



Key Quotes

Serbia will meet all conditions for accession in the EU "*Prime Minister Ivica Dačić expressed his conviction that by 2018 Serbia will meet all conditions for accession in the EU and that it will become a full member by 2020. Speaking at a reception organised by the Serbian government at the Palace of Serbia in the honour of heads of diplomatic missions in our country, Dačić said that on 21 January, when the pre-accession talks with the EU start officially, Serbia will enter a new political era*" (Balkans.com, UK, 20/1).

<http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=187485>

Summary

Kosovo's government condemns the killing of a local Serb councillor

Kosovo's government called Dimitrije Janičijević's murder "*a direct attack against the will of the people of Mitrovica north and against the establishment of the rule of law and the legitimate institutions in that part of the territory of Kosovo.*" Janičijević unsuccessfully ran for mayor of the ethnic Serb northern part of Mitrovica last November, in an election marred by violence and a low voter turnout. Earlier this week, the results of that election were annulled and a new vote set for next month, after the Serb winner refused to swear allegiance to the Kosovo's ethnic Albanian authorities (sofiaglobe.com, BG, 16/1). "*This is also an attack on the dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina*" noted the leading MEP Jelko Kacin (Trouw, NL, 17/1).

- sofiaglobe.com, BG, 16/1, <http://sofiaglobe.com/2014/01/17/serb-local-councillor-shot-dead-in-northern-kosovo/>
- Trouw, NL, 17/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140117/mi/item_183729550.pdf

An internal power-struggle further dents Turkey's hopes of joining the European Union

In seeking to extirpate the enemy within, Mr Erdoğan risks wrecking Turkey's chances of joining the European Union. His visit to Brussels on January 21st, his first in three years, was meant to accelerate EU membership talks that began in October 2005, then stalled but had been briefly revived in recent months. Instead, it will be an achievement just to avoid a public bust-up with the short-fused Prime Minister. In coded warnings, senior officials say Turkey faces a make-or-break test. Until recently Mr Erdoğan would boast that Europe needed Turkey, with its dynamic economy and geostrategic role, more than Turkey needed Europe but as Mr Erdoğan's problems have multiplied, his disdain for Europe has faded. It helps that France now has a less Turkophobic president in François Hollande (economist.com, UK, 16/1).

- economist.com, UK, 16/1, <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21594337-internal-power-struggle-further-dents-turkeys-hopes-joining-european-union-going-cold>

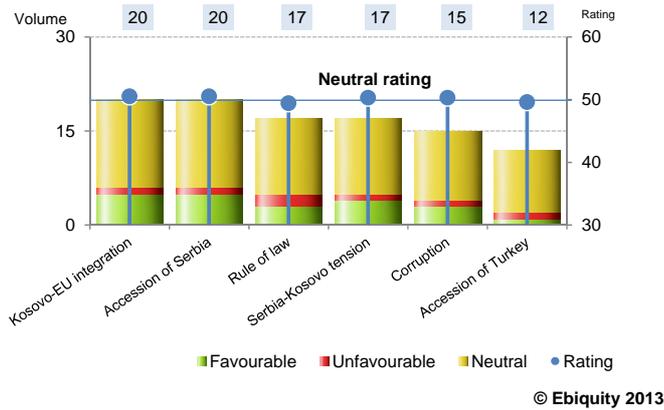
Relations with Iceland

European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, Štefan Füle said that the EU is open to resuming accession negotiations with Iceland, if the latter wishes to do so. Last May, the newly elected government of Iceland announced its decision to halt the country's EU accession talks. As Commissioner Füle stated: "*The European Union remains fully committed to continuing and completing the accession negotiation process, if Iceland wishes to do so. Iceland was and still remains an important partner for the European Union in particular in light of its membership in the European Economic Area and its participation in the Schengen area*"(neurope.eu, BE, 16/1).

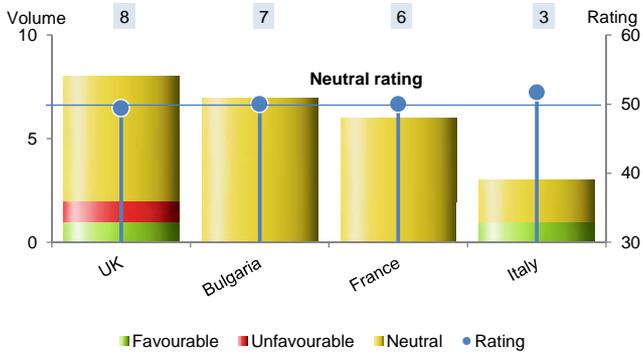
neurope.eu, BE, 16/1, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/eu-open-resuming-accession-talks-iceland>

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	9
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	8
Jelko Kacin (MEP)	4
Matthew Nimetz (Special Representative for the naming dispute between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, UN)	3
Ulrike Lunacek (MEP)	3
Atifete Jahjaga (President, Kosovo)	3

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