

**Key Quotes**

**"With all the different situations that exist in the countries of the Western Balkans, all have one perspective, namely the European Union,"** said Reinhold Lopatka, Austrian State Secretary (Tiroler Tageszeitung, Austria, 21/5)

<http://www.tt.com/%C3%9Cberblick/Politik/6594010-6/was-europa-kann-und-wer-aller-dazu-geh%C3%B6rt.csp>

**Summary****Berlin calls for the implementation of the agreement between Belgrade and Priština**

During a visit to Belgrade, German Foreign Minister, Guido Westerwelle, explained that Serbia had to expedite the agreements with Kosovo in order for the EU to consider the country for accession. The Prime Minister of Serbia Ivica Dačić emphasised his interest in negotiations for an accession to the EU. Following with a visit to Kosovo, Mr Westerwelle said that significant historic decisions lie ahead which will need tangible results. Even sceptics are expecting an agreement at the end of June. However, Serbia's accession to the EU will have to be negotiated by 2020 (ARD, DE, 20/5). Westerwelle also suggested *"If concrete results are visible, I can give a positive message to our parliament"* (Vecer, SI, 21/5). In an interview with the Austrian daily Die Presse (AT, 21/5) Kosovo's Foreign Minister, Enver Hoxhaj, said *"We do not understand why Belgrade's delegation was unable to accept Lady Ashton's proposals at the two meetings that dealt with the plan for the implementation"*. On Tuesday the Prime Ministers of Serbia and Kosovo, Ivica Dačić and Hashim Thaçi, continued the dialogue to normalise relations in Brussels under the auspices of the EU. The focus is on the implementation of the agreement in the north of Kosovo (sta.si, SI, 21/5). *"Serbia will never recognise Kosovo's independence"* said Serbia's President Tomislav Nikolić (kulfold.ma.hu, HU, 20/5) but he also stated that *"Serbia was dedicated to resolving problems with Kosovo"* (nol.hu, HU, 20/5).

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**Croatia hopes for significant flow of capital from the EU after its entry to the Union**

At the beginning of the year, the country entered its fifth consecutive year of recession and given the decline of domestic demand and growing unemployment, economic predictions are not optimistic, Delo reports. Entering the EU will undoubtedly bring Croatia greater economic stability and new perspective. The country, which is Slovenia's fourth largest partner in foreign trade, hopes to increase its influence in the region with exporters having unrestricted access to the world largest economic area (Delo, SI, 20/5). Ahead of Croatia joining the European Union, the Central and Eastern European Travel Retail Association (CEETRA) and the European Travel Retail Confederation (ETRC) held an industry workshop on the 8 of May in Zagreb. Croatia is to become the 28th Member State of the European Union this summer, meaning retailers will move from a duty-free model to a duty-free and travel retail offering, which caters for passengers travelling within the EU and for those travelling outside of the Union. As well as CEETRA and ETRC, key industry representatives shared their own experiences and insights into the transition to a duty-free and travel retail model in the Central and Eastern European Member States that entered the EU in 2004 (trbusiness.com, UK, 20/5).

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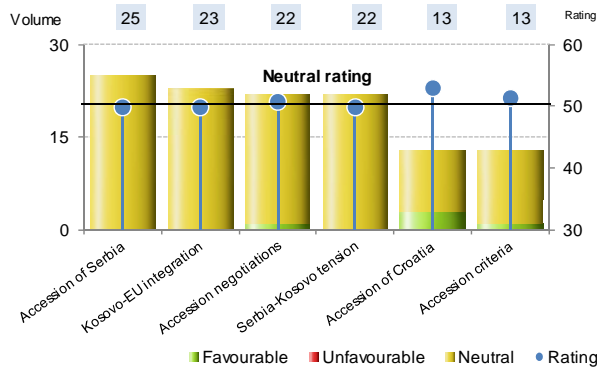
**EU foreign ministers will discuss the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Foreign ministers of the member states were in Brussels to discuss the possibility of setting a date for negotiations with both the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia. The agenda for the meeting states that the Council may be invited to make a decision to start negotiations with the candidate countries (focus-news.net, BG, 21/5).

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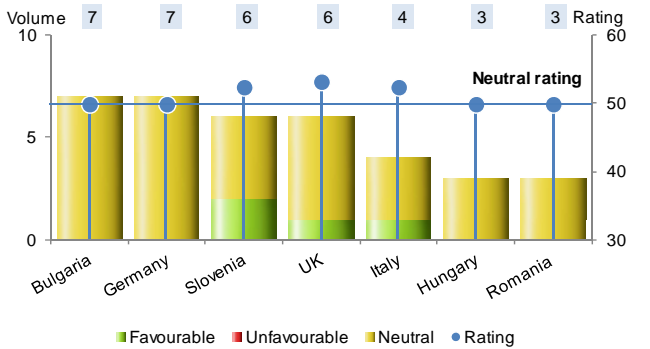


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Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	19
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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	11
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Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	6

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