



Key Quotes

Erdoğan tells Turkish ambassadors to spread word of **'treacherous'** plot. EU enlargement commissioner Štefan Füle told Turkey's new EU minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu in their first meeting this week that any changes to the judiciary must not call into question Turkey's commitment to meeting EU membership criteria. Erdoğan rejected such concerns. **"I'm sorry but we won't be taken in by evaluation like 'this is contrary to the European Union acquis'. We know how to read and write. We can see what is going on,"** he said (reuters.uk, UK, 15/1).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/01/15/uk-turkey-corruption-idUKBREAOE15220140115>

Summary

2014 will give new impetus to EU enlargement

Kristian Vigenin, Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, writes in novinite.com (BG, 14/1) that the launch of the accession negotiations with Serbia and the gradual normalization of the relations with Kosovo are a good sign for the whole region, serving as an affirmation of the motivational impact of the European perspective. We expect the countries whose progress towards the EU is still insufficient to demonstrate the necessary determination, courage and political responsibility and to take the appropriate steps for the faster expansion of the zone of peace, stability and prosperity to the whole region of the Western Balkans.

- novinite.com, BG, 14/1, <http://www.novinite.com/articles/157234/What+Bulgaria+Expects+for+Itself+and+the+European+Union+in+2014>

Štefan Füle meeting with Turkish EU Minister

European Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle met with the Turkish Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu in Strasbourg on January 15. Both politicians praised the usefulness of the EU-Turkey accession negotiations. However, the Commissioner expressed the worries of the Union regarding the latest Turkish judiciary reforms (neurope.eu, BE, 15/1).

- neurope.eu, BE, 15/1, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/f%C3%BCle-eu-concerned-about-turkish-judiciary-reform>

Recognition of Kosovo by FIFA

World soccer's governing body has announced that Kosovo will be allowed to play friendly matches against FIFA member states at the club and international levels. FIFA said in an announcement on its website on January 14 that some restrictions apply, such as a prohibition against Kosovo playing matches against clubs and teams from countries of the former Yugoslavia and a requirement that Kosovar teams cannot display national symbols or play national anthems at games (rferl.org, CZ, 14/1).

- rferl.org, CZ, 14/1, <http://www.rferl.org/content/fifa-kosovo-football-friendly-soccer-serbia/25229732.html>

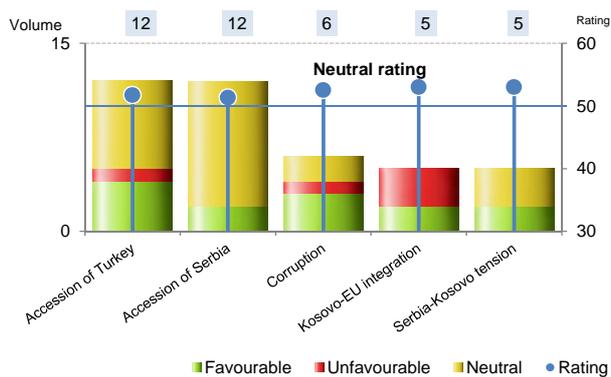
Prime Minister of Serbia in Kosovo for a visit to Gracanica

Mr Ivica Dačić spoke to the media following a visit in the monastery of Gracanica, announcing that dialogue with his counterpart, Hashim Thaçi will resume in Brussels on January 27. The Serb Prime Minister has talked about the agreements reached in Brussels and stopped on the official symbols. Mr Dačić said that the two prime ministers had agreed in Brussels not to use symbols of Kosovo during the electoral process and the inauguration of councillors and mayors. As far as the agreements reached in Brussels are concerned, Mr Dačić said that there was no other solution, but according to him, solutions are never ideal. *"In Brussels, we've agreed not to have symbols of Kosovo in the inauguration ceremonies, because dialogue is neutral. We don't recognize Kosovo and will never recognize it"*, said the Serb prime minister (balkaneu.com, EL, 14/1).

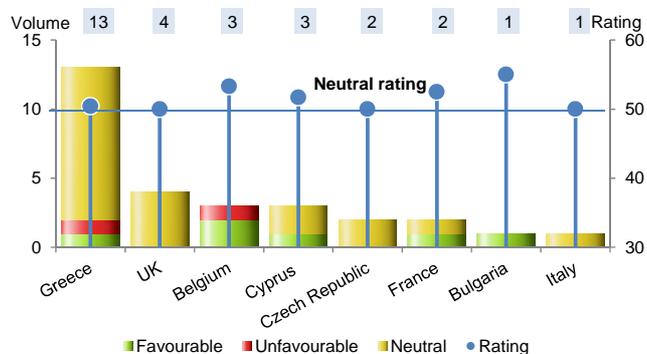
- balkaneu.com, EL, 14/1, <http://www.balkaneu.com/dacic-kosovo-future/>

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