



Key Quotes

Turkey Seeks Closer EU Ties In Return For Help With Refugee Crisis. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker expressed support for Erdogan's bid and backed a highly anticipated visa-free travel regime for Turkish citizens visiting the EU. The measure is also contested despite 10 years of Turkey's EU accession negotiations. **"You cannot deal with Turkey as if Turkey would be ... a sub regional power,"** Juncker said, calling the country **"a proud nation"** whose major concerns must be taken into account (morningstar.co.uk, UK, 6/10).

http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/news/AN_1444109057864127100/turkey-seeks-closer-eu-ties-in-return-for-help-with-refugee-crisis.aspx

Summary

The cost will be high, but the EU has to keep Turkey aboard

In a leading article in the *Suddeutsche Zeitung* (DE, 5/10) Mike Szymanski argues that the EU and Turkey need one another more than ever today. Yet the ten-year process of official accession talks has resulted in total alienation. The EU's mistake was not to have had the courage to offer Ankara a real perspective of membership, which then led to the end of Turkish reform efforts. Yet Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's "dusk" has set in – after him the EU will need Turkey more than ever. Thomas Ludwig writes in the *Handelsblatt* (DE, 5/10) that the Europeans' central wish from Ankara is to help with the influx of migrants from the Middle East. For this, the EU wants to provide €1 billion to Turkey and European Commissioner Johannes Hahn has hinted that the visa requirement for Turkish citizens into the Schengen area could be dropped earlier. Also, Turkey may soon be labelled a safe country of origin, leading to a reputation gain for Ankara. The *Guardian* (UK, 5/10) notes that this has had little impact - and notably failed to impress Ankara. Whether Erdoğan is prepared to help on migration may depend on what Europe offers in return. He will want a halt to open EU criticism of domestic political developments in Turkey, including his widening crackdown on press freedom and independent journalism. He will also seek de facto European acquiescence in his blatant attempt to revive open conflict with Turkey's Kurdish minority before elections due on 1 November. The one issue Erdoğan may not spend much time pursuing is Turkey's long stalled EU membership application.

- *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, DE, 5/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151005/mi/item_268102529.pdf
- *Handelsblatt*, DE, 5/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151005/mi/item_268102519.pdf
- *Guardian*, UK, 5/10, [Link not available]

Kosovo's membership of UNESCO

"Kosovo's accession to UNESCO will be an absurd and disastrous move for the organisation. It is like offering Islamic State membership." This is what Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić said, as cited by Macedonian online news edition MKD. "Four of the Serbian temples in Kosovo declared world cultural heritage by UNESCO are at risk. Where is the risk coming from?" Minister Dačić remarked. He suggested that Albania's demand to put Kosovo's membership on the agenda falls outside the standard procedures (focus-news.net, BG, 5/10).

- focus-news.net, BG, 5/10, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/10/05/385238/mkd-it-is-absurd-for-kosovo-to-become-unesco-member-says-serbia-foreign-minister.html>

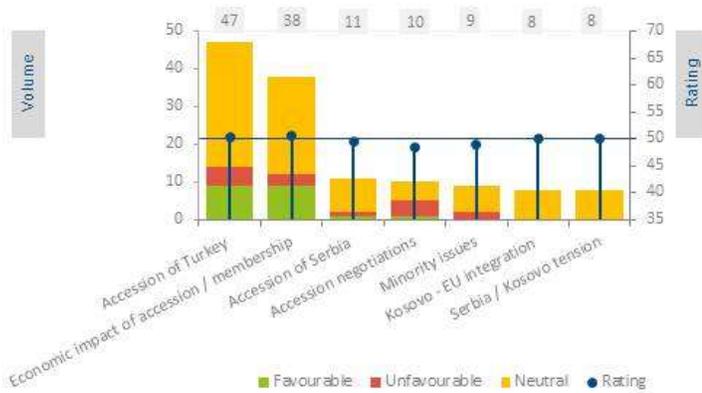
Tension still high in Kosovo

The Kosovo opposition continues to demand the revocation of the Brussels' agreements and the agreement for the border demarcation with Montenegro. The opposition has also expressed its determination to deepen the political crisis with the scope of overthrowing the government and the holding of early general elections (balkaneu.com, GR, 5/10).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 5/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/kosovo-heading-fresh-parliamentary-elections/>

Charts

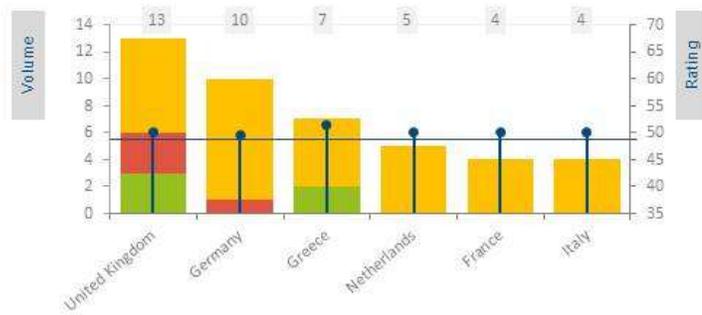
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