



## Key Quotes

Government spokesman Nicos Christodoulides on Monday played down a press report that Turkey's progress report by the European Commission lets Ankara off the hook regarding its Cyprus-related protocol obligations. Christodoulides said: **"We have no information, it is a document which is not in the hands of the government, it is in the hands of the Commission, the College of Commissioners."** He also said that Cyprus – **more than any other EU member state – wants the EU accession process of Turkey to move forward** (in-cyprus.com, CY, 9/11).

<http://in-cyprus.com/nicosia-has-not-seen-eu-turkey-progress-report/>

Albania's new justice minister, Ylli Manjani, promised to conclude reform of the judiciary, a key requirement of the European Union which Albania wants to join. **"The reform of the judiciary is the most important for the functioning of the state. We want an invitation to join the EU. We have a lot of work to do and we shall work together and will get it done,"** Manjani told a local television station (uk.reuters.com, UK, 9/11).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/11/09/idUKL8N1344WW20151109>

## Summary

### New format for progress reports

Starting this year, the annual package of reports of the European Commission on future accession candidates has been redesigned. International experts on the Western Balkans and Turkey have recommended that the reports change from their old form, which so far made them either unreadable or able to be interpreted in a variety of ways. They proposed the reports should be enriched with charts and tables, which will clearly show which country has made progress in comparison to other countries and to what extent. The general progress will be indicated through grades, a system used in several early reports. This new form is a great step forward because it leaves less chance for misleading interpretation or politicization of the reports (balkaneu.com, GR, 9/11).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 9/11, <http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-accession-rules-change/>

### Bulgarian help for Albania

**"Albania considers that cooperation with Bulgaria is very much needed"** said Albanian Minister of Youth and Social Welfare, Blendi Klosi, speaking at the ceremony for the signing of a working programme for cooperation in the field of labour and social policy with Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister for Demographic and Social Policies and Minister of Labour and Social Policy Ivaylo Kalfin, in Sofia. Mr Klosi thanked the Bulgarian government for the support for Albania's EU integration and added the agreement would open new opportunities for the future. **"You have the experience and your Deputy Prime Minister will help us get the information needed for our future activities and work"** Blendi Klosi commented (focus-news.net, BG, 9/11).

- focus-news.net, BG, 9/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/11/09/388878/albanian-social-minister-albania-considers-cooperation-with-bulgaria-highly-needed.html>

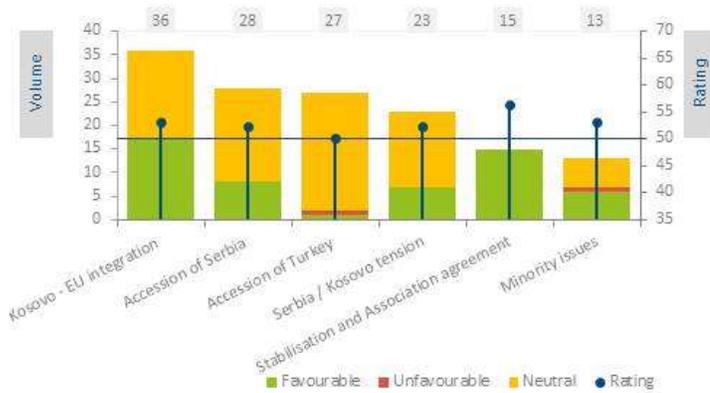
### International Recognition via UNESCO

Kosovo's Prime Minister Isa Mustafa on Monday pledged to protect Serbian Orthodox Christian sites just hours before a key vote which could see it admitted as a member of the United Nations cultural body. Serbia has warned that Orthodox monuments would be at risk if Kosovo takes over their management, citing attacks and looting since the two sides fought a war in 1998 and 1999. Mustafa said his government is very much interested in enforcing the criteria of UNESCO if it wins membership later in the day, a bid staunchly opposed by Serbia (Yahoo!, UK, 9/11). On the Iberian Peninsula the Catalan government of Artur Mas is looking to Kosovo as a model to achieve international recognition of a new Catalan State. Faced with the difficulty of being accepted by the UN, its alternative lies in asking for UNESCO membership and its entry into the UN through the back door (El Pais, ES, 9/11).

- Yahoo!, UK, 9/11, <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/kosovo-pm-vows-protect-serbian-churches-ahead-unesco-105015389.html>
- El Pais, ES, 9/11, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151109/mi/item\\_273563234.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151109/mi/item_273563234.pdf)

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Isa Mustafa - Prime Minister of Kosovo	15
Nikola Gruevski – PM former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	8
Jean-Claude Juncker - President EC	5
Fethullah Gulen . US based Turkish opposition leader	5

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