



## Key Quotes

Croatia cautiously cuddles Bosnia towards EU. Davor Stier, a young MEP, a former policy advisor to Ivo Sanader and a former diplomat in Washington and Brussels, says that in his opinion Bosnia remains a viable, potentially functional state. **"Bosnia has a European vocation"**, he says. **"The lack of a European perspective would be very detrimental to the stability of Bosnia"** (neurope.eu, BE, 9/3).

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/croatia-cautiously-cuddles-bosnia-towards-eu>

## Summary

### Proposal to ban Facebook and YouTube in Turkey

Prime Minister Tayyip Erdoğan has threatened to ban Facebook and YouTube in Turkey in an attempt to stop political foes anonymously posting audio recordings purportedly exposing corruption and other malpractices in his inner circle. In the latest recording, released on YouTube late Thursday, Erdoğan is purportedly heard berating a newspaper owner over the telephone about an article and suggesting the journalists be sacked, in comments that will further stoke concerns over media freedom and Erdoğan's authoritarian style of leadership. Erdoğan, who rejects any accusations of corruption, blames US-based Turkish Muslim preacher Fethullah Gülen for the wiretaps which he says have been *"fabricated"*. Gülen, who denies any involvement, has many followers in Turkey, especially in the police and judiciary. **"We are determined on this subject. We will not leave this nation at the mercy of YouTube and Facebook"** Erdoğan said in an interview (trust.org, UK, 7/3).

- trust.org, UK, 7/3, <http://www.trust.org/item/20140307100442-zxvz9>

### Negotiations over mackerel fishing quotas

Negotiations over mackerel fishing quotas have fallen apart, Iceland said Thursday, extending a dispute dubbed *"the mackerel war"* that has been a thorny issue in the country's EU membership bid. The European Union, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Norway left a meeting in Edinburgh on Wednesday without reaching an agreement for 2014. Iceland's government said that the parties should leave it there. **"It is evident that the opportunity to reach an agreement for the 2014 fishing season has slipped away"** the Icelandic Ministry of Fisheries said in a statement. Fishing is the main obstacle stopping Iceland from joining the EU. Icelandic Fishing Minister Sigurður Ingi Jóhannsson blamed the failure of the talks on Norway which, like the island nation, is not a member of the EU. **"We had reached an understanding with (the) EU based on a sustainable utilisation of the stock"** Jóhannsson said, adding **"unfortunately, Norway was not willing to negotiate on that basis"** (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 6/3).

- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 6/3, [link not available]

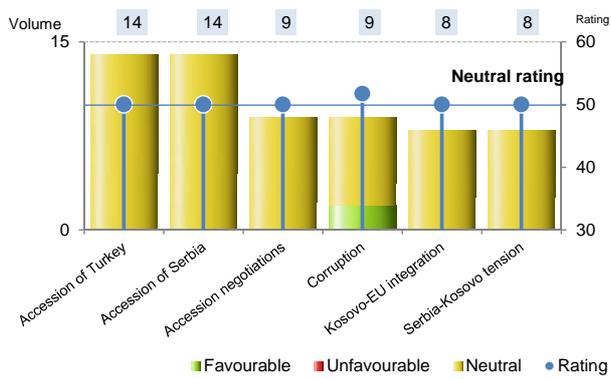
### Kosovo armed forces

Kosovo cannot establish its army for as long as Resolution 1244 of the United Nations Security Council is in force, say authorities in Belgrade. The minister for Kosovo Aleksandar Vulin says that **"the establishment of armed forces is in contradiction with Resolution 1244 of the UNO, which in an explicit way states that KFOR armed forces alone can be present in the territory of Kosovo"**. Vulin has remained loyal to the approach of Serb politics in 1999 and 2000 when Kosovo was under UN administration. Vulin has ignored the fact that Kosovo has just celebrated the 6th anniversary of Independence and based his argument on Resolution 1244 of the Security Council which is still in force (balkaneu.com, UK, 7/3). The Serbian government has requested an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council since Pristina's authorities have recently announced the creation of regular armed forces in Kosovo (ansa.it, IT, 6/3).

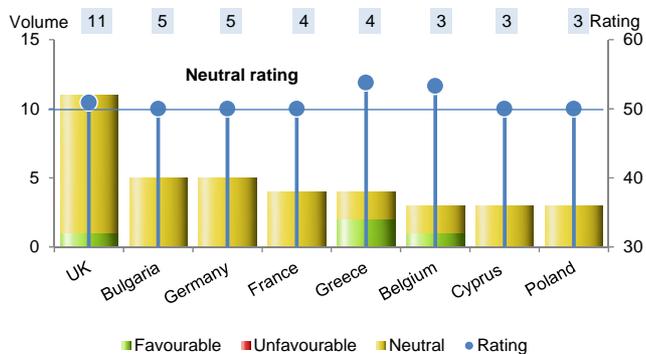
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