

Key Quotes

Turkey will probably never become a member of the European Union because of stiff opposition and "**prejudiced**" attitudes from current members, Egemen Bağış, minister for European Union affairs, has admitted. Turkey would, he said, probably end up with a similar status as Norway in relation to the EU. "**In the long run I think Turkey will end up like Norway. We will be at European standards, very closely aligned but not as a member,**" he said, adding that his prediction would only change unless attitudes changed towards his country, which would be the first Muslim nation to join the bloc (The Daily Telegraph, UK, 21/9).

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/turkey/10325218/Turkey-will-probably-never-be-EU-member.html>

Summary

Condemnation of Kosovo killing

The EU will review the security measures of its mission in Kosovo after the death of one of its staff: "*This attack is directed against the standards we try to provide,*" said the EU representative in Kosovo (lavozlibre.com, ES, 19/9). Bernd Borchardt, head of Eulex, condemned the incident as "*an act of cowardly violence against our members of staff*". The Vice Premier of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, said that this was an act committed directly against his country and its attempts to move closer towards the EU. He stated that Serbia would do anything to help investigating this crime. Despite the tragedy of this incident, Eulex and the EU will continue preparations for the upcoming local elections (Deutschlandfunk, DE, 19/9). The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Catherine Ashton, strongly condemned the attack against the EU mission for the implementation of law in Kosovo (Eulex), during which a member of Eulex staff lost his life. The head of the Serbian parliamentary commission for Kosovo, Milovan Drecun, stated that the incident was a premeditated attack and aimed at destabilising the situation in northern Kosovo and the local elections (Naftemporiki, EL, 20/9). Serbian Prime Minister, Ivica Dačić, condemned the attack. "*This shooting is not only against EULEX, but against the future of the Serbian people in Kosovo,*" he said (lemonde.fr, FR, 19/9). Kosovo Prime Minister, Hashim Taçi, described the attack as horrible and shameful (Standart-Daily, BG, 20/9).

- lavozlibre.com, ES, 19/9, <http://www.lavozlibre.com/noticias/ampliar/810526/la-ue-revisara-las-medidas-de-seguridad-de-su-mision-en-kosovo-tras-la-muerte-de-uno-de-sus-efectivos>
- Deutschlandfunk, DE, 19/9, [link not available]
- Naftemporiki, EL, 20/9, http://193.178.140.110/elivery/20130920/mi/item_169735655.pdf
- lemonde.fr, FR, 19/9, [link not available]
- Standart-Daily, BG, 20/9, [link not available]

Shadow of war still above Serbia's journey to EU

In his commentary in Lidové Noviny (CZ, 20/9), Luboš Palata analyses Serbia's way to the European Union. He argues that even though Serbia wants to become part of the EU and has made significant progress fulfilling conditions for initiating accession talks, the recent attack on EU policemen in Kosovo has shown that the situation is still not easy. Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Kohout is also quoted as promising Serbia full support on its way to EU membership.

- Lidové Noviny, CZ, 20/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20130920/mi/item_169726814.pdf

Cyprus problem

Political parties in Cyprus reacted to Commission President Barroso's call for a speedy solution to the Cyprus problem and the need to reach compromises. The movement for Social Democracy, EDEK, noted that equating the victim (occupied Cyprus) with the perpetrator (Turkish invader) does not constitute a positive contribution to the Cyprus problem. EDEK calls on Barroso to tackle Turkey which violates the European and international law, in order to make it adhere to its obligations towards Cyprus and have a European future (Phileleftheros, CY, 20/9).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 20/9, [link not available]

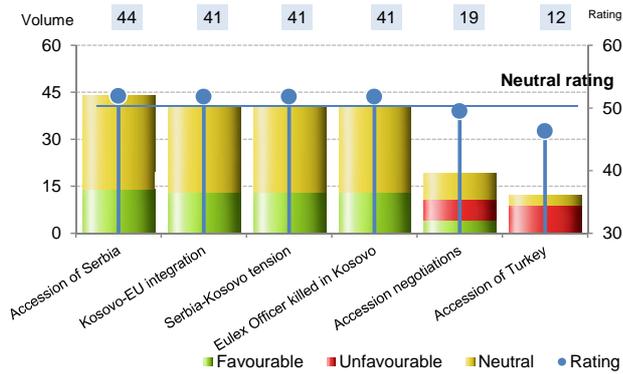
Yugoslavia resurrected in EU while Bulgaria watches

Sega daily (BG, 20/9) published an overview of experiences surrounding the former Yugoslav republics and their inclusion in the EU. According to the daily, the republics will form a separate group that will be driven by their common interest to coordinate their policies within the EU. The French patronage of the group will increase France's own authority in the EU and help France find new markets within the EU. During that time, an unhappy Bulgaria will look from a distance as the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia returns to the Serbian orbit of influence.

- Sega daily, BG, 20/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20130920/mi/item_169739598.pdf

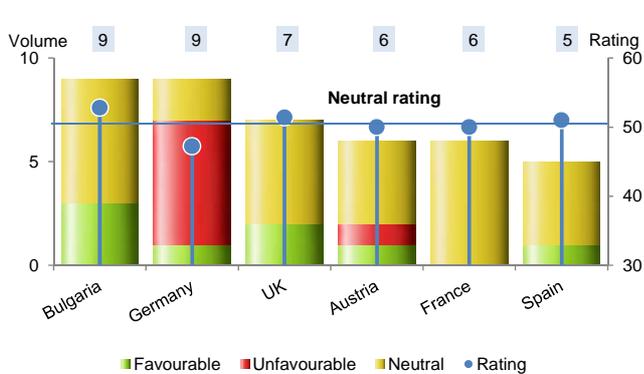
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Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	5
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