



## Key Quotes

The head of Serbia's Orthodox Church warned of using "**force**" if Kosovo were accepted as a member of the UN cultural agency UNESCO and holy sites there were recognised as belonging to the breakaway territory. "**If force is deployed**" to deprive Serbia of its cultural and historical heritage, "**we will do all we can to defend them by peaceful means or by force,**" Patriarch Irinej said on state television. "**I hope we won't be forced to employ these means,**" he said, referring to the use of force (yahoo!, UK, 3/11) <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/serbian-church-leader-threatens-force-kosovo-joins-un-223140478.html#xe21bf7>

## Summary

### Losing patience with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Five EU Member States have left the so-called "*Friends of Macedonia*" group disappointed by the fact that political players in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are unable to reach an agreement to resolve the deep political crisis which mires the country, writes the well-informed news portal of Skopje, "Novatv". The informal group of friends consisted of 15 Member States of the EU (Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Great Britain, Belgium, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Austria and Slovakia) but recently, it is reported, five of them (Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Great Britain and Belgium) left it. With the escalation of the political crisis, several powerful EU countries have lost patience, the Novatv website reports, citing a high-level diplomatic source in Brussels. The problematic internal situation in the country has led many EU countries to come to the conclusion that the European Commission should withdraw its recommendation to open accession negotiations with Skopje or address a serious warning, says Novatv. As several media report in Skopje the Commission will likely maintain its recommendation to open accession negotiations but on condition of faithful implementation of the agreement to resolve the political crisis in the country (balkaneu.com, GR; 3/11).

- balkaneu.com, GR; 3/11, <http://www.balkaneu.com/fyrom-powerful-eu-countries-left-informal-group-fyrom-friends-brussels/>

### Europe dependent on Erdoğan's mercy

In De Tijd (NL, 3/11), political scientist Dirk Rochtus writes Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's victory makes the EU even more dependent on the country. The question is what attitude the EU is going to adopt towards Turkey. Mr Rochtus explains that the EU's need of Ankara is pushing it to follow the American principle of '*first a stable, then a democratic Turkey*'. Several actions among which the European Commission's decision to postpone the publication of a critical report are proof of this. It seems like the EU is rediscovering realpolitik. However, the Daily Telegraph (UK, 3/11) suggests that by handing President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan such a strong mandate Turkey's voters have swung behind a leader whose hallmarks have become capitalising on tension and fear. Given the scale of his triumph and his past form, more of the same is a perverse form of stability.

- De Tijd, NL, 3/11, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151103/mi/item\\_272646680.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151103/mi/item_272646680.pdf)
- Daily Telegraph, UK, 3/11, [link not available]

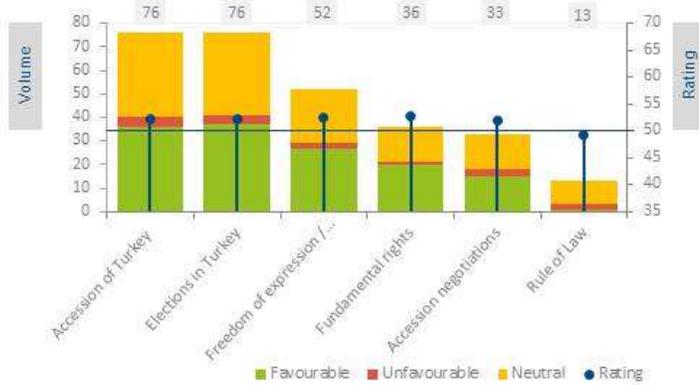
### Kosovo getting closer to the EU

Kosovo's Parliament yesterday approved the ratification of the Association Agreement with the European Union. The Stabilisation and Association Agreement is an important step closer to the European Union as it establishes a zone of free economic exchange and monitoring areas such as governance, rule of law, human rights and the judicial system (Mlada Fronta Dnes, CZ, 3/11).

- Mlada Fronta Dnes, CZ, 3/11, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151103/mi/item\\_272604369.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151103/mi/item_272604369.pdf)

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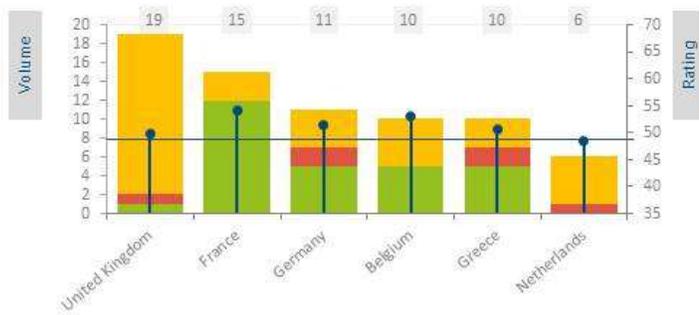
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