



Key Quotes

Bulgaria supports Serbia's EU bid. The news broke after the meeting between Serbian Foreign Minister Ivan Mrkic and his Bulgarian counterpart Kristian Vigenin in Sofia, Serbian Kurir daily writes. At the meeting the two discussed the opportunities for further development of the ties and the neighbourly relations in the region. **"The two ministers established a common vision for the strengthening of the peace and stability in Southeast Europe,"** says the statement of the Serbian Foreign Ministry (Focus-fen.net, BG, 24/1).

<http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/01/24/325098/kurir-bulgaria-supports-serbias-eu-bid.html>

Summary

Ratification of the agreement EU-Turkey readmission

The Civil Liberties Committee in the Parliament yesterday approved the EU - Turkey readmission agreement, while next month is expected to provide the "green light" and the plenary session. The approval in the Parliament is a prerequisite for the formal ratification of the agreement by the EU Member States and Turkey (Haravgi, CY, 23/1).

- Haravgi, CY, 23/1, [link not available]

Continuing purge of Turkey's judiciary

Turkey has begun the biggest purge of the judiciary in the country's history, firing and reassigning senior judges and prosecutors, despite warnings that the actions were damaging the country's attempt to join the European Union. Mr Erdoğan was in Brussels on Tuesday promoting Turkey's EU membership bid to officials, who see the sackings, and a controversial new Bill that would give the executive authority over the judiciary, as eroding the country's rule of law, a key criterion for admission (Daily-Telegraph, UK, 23/1).

- Daily-Telegraph, UK, 23/1, [link not available]

Minority representation in Serbia's negotiations

The government of Serbia's autonomous Vojvodina region is seeking its own place in Serbia's EU accession negotiations. Vojvodina's government says it expects to represent the province 'more directly' in the negotiation process (Dnevno.hr, HR, 22/1). More generally, providing access to its military archives and party secret documents is one of the conditions for Serbia's EU accession. Serbia for their own sake and that of their citizens must prove that the state has established full control over the security services. Negotiations on EU membership represents an excellent framework in which the rule of law can be truly established," said Jelko Kacin, EP rapporteur for Serbia (Aktual, HR, 22/1).

- Dnevno.hr, HR, 22/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140122/mi/item_184473230.pdf
- Aktual, HR, 22/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140122/mi/item_184391772.pdf

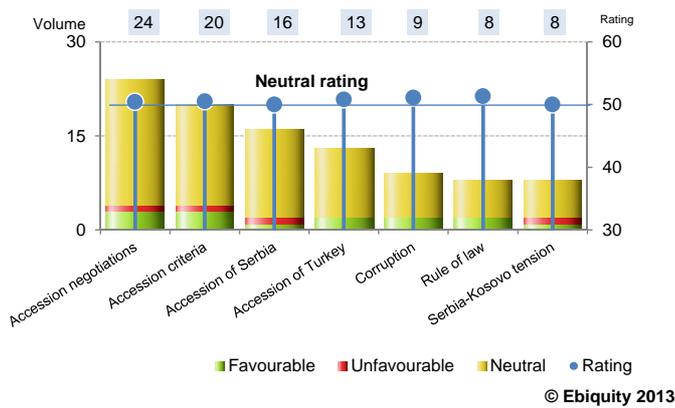
Serbia Kosovo relationships

If things evolve normally, the EU should have 29 members within the next 10 years. To everyone's surprise, Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dačić said that negotiations with the European Union cannot be related to the status of Kosovo though negotiations are something that are very closely linked to Kosovo. E15 (CZ, 23/1) suggests that Serbia should avoid such rhetoric as it has the reputation of a "bad boy" that must convince the mighty German doorkeepers of their intentions.

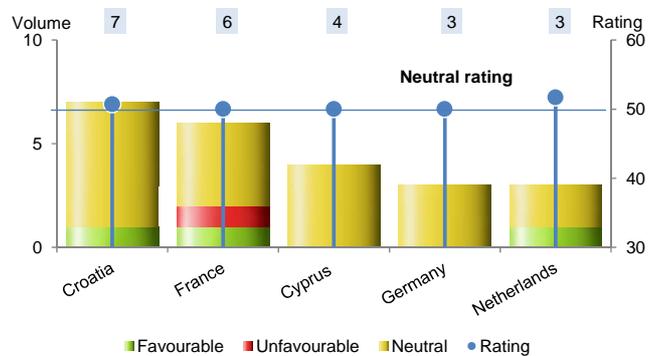
- E15, CZ, 23/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140123/mi/item_184452522.pdf

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