

## Key Quotes

The British Foreign Secretary, William Hague, said: **"The UK remains a strong supporter of enlargement of the EU to include all countries in the Western Balkans. Since I was last in Belgrade in October 2012, Serbia has made significant progress in normalising its relations with Kosovo and coming closer to meeting the European Council's criteria. This was shown most clearly by the historic agreement with Kosovo, reached on 19 April"** (Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK, 30/5)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-urges-serbia-to-continue-its-eu-progress>

Rachida Dati, MEP, said: **"We must stop the enlargement, it went too fast, too far. I support the idea of refusing any further enlargement for five years, once Croatia has made its entry"** (Le Parisien, France, 30/5)

<http://www.leparisien.fr/flash-actualite-politique/ue-cope-denonce-les-rodontades-et-effets-de-manche-de-hollande-30-05-2013-2850569.php>

## Summary

### President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia cancels regional summit

The President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Gjorge Ivanov, has cancelled a summit of the South-East Europe Cooperation Process after Albania and Croatia announced they would not attend in protest at Kosovo's exclusion. Kosovo President Atifete Jahjaga publicly complained about being left out due to opposition from Serbia and other countries that don't recognise Priština's independence. Kosovo has never been invited to the gatherings because five of the group's member states - Serbia, Greece, Romania, Moldova, and Bosnia and Herzegovina - don't recognise Kosovo's 2008 unilateral declaration of independence. Jahjaga had expected an invitation this year after Priština and Belgrade reached a landmark Brussels-brokered agreement last month aimed at normalising ties (rferl.org, CZ, 29/5).

"Challenges are resolved through a dialogue, not by a boycott. Our intention was... to bring all the leaders from the region to the same table," Ivanov said (focus-fen.net, BG, 29/5).

- rferl.org, CZ, 29/5, <http://www.rferl.org/content/balkan-summit-cancel-kosovo-macedonia/25001274.html>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 29/5, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n307542>

### Serbia categorically rules out the creation of a separate state inside northern Kosovo

Serbia's Prime Minister Ivica Dačić on Wednesday categorically ruled out the creation of a separate Serb state inside northern Kosovo and pledged instead to implement an historic deal to normalise ties between Belgrade and Priština. At a hearing of the European Parliament's foreign affairs committee, Dačić reiterated his government's intention to stand by a deal brokered by the EU that has angered many of the 40,000 ethnic Serbs resident in northern Kosovo. Like Belgrade, they continue to refuse to recognise Kosovo's breakaway from Serbia in 2008. "Serbia has not recognised the independence" of its former province, Dačić told the committee, "but is aware of the realities on the ground." Dačić said Serbia was committed to implementing the deal as a way forward to becoming a member of the European Union. "There is no room for any (doubt) about this" he said (eubusiness.com, UK, 29/5).

- eubusiness.com, UK, 29/5, <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/serbia-kosovo.ouy>

### Celebrations in Croatian but transitional period for Croatian workers in Slovenia

Croatia is preparing lavish celebrations to mark its historic entry in the European Union on July 1, but tough economic times mean that many here are wary of cracking open the champagne too soon. Like many other eastern Europeans, Croatians embraced the idea of joining the EU as a way to anchor themselves to the West after years of being ruled from Belgrade and the bloodshed of the Balkan wars (eubusiness.com, UK, 30/5). However, the Slovenian government is expected to adopt today a bill enforcing a transitional period for Croatian workers after Croatia joins the EU on 1 July. The bill envisages a two-year period during which Croatian citizens would be treated as citizens of non-member states (sta.si, SI, 30/5).

- sta.si, SI, 30/5, <http://sta.si/en/vest.php?s=a&id=1891197>
- eubusiness.com, UK, 30/5, <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/croatia-enlarge.ov3>

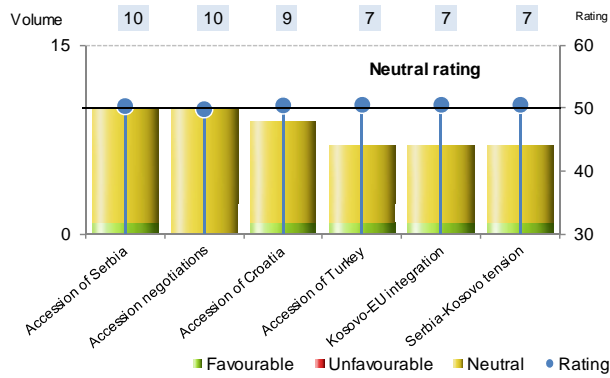
### Energy resources in Cyprus

When asked to comment on Turkish grievances regarding the current process of the exploitation of energy resources in Cyprus, Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger replied that the natural gas deposits in Cyprus are not Turkish. Mr Oettinger added that the EU has good intentions towards Turkey and he appeared certain that they will continue on a pragmatic basis, as Turkey could profit from the transport of the resources from Cyprus (Naftemporik, GR, 30/5).

- Naftemporik, GR, 30/5, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130530/mi/item\\_158211995.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130530/mi/item_158211995.pdf)

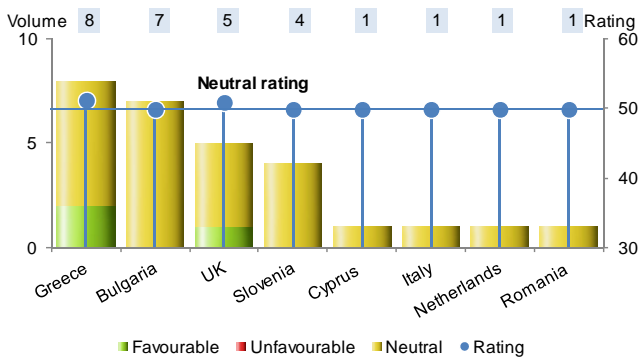
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