



Key Quotes

Papoulias: **"Everything so far has shown that Turkey did not want a solution on Cyprus"**. The President of Greece, Karolos Papoulias, added: **"Well, the European Union not only as a supplement, but as support to an EU member state must now engage in finding a solution, because we all talk about the solution, which may not come from heaven but is between humans and states"** (Protothema. gr, GR, 11/10). <http://www.protothema.gr/politics/article/318546/papoulias-ta-pada-mehri-tora-edeixan-oti-i-tourkia-den-ithele-lusi-tou-kupriakou/>

Summary

EU to cut funding to BiH as constitutional row blocks its EU path

EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle and several Bosnian leaders have failed to resolve the political deadlock, with Sarajevo now facing a loss of EU funding. The two sides met in Brussels on October 10, one week after a similar meeting fell short of tackling the issue of discrimination against national minorities in Bosnia's election processes, or the establishment of a single mechanism within the country to coordinate relations with the EU. Brussels has now announced it will launch a procedure to reduce the EU funding that Bosnia-Herzegovina would receive in 2013 by 54 percent (rferl.org, CZ, 10/10). Füle said the EU would launch a legal procedure to cut Bosnia's pre-accession funding by 47 million euros, or more than half, in 2013 - although the procedure could be stopped if a constitutional solution was found soon. The failure to make progress has dashed hopes that Bosnia would receive a favourable annual progress report from the European Commission that could have opened the way for the Balkan country to apply to become an EU member (uk.reuters.com, UK, 10/10).

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Progress report on Turkey

On Wednesday, October 16, Štefan Füle, Commissioner for Enlargement, will publish its progress report on Turkey. Its goal is not to further complicate the resumption of negotiations with the EU and Ankara but to open a new chapter blocked for months – the one on regional policy. *"The duty of all of us, European Union members as much as those countries that wish to become one, is to aspire to the highest possible democratic standards and practices"* Füle said during a trip to Turkey (Le Monde, FR, 11/10). According to Phileleftheros (CY, 11/10), the European Commission aims to set the timeline for the opening of the Regional Policy accession chapter for Turkey, pre-empting the final decision to be taken by EU Foreign Ministers on 22 October in Luxembourg. In the draft progress report for Turkey, the Commission mentions that negotiations on this chapter will begin in autumn, with the EU and the Lithuanian EU Presidency seemingly having provided dates to Turkey for the convention of the Intergovernmental meeting, possibly on 5 November. However in theregister.co.uk, (UK, 11/10) it was also reported that Turkey has taken a great step forward towards not joining the European Union after government intervention saw an asset-rich female TV presenter sacked for baring too much of her décolletage. A government source, Hüseyin Çelik, attempted to backtrack on Twitter, where he defended: *"I never named a show or a person. It was the media who alleged the names"*. Also in Turkey, Kurdish militants are considering whether to maintain their ceasefire after saying Turkish political reforms aimed at bolstering democracy had failed to address their grievances (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 10/10).

- Le Monde, FR, 11/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131011/mi/item_172150025.pdf
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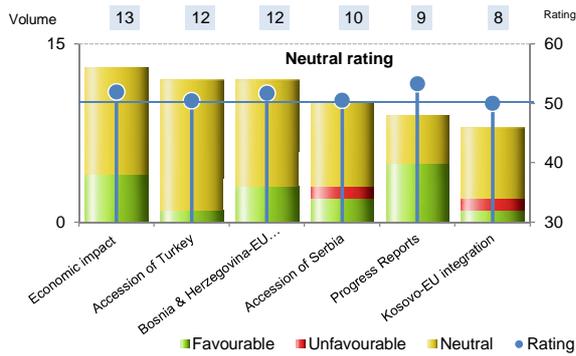
EU highlights major problems in Kosovo

Concerns about Kosovo remain within the EU in the field of corruption and organized crime, human trafficking, political influence in judiciary, police and media. This was reported by the newspaper "Koha Ditore" on Thursday, citing the annual progress report of the European Commission (Presse-Austria, AT, 11/10).

- Presse-Austria, AT, 11/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131011/mi/item_172235871.pdf

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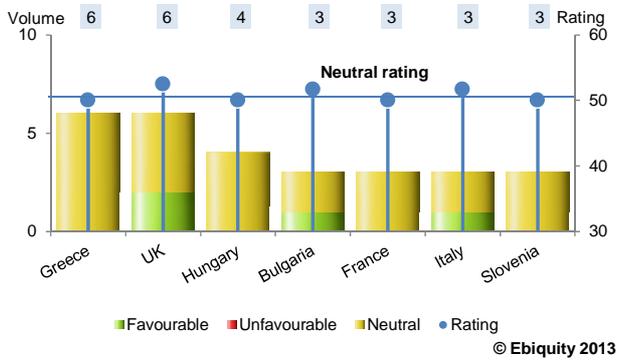


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| Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey) | 8 |
| Nicolas Sarkozy (former French President) | 4 |
| Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia) | 3 |
| Arnaud Montebourg (Minister of Industrial Renewal, France) | 3 |
| Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia) | 2 |

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