



Key Quotes

Cyprus' government spokesperson Nikos Christodoulides commented about the issue of opening chapters in the process for the accession course of Turkey to the EU: **"Merkel, when she was in Turkey, referred to chapter 17. I remind you that a meeting followed between the President and Merkel in Spain, on the sidelines of the Convention of the European Popular Party."** Moreover, Christodoulides noted **"Our positions are very clear. The accession course of Turkey depends exclusively and only on Turkey. There are specific obligations; there is the Negotiating Framework, and the periodic decisions of the European Council that define very clearly how the accession process of Turkey can proceed. Consequently, it is up to Turkey to move on with those actions in order for its course toward Europe to advance"** (sigmalive.com, CY, 17/11)
<http://www.sigmalive.com/en/news/politics/137721/president-germanys-fm-talk-euturkey-relations>

Summary

Turkey Summit

Opposition lawmakers in Kosovo fired tear gas and pepper spray in Parliament on Tuesday, the latest such incident in a deepening political crisis over relations with former master Serbia. The protest was led by prominent opposition figure Albin Kurti, who has set off tear gas in the chamber several times to demand the government scrap a deal to regulate ties between Serbia and its former southern province. Lawmakers, who were due to debate the government's proposed budget for next year, left the chamber but appeared to be trying to hold the session in another room. (Trust.org, UK, 17/11). When security entered to stop the ruckus, someone from the opposition activated a tear gas canister. Kosovo's opposition says that the deal on Serb autonomy violates the country's laws and the deal has been suspended while the constitutional court reviews it. The EU rewarded the two sides for progress in the normalization talks with closer ties - Serbia with the start of membership talks, Kosovo with the Stabilization and Association Agreement (europeonline-magazine.eu, DE, 17/11).

- Trust.org, UK, 17/11, <http://www.trust.org/item/20151117085807-x0qci/?source=search>
- europeonline-magazine.eu, DE, 17/11, <http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/kosovo-opposition-stages-fourth-tear-gas-protest-in-parliament-424007.html>

EU accused of interfering in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Political tension has been rife in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the past year, opposition leader Zoran Zaev's playing wiretapped phone calls, the six ambassadors who wanted to change policy in the sovereign country, the protests with elements of violence and the attempts at destabilisation, which culminated in the terror attack in Kumanovo, aimed at compelling the country to change its name and thus become an EU and NATO Member State. According to Vecer the West weakened the country through the political crisis in order to be able to finally present itself as a "global policeman" and decrease eastern influence in the region (focus-news.net, BG, 17/11).

- focus-news.net, BG, 17/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/11/17/389733/vecer-the-west-wants-to-change-macedonias-name.html>

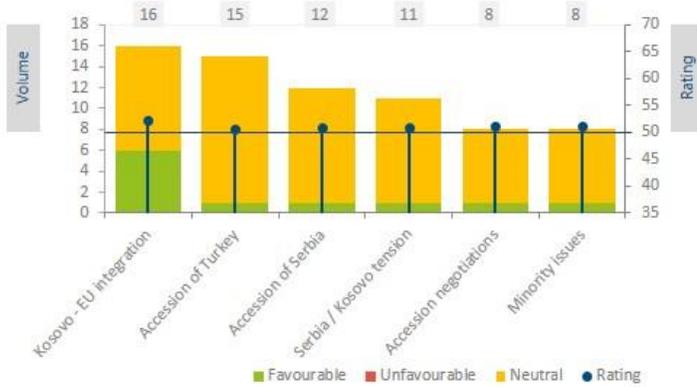
Greece Turkey meetings

Lots of issues are on the table as Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras heads to Turkey, but the refugee crisis is expected to dominate the agenda which both countries hope to resolve mutually. Tsipras will have a preliminary and informal meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu. The two Prime Ministers are expected to touch on several issues, mainly the refugee crisis, which has recently put Ankara in a unique position, Athens will maintain its position that Turkey ought to adhere to EU conditions set for its candidacy as a member, which includes a solution to the Cyprus problem (in-cyprus.com, CY, 17/11).

- in-cyprus.com, CY, 17/11, <http://in-cyprus.com/tsipras-seeking-gifts-in-turkey/>

Charts

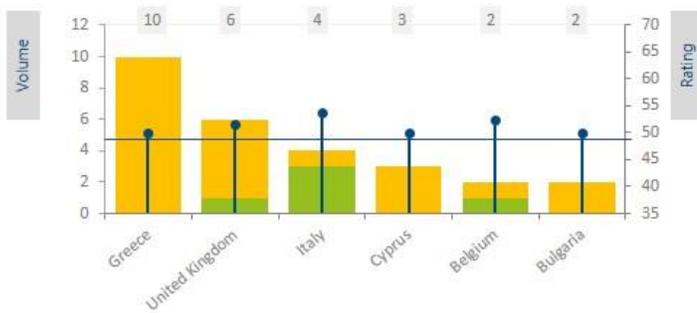
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Albin Kurti -Kosovo politician	4

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