



## Key Quotes

The EU must fulfil pledges to offer Turkey three billion euros (\$3.3 billion) a year and visa-free travel for Turks in return for cooperation to stem the flow of migrants, Ankara's ambassador in Brussels said. The European Union must also break the stalemate in negotiations for Turkey to join the 28-nation bloc and resume inviting Turkish leaders to EU summits in order to seal a cooperation deal, Ambassador Selim Yenel told AFP. **"It is only operational if the EU delivers on its pledges, the four pledges that they gave,"** Yenel said in an interview in his Brussels office (eubusiness.com, UK, 25/10).

<http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/europe-migrants.14vs>

Kosovo lawmakers flee tear gas as opposition protests EU-brokered accord. The United States, the biggest supporter of the young state, has said recent developments will hurt Kosovo's ambition to join the European Union. **"To those people who bring weapons into the Kosovo assembly ... I have a message: you are hurting Kosovo's economy, you are risking isolating Kosovo from the Euro-Atlantic community,"** U.S. Ambassador Greg Delawie said (uk.reuters.com, UK, 24/10).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/23/uk-kosovo-opposition-teargas-idUKKCN0SH21520151023>

## Summary

### The future for Kosovo

The talks between Kosovo and Serbia are the main cause of the current political crisis in Kosovo. Opposition parties continue to see the dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina as damaging to the sovereignty of Kosovo. They even see the agreement for the Association of Serb Communes as a way to turn Kosovo like Bosnia. But experts on political affairs take a different view. According to them, the normalization of relations between the two countries contributes to peace and stability in the region. Analyst Daniel Server said that through these talks, Kosovo may benefit from diplomatic recognition by Serbia. *"I think it has been a good process with concrete results in several sectors and an overall improvement in relations between Pristina and Belgrade which now clearly acknowledge each other's constitutional framework as extending to clearly defined territory. That is a short step from diplomatic recognition, other issues include enhanced police cooperation, military to military understanding and the admission of Kosovo into the United Nations"* said Server (balkaneu.com, GR, 23/10).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 23/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/talks-kosovo-serbia-path-normalization/>

### Civil unrest will not derail Montenegrin accession

Montenegro won't allow growing civil unrest hinder its drive to join the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Prime Minister Premier Milo Đukanović said. Montenegro has opened 20 of 33 chapters as part of its EU accession talks and expects to open all remaining ones in 2016, the year of parliamentary elections. Đukanović has faith in his policies and is ready to fight for them *"just like I've done over the past 20 years"* he said in an interview (Balkans.com, UK, 23/10).

- Balkans.com, UK, 23/10, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=208036>

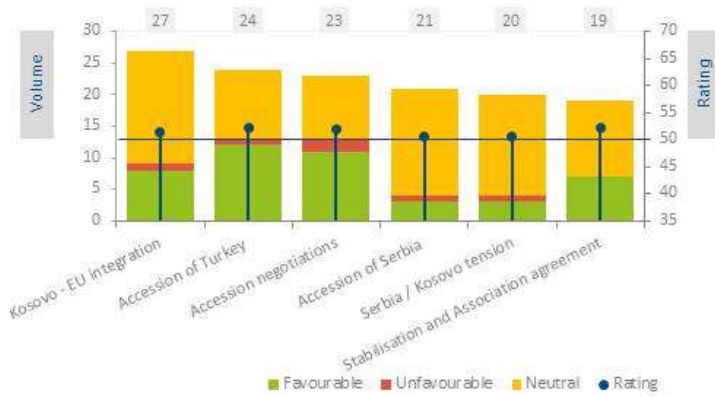
### Ball at Turkey's feet

Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker appears optimistic on the prospects of a final settlement to the Cyprus problem within 2016. Commission Spokesperson Andreeva stated that the EU have made available an expert team of technocrats who are working with Cypriot authorities with the aim of lifting the suspension of the EU acquis in the non-government controlled areas, once a solution is reached. Andreeva however, did not reply as to whether the Commission's haste to cooperate with Turkey on the refugee crisis is undermining the efforts for a solution to the Cyprus problem (Phileleftheros, CY, 23/10). Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades commented that *"it is absolutely a matter of principle that European values and the EU acquis are respected"* He further noted that as regards the decisions of the September European Council for opening Turkey's accession chapters, the country is also expected to meet its Cyprus-related obligations (Politis, CY, 23/10).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 23/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151023/mi/item\\_270997597.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151023/mi/item_270997597.pdf)
- Politis, CY, 23/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151023/mi/item\\_270997607.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151023/mi/item_270997607.pdf)

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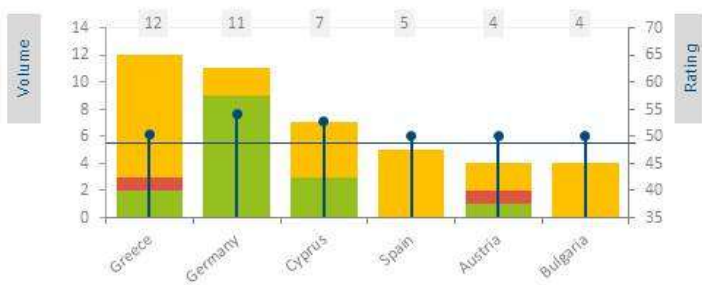
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