

Key Quotes

Turks are entertaining ever-diminishing beliefs that their country will one day join the European Union, a recent poll has indicated, citing the financial crisis in the 17-nation eurozone and the reluctance of European leaders. As the daily Hurriyet reports, according to a poll conducted by the German-Turkish Foundation for Education and Scientific Research (TAVAK), around 74% of Turkish people do not believe the country will acquire EU membership. The percentage of people who say **"Turkey will become an EU member"** witnessed a steep fall in 2012, decreasing from 34.8% to 17% in just a year (Ansamed, IT, 8/10).

<http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2013/10/08/Turkey-poll-74-people-lost-hopes-join-EU-9427375.html>

In order to receive a date for the start of EU accession negotiations, the Macedonia [SIC] should establish a **"media culture"**, according to a Macedonian [SIC] newspaper publications, cited by BTA news agency on Tuesday, October 8th. EC will outline its requirement for **"media culture"** establishment in Macedonia [SIC] in its incoming Autumn Report on the latest progress of Macedonia [SIC] in its EU accession process (Novinite, BG, 8/10).

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/154371/EC+Urques+Macedonia+to+Establish+%27Media+Culture%27>

Summary

Serbia delays spending cut news while prime minister travels

Last week, powerful Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić, who heads the Serbian Progressive Party, had said spending cuts would be announced on Monday. The government instead announced it will hold a session open to the public on Tuesday, a rare move that can be seen as a demonstration of unity (newsrt.co.uk, UK, 7/10). Serbia's government had delayed detailing painful spending cuts for a day while the country's prime minister visited Brussels on Monday to tackle a problem over Kosovo that could impede talks on eventual EU entry. Dačić travelled to Brussels to meet the European Union's foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Kosovo officials to solve the deadlock which developed last week after authorities in the former Serbian province denied him permission to visit (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 7/10).

- newsrt.co.uk, UK, 7/10, <http://www.newsrt.co.uk/news/serbia-delays-spending-cut-news-while-prime-minister-travels-2085558.html>
- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 7/10, <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/serbia-delays-spending-cut-news-while-prime-minister-145346454-business.html#0m3y3zE>

Serbia, Kosovo settle row over election campaign

Serbia and Kosovo have reached a deal to allow politicians from Belgrade to enter Kosovo to campaign ahead of local elections there next month. The deal was announced late Monday after talks in Brussels between the prime ministers of Serbia and Kosovo and mediated by the European Union. The agreement comes a week after Serb Prime Minister Ivica Dačić was denied entry to Kosovo by its mainly ethnic Albanian authorities. Pristina said such a visit would *"interfere"* with the poll. *"We have agreed to establish a mechanism which would allow Serbian officials to visit Kosovo without problems"*, Dačić said after the talks with Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi. Following the talks, Thaçi told Kosovo TV that *"Kosovo will respect the accord on the freedom of movement without discrimination"*, adding *"If there are requests from the Serbian side in accordance with the procedure in force, it will be treated in an adequate manner"*. Some 40,000 Serbs live in northern Kosovo along the border with Serbia, but refuse to recognize Pristina authorities (rferl.org, CZ, 8/10). EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton's spokesperson, Maja Kocijancic, said the meeting was *"important and useful"* (eldiario.es, ES, 8/10). However Kosovo Foreign Minister, Enver Hoxhaj, said the ban will remain in effect until the election. *"This will not change, regardless of the pressure Serbia might exert on Brussels"* he said. (Nepszava, HU, 8/10).

- rferl.org, CZ, 8/10, <http://www.rferl.org/content/serbia-kosovo-/25129745.html>
- eldiario.es, ES, 8/10, http://www.eldiario.es/politica/Serbia-Kosovo-solucion-disputa-electoral_0_183731799.html
- Nepszava, HU, 8/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131008/mi/item_171828728.pdf

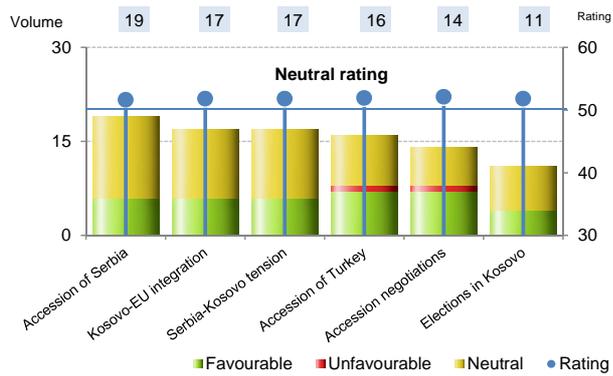
Opening chapters for Turkey

Spokesperson for EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle, Peter Stano, stated that member states will decide at the General Affairs Council on 22 October if the Regional Policy accession chapter for Turkey will be opened. Responding to a question, Stano said that member states decide on the opening of accession chapters. The Commission's annual progress report on Turkey is expected to be issued on 16 October (Phileleftheros, CY, 8/10). However a European Commission official told the Maritime Cyprus Conference that no negotiating chapters will open unless Turkey implements the Ankara Protocol and lifts all restrictions on Cypriot aviation and shipping. Turkey, a candidate for EU accession, signed the Ankara Protocol in 2005, a document providing for the lifting of trade restrictions to all EU member-states but has failed to implement it ever since (ansamed.info, IT, 8/10).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 8/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131008/mi/item_171827540.pdf
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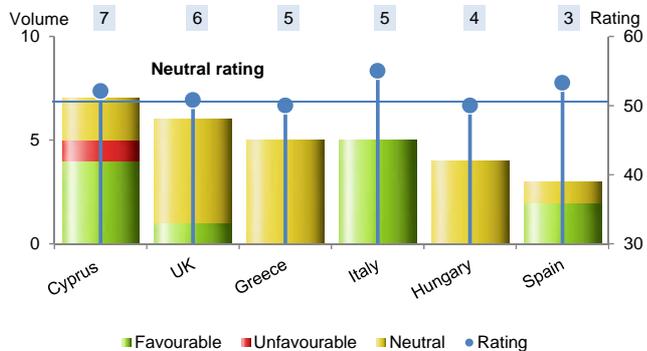
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| Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo) | 12 |
| Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC) | 6 |
| Peter Stano (Spokesperson Enlargement, EC) | 6 |

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