

## Key Quotes

A press conference has been called for midday on October 10th in Brussels. It will reveal whether Bosnia's leaders have finally, after almost four years of deadlock, made a crucial breakthrough that will enable their country to resume its stalled bid to join the European Union. A new report from the European Stability Initiative (ESI) argues that **"The summit on 10 October in Brussels should be the last of its kind. The best case outcome would be that Bosnia's leaders agree to a solution. However, if they do not, the EU should rethink its current policy and demand that Bosnia and Herzegovina implements this decision as part of wider constitutional reforms that it will undertake during the accession process itself. It should not be a precondition. Making it one was a mistake"** (The Economist, UK, 9/10).

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/easternapproaches/2013/10/bosnia?src=rss>

## Summary

### Serbia and Kosovo agreed regarding the election campaign

Ivica Dačić and Hashim Thaçi renewed dialogue in Brussels on Monday. Dačić said *"We have agreed to establish a mechanism which would allow Serbian officials to visit Kosovo without problems"* (Duma-Daily, BG, 9/10). The procedure for the entry of Serbian state officials to Kosovo remains almost unchanged, Večer reports. A request by Serbian civil servants is made through the Belgrade and Pristina offices of the EU and is delivered to the Kosovo government, the decision then follows the same path back. The new element is that EULEX will help officials in Pristina with the decision-making. In the north of Kosovo, no limits will apply for Serbian officials. The mechanism which Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dačić discussed with his Kosovar counterpart Hashim Thaçi and EU High Representative Catherine Ashton could enable the First Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić to visit Kosovo in the pre-election fight as head of the SNS (Vecer, SI, 9/10). The European Union, which Serbia hopes to join, stresses the need for *"fair electoral process"* to promote the normalization of relationship-between the two countries. The EU is expected to send a team of observers to monitor the elections (curierulnational.ro, RO, 8/10).

- Duma-Daily, BG, 9/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131009/mi/item\\_171949411.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131009/mi/item_171949411.pdf)
- Vecer, SI, 9/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131009/mi/item\\_171949966.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131009/mi/item_171949966.pdf)
- curierulnational.ro, RO, 8/10, [link not available]

### Rolling out the carpet for Ankara

The European Commission, and specifically Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle, are rolling out the carpet for the opening of negotiation chapters in Turkey's EU accession talks. According to a draft report on Turkey's EU accession path obtained by Phileleftheros (CY, 9/10), the Commission attempts to lift any blame from Turkey in relation to the Cyprus issue by arguing that it is spearheading the restart of the Cyprus talks. The report also avoids reference to the 8 chapters frozen by the Council and attempts to interpret the ECHR decision on the operation of the Immovable Property Committee in the non-government controlled areas. However 74% of Turks believe that their country will never join the European Union (ideal.es, ES, 8/10).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 9/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131009/mi/item\\_171951246.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131009/mi/item_171951246.pdf)
- ideal.es, ES, 8/10, [http://www.ideal.es/granada/rc/20131008/internacional/turcos-entrada-201310081249.html?utm\\_source=ideal.es&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_content=ultima-rss&utm\\_campaign=traffic-rss](http://www.ideal.es/granada/rc/20131008/internacional/turcos-entrada-201310081249.html?utm_source=ideal.es&utm_medium=rss&utm_content=ultima-rss&utm_campaign=traffic-rss)

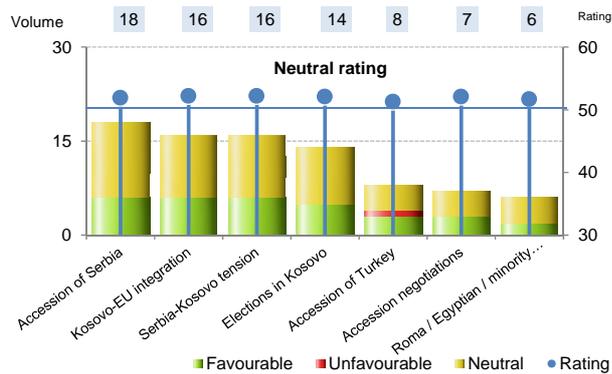
### Enlargement and Agenda 2014

Despite all statements about the enlargement of the European Union (EU) made over so many years and Agenda 2014, which was expected to mark the 100th anniversary of the WWI, these issues do not find place among Greece's priorities, Dnevnik from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia writes. Boosting the economic growth, unemployment and migration issues, border management and strengthening the European securities – these are the priority issues in the programme of the Greek EU Presidency (focus-fen.net, BG, 8/10).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 8/10, <http://focus-fen.net/?id=n316386>

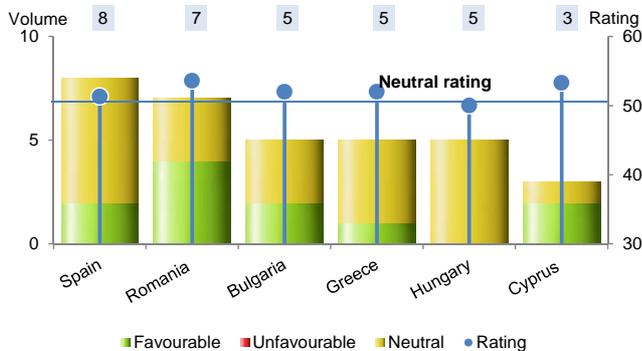
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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	13
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	13

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