

Key Quotes

EU urges Turkey to respect diversity after dorm row. **"More democracy in Turkey means more respect and recognition of diversity of Turkish society. It also means more respect for private choices and life styles of the citizens,"** EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle told reporters in Ankara at the end of a two-day visit. He said the outcome of the current debate was **"very important"**, adding, **"I hope it is going to be ended in a way which respects the rule of law in Turkey, which respects private choices ... and also respects the views of those who might have the legitimate concerns here and there"** (eubusiness.com, UK, 8/11)

<http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/enlarge-turkey.rch/>

Summary

Serbia and Kosovo condemn the violence of the election and pledge to continue peace agreement

Serbian premier Ivica Dačić urged ethnic Serbs to turn out in numbers for the re-run and to peacefully cast their votes. *"Nobody can expect (Serbia's) seven million people to sacrifice 20,000 or so in Mitrovica"*. His Kosovan opposite number, Hashim Thaçi, said the elections had been *"an important European test for Kosovo, and we have successfully passed"*. (dw.de, DE, 7/11). If the Serbs do not attend the repeated elections in Kosovska Mitrovica in sufficient numbers, the mayor of the planned centre of the community of Serbian municipalities will be Albanian. Although Albanians represent only 10% of the population in the area concerned, they can win the election, if the extremists who are against the implementation of the Brussels agreement, do not deviate from their objective to thwart Belgrade and Pristina, as well as Brussels (Delo, SI, 8/11).

- dw.de, DE, 7/11, <http://www.dw.de/kosovos-serb-north-to-vote-again/a-17211698>
- Delo, SI, 8/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131108/mi/item_175569180.pdf

Serbia's European future

Foreign delegations to Serbia which are arriving one after the other, are making accession an obstacle course: under the new rules, any new enlargement may be submitted to a referendum in a member country. This may well not be a mere formality for a country with an image as disastrous as that of Serbia. Fifteen years after the wars that broke up the former Yugoslavia, the country remains associated with war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and with the arrogance of the regime of Slobodan Milošević (Liberation, FR, 8/11).

- Liberation, FR, 8/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20131107/mi/item_175395408.pdf

Turkish visit to Sweden

During Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's visit to Stockholm, Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt gave his full support to EU accession for Turkey. Reinfeldt highlighted that Turkey has made a lot of progress in the area of democracy. There is still a lot of resistance in the EU towards Turkey becoming a member, and Erdoğan expressed frustration about this: *"We have already done our homework, and I'm convinced that we will be able to meet the requirements posed by the EU"*, said Erdoğan during the visit. Members of the Turkish opposition demonstrated outside the parliament with, for instance writer Kurdo Baksi saying that the Turkish government refuses to fulfil their part of the peace agreement with the PKK guerrillas (SVT1-Rapport, SE, 7/11).

- SVT1-Rapport, SE, 7/11, [link not available]

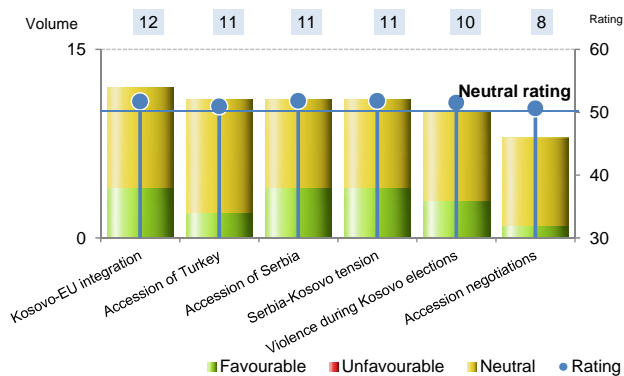
Name dispute

German Chancellor Angela Merkel set herself to grapple with the name dispute, while the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia itself is remaining silent, writes Nova Makedonija daily. The newspaper comments that there is a hazy atmosphere in Skopje after leader of the Democratic Union for Integration (DUI), Ali Ahmeti, became the leading spokesperson of the talks over the search for a solution to the name dispute (focus-fen.net, BG, 7/11). It would be good if Germany could be informed in detail about the course and content of the name issue process said the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. According to the him, German interest will lead to an evaluation of the rightness and constructiveness of the stand of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (focus-fen.net, BG, 8/11).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 7/11, <http://focus-fen.net/?id=n318402>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 8/11, <http://focus-fen.net/?id=n318445>

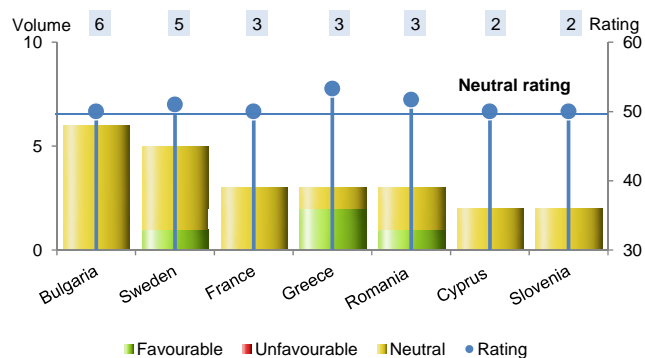
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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	9
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	9
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	8
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	8
Carl Bildt (Foreign Minister, Sweden)	8

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