



## Key Quotes

The first EU programme for transnational cooperation covering the Balkan Peninsula and the Eastern Mediterranean region has been adopted, the European Commission announced on Monday. The programme brings together EU member states Greece, Bulgaria and Cyprus and membership candidates Albania and Macedonia, the EU Commission said on its website. Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy commented: ***"This programme has been created out of a strong will of the participating countries to pool resources together and tackle joint challenges. By cooperating to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, the region can increase its attractiveness for investors and business"*** (novinite.com, BG, 28/9).

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/171034/EU+Adopts+First+Balkan-Mediterranean+Cooperation+Programme>

Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, leader of Turkey's Republican People's Party [CHP], said that if the EU wanted to have a say in the region, it should encompass Turkey, and make it a full member. ***"Now the perception in Turkey is that they [EU] wants us to be part of the Middle East. The EU is losing"***, he stressed. ***"We had hopes to become a full member of the EU. Today, the picture is different and the process is not rosy"*** (euractiv.com, BE, 28/9).

<http://www.euractiv.com/sections/enlargement/turkish-opposition-leader-erdogan-seeks-single-party-government-317991>

## Summary

### British lawyers warn of human rights violations in Turkey

Turkey's government is inflicting systematic human rights violations on its judiciary, police and media, according to a scathing report by senior British lawyers. It alleges that the government has interfered to produce supine courts, censored websites, restricted freedom of expression, stifled corruption investigations and subjected detainees to degrading treatment. It has been written by Lord Woolf, the former UK lord chief justice, Sir Edward Garnier QC, the Conservative MP and former solicitor general, Prof Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, the director of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law and Sarah Palin, a barrister specialising in media law. Their inquiry was funded by the US-based Journalist and Writers Foundation, whose honorary chairman is the Islamic cleric Fethullah Gülen. The report focuses on Gülen's Hizmet movement and claims that his followers have suffered systematic purges (theguardian.com, UK, 28/9). The authors added: *"From the perspective of international human rights law, we consider that the Turkish government has perpetrated significant human rights violations against supporters of the Gülen movement that would justify legal action before the European Court of Human Rights, in the absence of suitable remedies in Turkey"* (PRnewswire.co.uk, UK, 28/9).

- theguardian.com, UK, 28/9, <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/28/british-lawyers-warn-of-human-rights-violations-in-turkey>
- PRnewswire.co.uk, UK, 28/9, <http://www.prnewswire.co.uk/news-releases/legal-report-reveals-systematic-human-rights-violations-by-turkish-government-529733281.html>

### Demonstrations in Montenegro

Several thousand people have demonstrated in the Montenegrin capital of Podgorica to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Milo Đukanović's government. The opposition in the small Balkan nation wants a transitional administration to be installed until genuine elections - as they see it - can be held. Opposition leaders called for protesters to stay on the streets until the government resigned. Đukanović has been at the centre of power in Montenegro since the early 1990s. He won re-election as premier in 2012, marking the third time he has held the post since independence (rferl.org, CZ, 28/9).

- rferl.org, CZ, 28/9, <http://www.rferl.org/content/montenegro-protest-antigovernment-djukanovic/27274857.html>

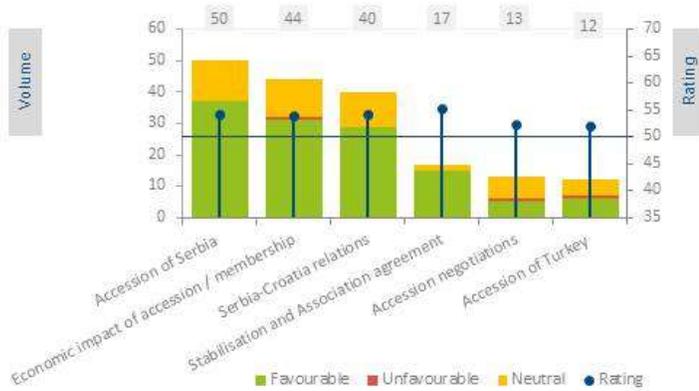
### Kosovo continues to face wide spread corruption

The EU progress report on Kosovo and reports from other international organizations, consider this to be the main problem for the development of the country. Leaders say that they have put extra effort into fighting corruption, but analysts claim the opposite. President of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga, who leads the National Committee against Corruption, says that corruption cases must be fought with zero compromise. According to Kosovo's Prime Minister Isa Mustafa, the country has not yet built the necessary legal and moral system to fight corruption. He says that corruption is present in all central and local government institutions, it is present in education, healthcare and other domains too (balkaneu.com, GR, 28/9).

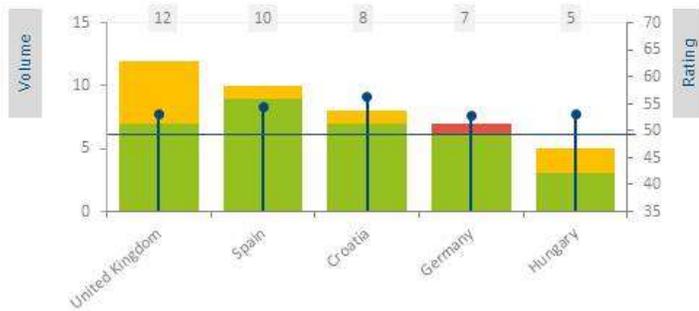
- balkaneu.com, GR, 28/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/kosovo-continues-face-wide-spread-corruption/#sthash.UpcUUGDY.dpuf>

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