



Key Quotes

Prime Minister of Kosovo, Isa Mustafa has met in New York with the head of the EU diplomacy, Federica Mogherini. The Kosovo prime minister asked the readiness of the European Union to sign the Stabilization and Association Agreement as soon as possible and also grant the visa liberalization regime. **"We believe we comply with all technical conditions and the only thing remaining is the political decision,"** said Mustafa (agenziaova.com, IT, 29/9).

<http://www.agenziaova.com/a/560aaa7125a774.77031894/1217635/2015-09-29/kosovo-ue-fonti-stampa-mogherini-supporta-prospettiva-europea-di-pristina>

Summary

Greek support for Kosovo

The Greek foreign minister, Nikos Kotzias, on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, on Monday had a meeting with the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kosovo, Isa Mustafa and Hashim Thaçi. The Kosovars thanked Kotzias for his recent visit to Kosovo as well as the consistent position held by Greece over Kosovo, despite the fact that it has not recognised it. They then informed the Greek side on the recent developments in Kosovo and the course of reforms, agreements and dialogue with Serbia. They expressed the commitment of their Government to combat religious fanaticism, to participate in the fight against ISIS and ensure the protection and funding of repairs and restoration of Christian monuments and churches (balkaneu.com, GR, 29/9). Foreign Minister Kotzias expressed the Greek support for Kosovo's efforts to join international organizations under international law and in the interests of stability in the region, noting that the shared objective is the future integration of all Western Balkans to the European Union (newsbomb.gr, GR, 29/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 29/9, [Link not available]
- newsbomb.gr, GR, 29/9, <http://www.newsbomb.gr/politikh/news/story/629021/desmeysi-tis-igesias-toy-kosovoy-ston-n-kotzia-gia-tin-prostasia-ton-xristianikon-mnimeion>

Funds to help refugees in Turkey

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu has rejected the EU's offer of one billion euros for the Syrian refugee assistance during his meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Saturday in New York. Instead he has called for support for Turkey's plan to build three huge refugee camps for each 300,000 refugees in a military zone in northern Syria. The press office of the EU Commission in Brussels confirmed to the Berliner Zeitung that the funding for refugee assistance, in particular pre-accession assistance could be redeployed, however that does not mean that Turkey will receive the money automatically, as Turkey does not meet certain conditions (Berliner Zeitung, DE, 28/9). Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan may receive not only billions of euros in financing from European funds but also political decisions will include the right of Turks to enter the Schengen area without a visa (24 Chasa, BG, 29/9).

- Berliner Zeitung, DE, 28/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150929/mi/item_267197758.pdf
- 24 Chasa, BG, 29/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150929/mi/item_267206254.pdf

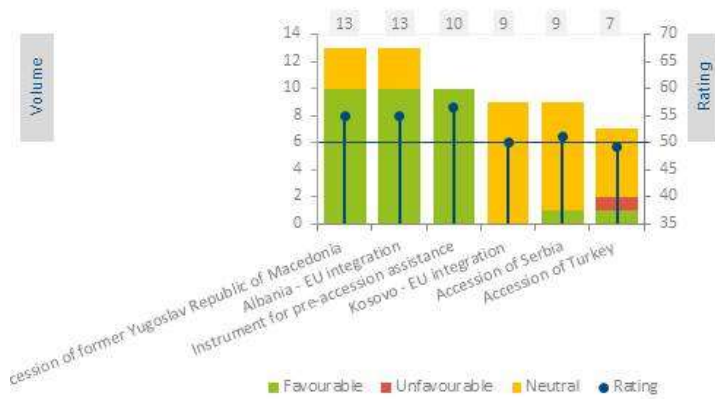
Albanian demands in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The leader of the Democratic Union for Integration, Ali Ahmeti, opened the discussion on ethnicity as part of the negotiations for solving the political crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Ahmeti seeks consensual agreement on the most important issues concerning his country; the national budget, Albanian language use, the appointment of at least one Albanian official to one of the three positions in the government and the following of the Badinter principle (focus-news.net, BG, 29/9).

- focus-news.net, BG, 29/9, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/09/29/384595/24-vesti-macedonia-ali-ahmeti-opens-ethnicity-discussion-for-solving-political-crisis.html>

Charts

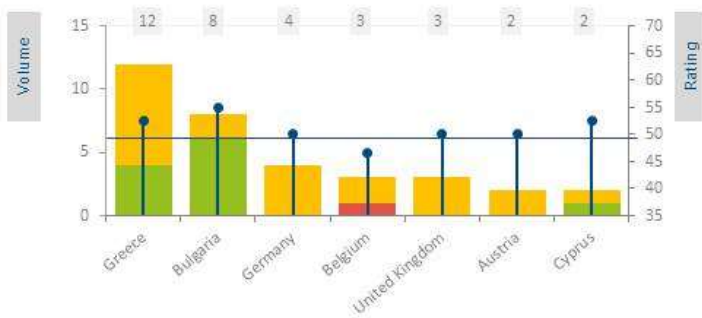
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