

## Key Quotes

The process of Turkey's EU accession remains blocked following Ankara's refusal to respect its contractual obligations towards the EU. Štefan Füle stated that **"Turkey must demonstrate good will". "A key for adding a new quality to EU-Turkey relations is also to start as soon as possible the dialogue leading ultimately to visa free travel,"** he added. (Focus News, Bulgaria, 28/5)

<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n307401>

**"I see no progress and no signals for good neighbourly relations towards Bulgaria in the period from December 2012 and June 2013 when the question for a date for Macedonian [sic] EU accession negotiation will be posed,"**said Evgeni Kirilov, MEP (Focus News, Bulgaria, 27/5)

<http://www.focus-news.net/index.php?id=n1787716>

## Summary

### Serbia Kosovo Agreement Implementation

The Serbian government on Saturday discussed the implementation of the agreement signed by Serbia and Kosovo in Brussels. Prime Minister Ivica Dačić stated that prior to Saturday's meeting he had held a telephone conversation with the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton, in order to clarify certain contentious issues. Mr. Dačić stressed the fact that the talks between the delegations of Serbia and Kosovo were neutral, and therefore did not prejudge the future status of Kosovo (Vecer, SI, 27/5). On Sunday night the Serbian government approved a plan to implement the agreement on the normalisation of relations with Priština. Premier Ivica Dačić announced the decision in a letter to Baroness Ashton, the mediator of talks on Kosovo (Ansamed.info, IT, 27/5), who praised the adoption of the plan for normalisation of relations by Serbia and Kosovo: *"I welcome the decision of both sides to adopt the implementation plan which translates into practice the provisions of the April Agreement"* (abc.es, ES, 27/5). However Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić said his country has some concerns about the agreement and it will propose amendments to the text of the treaty. This puts some uncertainty on whether Serbia can get the date for the start of accession negotiations with the European Union (Nepszava, HU, 27/5).

- Vecer, SI, 27/5, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130527/mi/item\\_157898643.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130527/mi/item_157898643.pdf)
- Ansamed.info, IT, 27/5, [http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/it/notizie/stati/serbia/2013/05/27/Kosovo-accordo-ok-Belgrado-testo-attuazione\\_8771848.html](http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/it/notizie/stati/serbia/2013/05/27/Kosovo-accordo-ok-Belgrado-testo-attuazione_8771848.html)
- abc.es, ES, 27/5, <http://www.abc.es/agencias/noticia.asp?noticia=1424332>
- Nepszava, HU, 27/5, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130527/mi/item\\_157902195.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130527/mi/item_157902195.pdf)

### Kosovo Angry Over former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Summit Snub

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo, Enver Hoxhaj said that *"behaviour of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is not European"*. The reason for the reaction of Hoxhaj was the fact that George Ivanov, the President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia did not invite the President of Kosovo, Atifete Jahjaga, to the meeting of the Southeast European Cooperation, which will take place in Ohrid (focus-news.net, BG, 27/5).

- focus-news.net, BG, 27/5, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1787506>

### EU invites Turkey to Brussels, to resume accession negotiations

EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle was scheduled to meet Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu on Monday. During their working breakfast, on the sidelines of the EU-Turkey Association Council, Füle is expected to raise the issue of a Cyprus solution. The EU wishes for a solution to be reached prior to the 2014 European Elections (ANT-1-TV-Cyprus, CY, 25/5). After years of a standstill of the accession negotiations with Turkey, the EU is planning to push for the opening of additional chapters to start soon (Kurier, AT, 27/5). Supporters say the process would increase the EU's influence in the Middle East and improve energy security, connecting Europe with the Caspian Sea (ziare.com, RO, 25/5).

- ANT-1-TV-Cyprus, CY, 25/5, (link not available)
- Kurier, AT, 27/5, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130525/mi/item\\_157908880.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130525/mi/item_157908880.pdf)
- ziare.com, RO, 25/5, <http://www.ziare.com/international/turcia/ue-pofteste-turcia-la-bruxelles-pentru-reinceperea-negocierilor-de-aderare-1237134>

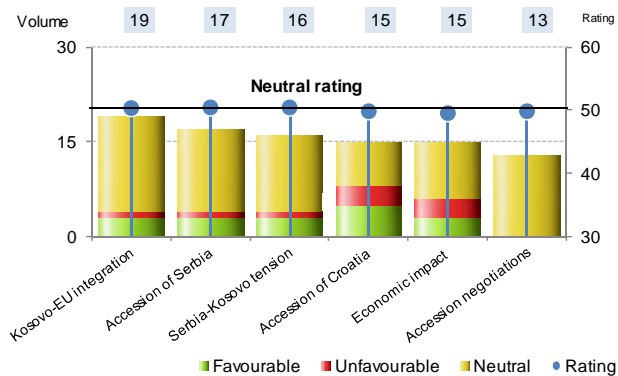
### Bosnia and Herzegovina still some distance from the EU

Bosnia and Herzegovina is still far from fulfilling the necessary conditions for the establishment of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the European Union. *"To change this there needs to be a stronger commitment and willingness by political elite to unite under a common vision on the overall direction of the country"*, said rapporteur Doris Pack adding that *"for the benefit of citizens this cancerous corruption should be fought with even greater vigour"* (elzoni.gr, EL, 25/5).

- elzoni.gr, EL, 25/5, <http://www.elzoni.gr/html/ent/768/ent.34768.asp>

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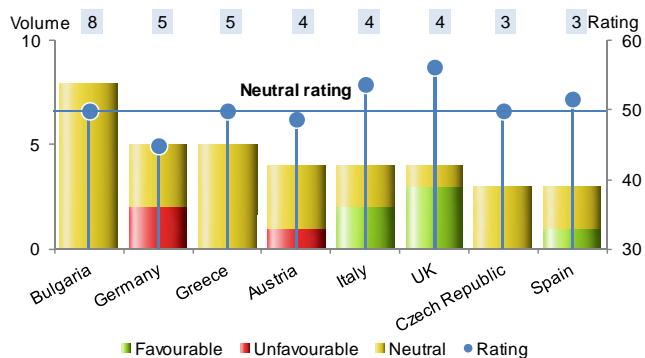
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