



Key Quotes

Chancellor Angela Merkel's open-door policy towards refugees and embrace of Turkey drew criticism from conservative allies, with one senior Bavarian politician warning against any consideration of European Union membership for Ankara. **"We shouldn't make too many concessions to Turkey: joining the EU is not on the agenda,"** Gerda Hasselfeldt, a senior member of the Christian Social Union (CSU). **"An accession of Turkey to the EU is out of the question for me,"** Stephan Mayer, a fellow CSU said (uk.reuters.com, UK, 19/10)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/19/uk-europe-migrants-germany-idUKKCN0SD0QL20151019?feedName=topNews&feedType=RSS>

Kosovo President Atifete Jahjaga has met with parliamentary leaders to try to defuse a crisis over political deals with Serbia and Montenegro. Samuel Zbogar of the European Union Office in Kosovo considered Jahjaga's move the **"right step toward resolving [the] current situation"** (rferl.org, CZ, 19/10)

<http://www.rferl.org/content/kosovo-president-meeting-defuse-crisis/27315021.html>

Summary

Turkish demands

In his commentary for Hospodářské noviny (CZ, 19/10), Teodor Marjanovič draws attention to the way the EU is handling the current migrant crisis. He points out that the issue overshadows all the past dramas the EU had to cope with, such as the debate regarding the Lisbon Treaty, Brexit or the Greek financial crisis. Mr Marjanovič comments on the recent EU summit and about the negotiations with Turkey. Overall, he notes that the EU should act as one in this issue and with a Pan-European consensus on how to approach Turkish blackmailing. He also criticises the Czech political scene for being populist and egoistic. A commentary in the Münchner Merkur (DE, 19/10) says that the German Chancellor Angela Merkel has no choice but to negotiate with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan since millions of refugees pass into Europe through his country. It also criticises European Commissioner Günther Oettinger for suggesting that this is the time to bolster European-Turkish relations. In addition, the commentary notes, more than a few million Euros will be needed to compel Turkey to become Europe's "collecting centre".

- Hospodářské noviny, CZ, 19/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151019/mi/item_270263741.pdf
- Munchner Merkur, DE, 19/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151019/mi/item_270257526.pdf

Unrest in Montenegro

Several thousand people continued their protests in the capital of Montenegro, calling on the government of Prime Minister Milo Đukanović to resign. Tensions ran high as security measures were heightened after violent clashes between protesters and riot police. The government has been accused of corruption, undemocratic practices and election fraud. At least three opposition leaders, several MPs and journalists were injured during the clashes. The protests follow months of heightened tension over the new election legislation which is seen by opposition parties as a threat to the fairness of the forthcoming general elections scheduled to take place in the spring of 2016. Some opposition leaders said Đukanović had left the country by plane, but such claims were dismissed by his Democratic Party of Socialists (Novinite.com, BG, 19/10).

- Novinite.com, BG, 19/10, <http://www.novinite.com/articles/171388/Protesters+in+Podgorica+Demand+Resignation+of+Montenegro's+Government>

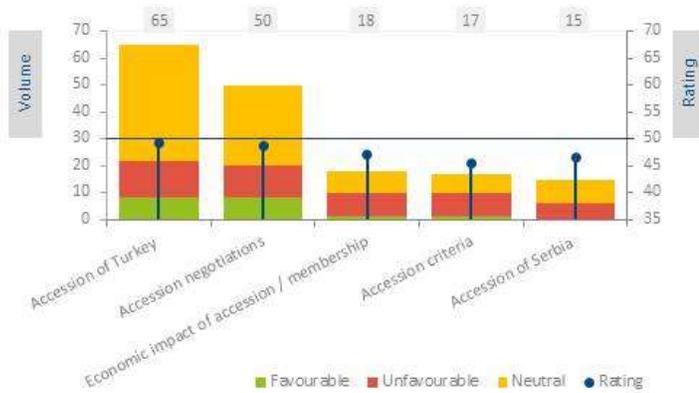
No elections for Serbia

Serbia's conservative Prime Minister said on Sunday he had decided against holding an early election for now, ending weeks of speculation. Aleksandar Vučić had said he was considering going to the polls again, less than two years into his four-year mandate, to answer critics. But Vučić told Serbia's Pink television he had decided against it, saying the government had more work ahead of it in stabilising Serbia's finances, addressing relations with the former Serbian province of Kosovo and starting negotiations on accession to the European Union (Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 18/10)

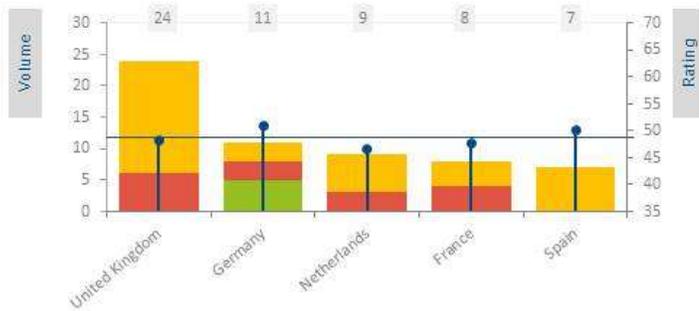
- Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 18/10, http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3278361/Serbian-PM-decides-against-early-election-now.html?ITO=1490&ns_campaign=1490&ns_mchannel=rss

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by volume

Stakeholder / Source	Number of mentions
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	37
Angela Merkel - German Chancellor	35
Ahmet Davutoğlu - Turkey PM	18
Jean-Claude Juncker - President EC	10
Tomislav Nikolić - Serbia President	9
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