



## Key Quotes

The European Union offered Turkey a possible 3 billion euros (\$3.4 billion) in aid and the prospect of easier travel visas. Leaders also agreed to "**re-energise**" moribund, decade-old negotiations on Turkey's application for membership of the European bloc, though they left open exactly how to do that. "**The accession process needs to be re-energised with a view to achieving progress in the negotiations in accordance with the negotiating framework and the relevant Council conclusions,**" they said, in language couched cautiously to reflect concerns in Cyprus and other states about easing off pressure on Ankara (uk.reuters, UK, 16/10).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/16/uk-europe-migrants-idUKKCN0S92HW20151016>

## Summary

### Serbia Kosovo tension

The Serbian government is accusing Croatia, Germany and Great Britain of making the recognition of Kosovo a condition of progress in EU negotiations. Two separate EU sources claim that what Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić is claiming has no foundation, but it is also rumoured that he might be considering holding early elections and such an argument would suit him well (Vecernji List, HR, 15/10). Meanwhile in Kosovo an opposition lawmaker released teargas in parliament on Thursday, the second such incident in a week in protest at a European Union-brokered accord with former master Serbia. The opposition is angry over a deal to grant ethnic Serb areas of Kosovo greater local powers and the possibility of funding from Belgrade, saying it represents a threat to the independence of Kosovo. A bloc of opposition parties says it will disrupt the work of parliament until the deal - and another demarcating Kosovo's border with Montenegro - are rescinded (uk.reuters.com, UK, 15/10).

- Vecernji List, HR, 15/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151015/mi/item\\_269710674.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151015/mi/item_269710674.pdf)
- uk.reuters.com, UK, 15/10, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/15/uk-kosovo-opposition-idUKKCN0S90R020151015>

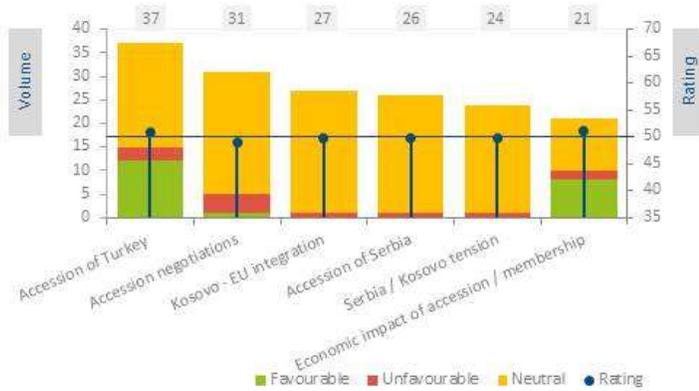
### Albanian Parliament to discuss a new bill on energy efficiency

A bill which was voted prior to this one was never applied and now the European Union is demanding that Albania implement its standards. Albania has remained behind as opposed to other countries in the region in this domain in terms of laws and practical investments (balkaneu.com, GR, 15/10).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 15/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/albania-drafts-bill-energy-efficiency-based-eu-standards/>

# Charts

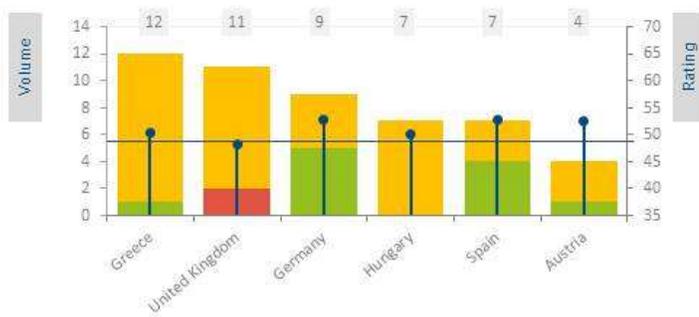
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