



Key Quotes

Chill returns to Kosovo and Serbia. **"The talks between Serbia and Kosovo are on hold for now anyway,"** said Balkan expert Johanna Deimel of the Munich-based Southeast Europe Association. **"Relations between Serbia and Kosovo are currently very frosty and the mood is very tense."** The decision of the Kosovo's Constitutional Court, that has suspended an agreement with Serbia, will have a **"negative impact on the progress of negotiations between Belgrade and Pristina,"** said Dusan Reljic, head of the Brussels office of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP). **"But it was clear from the outset that the negotiations between Serbia and Kosovo would be neither quick nor easy"** (dw.de, DE, 15/11).

<http://www.dw.com/en/chill-returns-to-kosovo-and-serbia/a-18850857>

Summary

Turkey Summit

The European Union plans to hold a summit with Turkey to discuss how to tackle the migration crisis, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said at the end of an EU meeting in Malta on Thursday. Merkel told reporters. *"I believe the task is crystallizing and it is that we have a common responsibility for refugees from war"* she said. Some national governments are wary of rushing to satisfy a demand of the Turkish leader for higher-level contacts. Some have insisted that they would only agree to an EU-Turkey summit once an accord was fully negotiated. EU officials said, however, that Ankara was keen to fix a summit before starting to implement its commitments to step up border security — measures it is taking in return also for EU grants, a deepening of its EU membership negotiations and easier EU visas for Turks (New Europe, BE, 13,11). In Die Presse (AT, 13/11) Christian Ortner writes that the EU plans to outsource the dirty work of patrolling the EU border to an Islamic autocrat. Instead of declaring accession talks with Turkey to be over, given the country's swift transformation into an Islam-based autocracy. Commissioner Hahn intends to revive these *"entirely useless negotiations"* as Mr Ortner puts it.

- New Europe, BE, 13,11, <http://neurope.eu/article/eu-plans-special-summit-with-turkey-on-refugees/>
- Die Presse, AT, 13/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151113/mi/item_274236264.pdf

Criminals in the Albanian Parliament

The Albanian parliament is filled with people who have committed a variety of criminal offenses, therefore decriminalization must start with a thorough cleansing of the legislature. This is the opinion of Ben Blushi, one of the most prominent names of the Socialist Party. In a speech delivered yesterday in parliament, Blushi said *"This parliament cannot approve justice reform without decriminalizing itself first. I believe that criminals have no right to elect judges or prosecutors. There are so many people with criminal records here that I feel as if I'm in detention. This is not funny, but a disgrace"* adding *"the question is: why does the elector go to prison and those who are elected by him not? Because we always use procedure to avoid punishment. Are voters right when they ask us: why should we go to prison and you never go? It's time to offer a serious answer to this question"* (balkaneu.com, GR, 13/11).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 13/11, <http://www.balkaneu.com/albanian-parliament-filled-incriminated-people/>

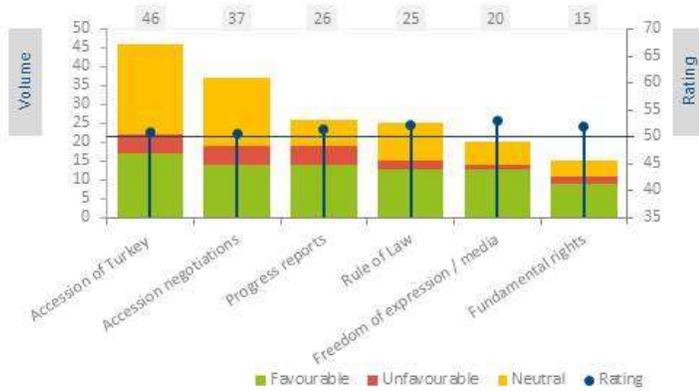
Kosovo warning to Serbia

The Prime Minister of Kosovo, Isa Mustafa, and Foreign Minister, Hashim Thaçi, claim that the Serbian campaign against the accession of Pristina to UNESCO will have an effect in the dialogue for the normalization of relations between the two countries. (Agenzianova.com, IT, 13/11).

- Agenzianova.com, IT, 13/11, <http://www.agenzianova.com/a/5645a1f3ebe451.39538586/1246359/2015-11-13/kosovo-stampa-locale-opposizione-serbia-ad-adesione-unesco-avra-effetto-su-relazioni-bilaterali>

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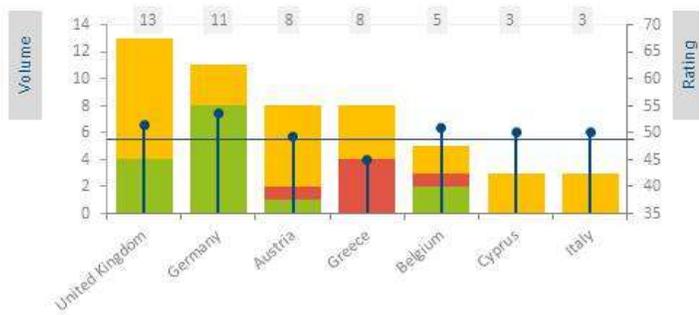
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