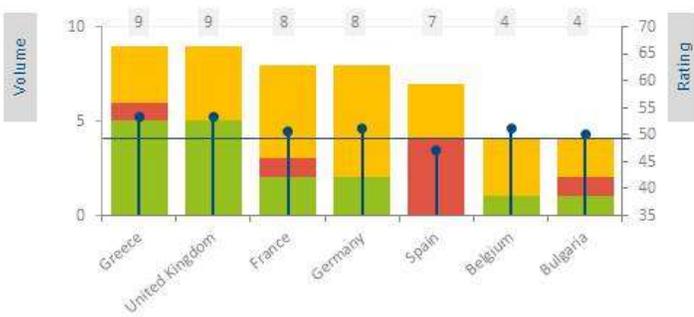
- balkaneu.com, GR, 21/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/opposition-starts-petition-association-demarcation-montenegro/>

# Charts

ELARG: **Leading Daily Issues**  
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ELARG: **Leading Daily Countries**  
by volume, favourability & rating



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ELARG: **Highlights**  
by volume, overall rating and percentage favourability

Volume	58 items
Rating	50.7
Favourable %	31%
Unfavourable %	17.3%
Neutral %	51.7%

ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
by volume

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Johannes Hahn - Neighbourhood Policy & Enlarg	19
Frank Steinmeier - FM Germany	6
Tomislav Nikolić - Serbia President	5
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	4
Gjorge Ivanov - President former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4
Isa Mustafa - Prime Minister of Kosovo	2
Fethullah Gulen – US based Turkish opposition politician	2

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