

## Key Quotes

Serbia and Kosovo have made progress in EU-brokered normalization talks on Sunday, European Union chief diplomat Catherine Ashton said. **"Regarding the November municipal elections, we reviewed progress made and took some important decisions to ensure fair elections with the fullest possible participation in the electoral process,"** Ashton added ([europeonline-magazine.eu](http://europeonline-magazine.eu), DE, 9/9) [http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/lead-serbia-kosovo-move-forward-in-normalization-process-eu-says\\_296327.html](http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/lead-serbia-kosovo-move-forward-in-normalization-process-eu-says_296327.html)

## Summary

### Serbian advisor

The former Austrian chancellor Alfred Gusenbauer has accepted the invitation to be an adviser to the Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Aleksander Vučić. According to reports he will help Vučić in presenting the government's reforms and achievements to the world and lobby for support among the EU member states. *"It is necessary to treat Serbia with respect. Serbia should meet the criteria, but it is not fair that Belgrade is always offered stick and carrot – membership"* said Gusenbauer recently ([focus-fen.net](http://focus-fen.net), BG, 5/9)

- [focus-fen.net](http://focus-fen.net), BG, 5/9, <http://focus-fen.net/?id=n314352>

### Kosovo, 102 lists for local elections

The EU's top diplomat, High Representative for Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton, welcomed the positive steps made by Kosovo and Serbia ahead of municipal elections to be held in Kosovo on November 3. She said that in particular she welcomed *"the decisions of the Central Electoral Commission and the registration throughout Kosovo of many parties and entities. These are good steps going forward for ensuring fair elections with participation from all the communities in Kosovo"* ([blog.albionalliance.org.uk](http://blog.albionalliance.org.uk), 6/9). The Serb representatives will run in the upcoming municipal elections in Kosovo. They have presented the certification required by the Central Election Commission in Kosovo ([atlasweb.it](http://atlasweb.it), 6/9). The French European Minister, Thierry Repentin, said that removing the logo takes into account the interests of all citizens ([osservatorioitaliano.org](http://osservatorioitaliano.org), IT, 5/9).

- [blog.albionalliance.org.uk](http://blog.albionalliance.org.uk), 6/9, <http://blog.albionalliance.org.uk/2013/09/ashton-welcomes-kosovo-election-progress/>
- [atlasweb.it](http://atlasweb.it), 6/9, <http://atlasweb.it/2013/09/06/kosovo-la-comunita-serba-si-presenta-alle-elezioni-municipali-579.html>
- [osservatorioitaliano.org](http://osservatorioitaliano.org), IT, 5/9, <http://www.osservatorioitaliano.org/read/114298/kosovo-repentin-la-rimozione-del-logo-tiene-conto-dellinteresse-dei-cittadini>

### Name dispute

Pessimism has gripped Greece before the visit of the UN mediator for the Greek-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia name dispute, Matthew Nimetz. It is expected that at the meeting on Monday the Greek authorities will insist on their red lines. Nimetz's latest proposal is reportedly unacceptable for Greece. The Greek media comment that the question now is whether Nimetz will be patient enough to wait for the Greek economy to stabilize or will he insist that the government should work to solve the issue ([focus-news.net](http://focus-news.net), BG, 6/9)

- [focus-news.net](http://focus-news.net), BG, 6/9, <http://www.focus-news.net/?id=n1823523>

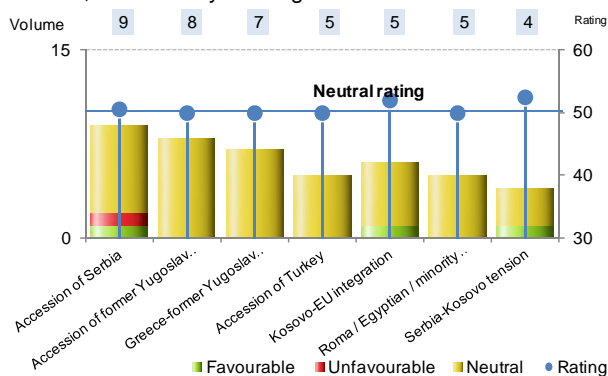
### Transatlantic free deal and Turkey

A transatlantic free trade deal currently being negotiated between the European Union and the United States could cause the Turkish economy to lose \$20 billion if Turkey is left out of a final agreement, an analysis prepared by the Brookings Institute and TÜSİAD has shown. The EU and the US. kicked off the talks to initiate a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in July. Since the potential partnership would force Turkey to open up its market to export goods from the US without being granted reciprocal preferential access for Turkish goods, the Turkish government and business leaders have been advocating that Ankara be included as well ([balkans.com](http://balkans.com), CY, 5/9).

- [balkans.com](http://balkans.com), CY, 5/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=181395>

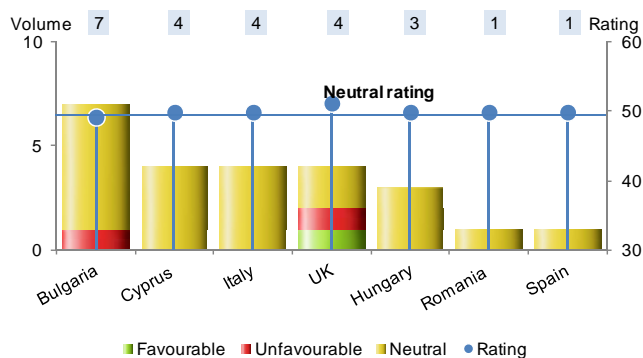
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**ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
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ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Matthew Nimetz (Special Representative for the naming dispute between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, UN)	5
Slavka Drašković (Director of the Government Office for Cooperation with the Diaspora, Serbia)	3
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	2
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	2

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