



Key Quotes

Kosovo has had the ultimate status update on Facebook - it has been recognised as a distinct region by the social network, after a sustained campaign by thousands of volunteer **"digital diplomats"**. Petrit Selimi, a deputy minister in Kosovo's Foreign Affairs Ministry, says he is **"ecstatic"** over Facebook's move. It represents the culmination of **"a major part of the diplomatic efforts of a young republic"**, he says (BBC Online, UK, 26/11)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-25101197>

David Cameron sets out more benefit restrictions on EU migrants. Cameron also said he would like the EU to tackle long term how it prevented **"fresh surges of immigration in future when countries join the EU"**. The big concern is Turkey. He said: **"One would be to require a new country to reach a certain share of average EU GDP per head before full free movement was allowed. Individual member states could be freed to impose a cap if their inflow from the EU reached a certain number in a single year,"** he said. (The Guardian, UK, 27/11)

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/nov/27/david-cameron-benefit-restrictions-eu-migrants>

Turkey lectured on the repression of demonstrations in June. Nils Muiznieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, said: **"The police's handling of demonstrations in Turkey exposes once again the long-standing, serious human rights problem of the misconduct of law enforcement officials in the country". "It is time for the Turkish police to improve their record of compliance with human rights standards,"** added Muiznieks (Le Monde, FR, 26/11).

http://www.lemonde.fr/europe/article/2013/11/26/la-turquie-sermonnee-sur-la-repression-des-manifestations-de-juin_3520516_3214.html

Summary

Albanian accession

Albanian PM, Edi Rama had a meeting with the Austrian president, Heinz Fischer. An important moment of this meeting was the European integration of Albania, a process for which president Fischer offered the support of Austria. Speaking about the situation in the region, premier Rama said that **"2014 will be the first year of full peace in the Balkans"**. He underlined that **"this new moment for the region must be exploited to strengthen economic cooperation between the countries and to accelerate EU integrating processes"** (news.pathfinder.gr, EL, 26/11).

· news.pathfinder.gr, EL, 26/11, <http://news.pathfinder.gr/world/948704.html>

Is the Kremlin determined to tear Belgrade from the EU

The Serbian section of the "South Stream" natural gas pipeline will be of vital importance for Serbia; it will strengthen its regional position and provide new jobs, prime minister Ivica Dačić told Associated Press. The construction of the pipeline in Serbia started on Sunday. The Russian company Gazprom has invested \$2.7 billion in Serbian pipeline section, which bypasses the Ukraine and ensures gas transport to Europe. Russia was not opposed to the accession process of Serbia to European Union, but **"Western powers"** have shifted Serbia closer to Russia, Dačić said in the interview. Nevertheless, the Prime Minister explained, the **"traditionally close"** relations between Russia and Serbia would not influence Serbian aspiration to join EU. **"Those who criticise Serbia due to its close relations and partnership with Russia should ask themselves why they did not offer Serbia such relations"**, Dačić said alluding to Western leaders adding **"I keep saying to the West that Serbia needs strategic partner in the West. But they are not interested at all"** (balkaneu.com, EL, 25/11).

· balkaneu.com, EL, 25/11, <http://www.balkaneu.com/west-shifted-serbia-russia/>

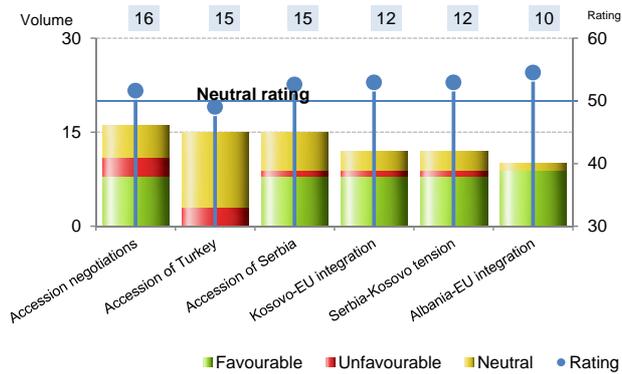
Belgrade wants Putin instead of the European Union?

The Serbs apparently prefer an alliance with Russia rather than integration in the EU, and Vladimir Putin is the most popular foreign politician in the country. This is what has emerged from a survey released by the media. In recent days, Prime Minister Ivica Dačić reiterated that Serbia will never give its consent to entry of Kosovo in the United Nations saying **"We will never recognize an independent Kosovo, and will therefore never agree to Kosovo's membership in the United Nations"** (money.bg, BG, 26/11).

· money.bg, BG, 26/11, http://money.bg/news/id_1716725392

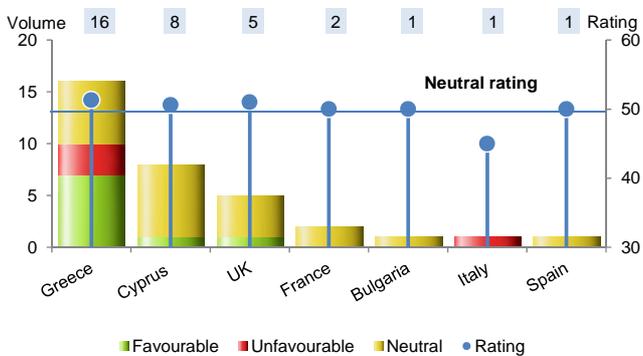
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Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	4
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	3
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