



Key Quotes

The head of European diplomacy, Catherine Ashton travels to Bosnia and Herzegovina to meet with the country's authorities and address the economic and social situation. *"Back to Sarajevo to meet the leaders of the institutions and civil society to hear their views about the situation in the country and how to address the concerns of the people, particularly the economic and social ones"*, Ashton said in a statement. *"It is important that the leadership of Bosnia and Herzegovina responds to these concerns, and the European Union will add its support to efforts that bring real benefits to the people of BiH"*, she added ([eldiario.es](http://www.eldiario.es), ES, 11/3).

http://www.eldiario.es/politica/Ashton-manana-Bosnia-Herzegovina-reunirse-autoridades_0_237626362.html

Summary

Turkey needs a new constitution to save its democracy

In an opinion piece in the Financial Times (UK, 11/3), the honorary chairman of the Journalists and Writers Foundation in Istanbul writes that trust and stability are fundamental to a nation's development and to how the world perceives it. There is inherent trust in a democratic and accountable government that respects the rule of law. Turkey painstakingly built this trust over the past decade. Until recently it was seen as an example of a country that prospered while maintaining a democratic government run by observant Muslim leaders. However, this view may be under threat, as a small group within the government's executive branch is holding to ransom the entire country's progress. The support of a broad segment of the Turkish public is now being squandered, along with the opportunity to join the EU. The only way for the Turkish government to restore trust at home and regain respect abroad is by renewing its commitment to universal human rights, the rule of law and accountable governance. This commitment must include a new, democratic constitution, drafted by civilians. Democracy does not conflict with Islamic principles of governance. Indeed, the ethical goals of Islam, such as protection of life and religious freedom, are best served in a democracy where citizens participate in government.

. Financial-Times, UK, 11/3, [link not available]

Serbian economy places its hopes in elections and reforms (20minutes.fr, FR, 10/3)

Serbia's likely next rulers are promising a dramatic overhaul of the economic order, a costly and chaotic hybrid of Socialist-era central planning and fledgling capitalism that experts agree is no longer sustainable. Facing the chop are dozens of factories and firms on state life support. The public sector employs nearly 800,000 people, or around half the Serbian workforce, and is a huge drain on the meagre eight-billion-euro budget. Successive governments since Serbia's emergence from isolation with the fall of strong man president Slobodan Milošević in 2000, have shied away from reforming the public sector for fear of being punished by voters. But if opinion polls are to be trusted, the centre-right Progressive Party (SNS) of Aleksandar Vučić will win big on Sunday, and enter power on an unprecedented mandate to stabilise Serbian finances (uk.reuters.com, UK, 10/3). The steering committee of the parliament of Kosovo declared that it is against the holding of Serb elections in Kosovo (balkan.eu.com, EL, 11/3).

. 20minutes.fr, FR, 10/3, <http://www.20minutes.fr/monde/1319114-20140310-sinistree-economie-serbe-place-espoirs-elections-reforme>
. [uk.reuters.com](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/03/10/uk-serbia-election-economy-idUKBREA2911T20140310), UK, 10/3, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/03/10/uk-serbia-election-economy-idUKBREA2911T20140310>
. [balkan.eu.com](http://www.balkan.eu.com/government-parliament-serb-elections-kosovo/), EL, 11/3, <http://www.balkan.eu.com/government-parliament-serb-elections-kosovo/>

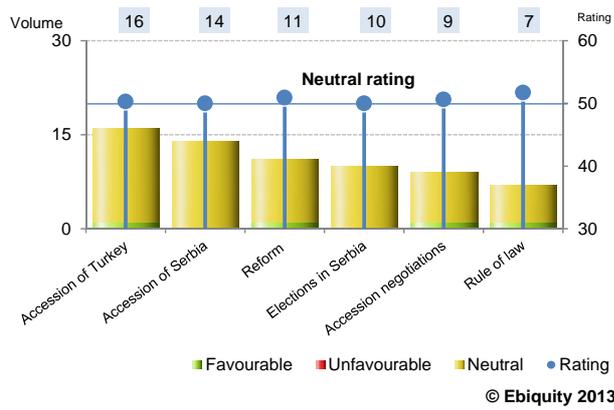
What does an enlarged EU mean to you?

The European Commission has launched a writing competition entitled 'What does an enlarged EU mean to you?' targeting young people from the EU as well as from countries in the enlargement process. The winners will receive a two day visit to Brussels and an e-reader. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the biggest round of EU enlargement, with the unprecedented accession of ten countries ([eureporter](http://eureporter.be), BE, 10/3).

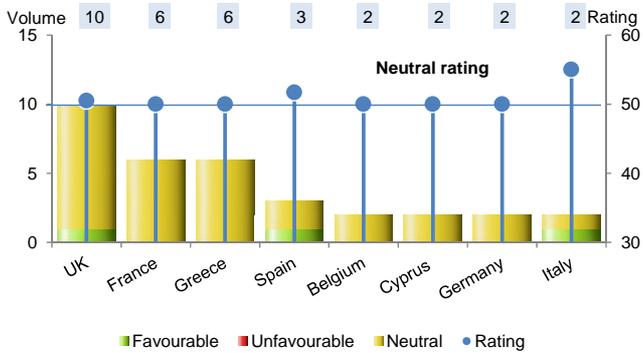
. [eureporter](http://www.eureporter.co/frontpage/2014/03/10/what-does-an-enlarged-eu-mean-to-you-engaging-young-people-in-enlargement-competition/), BE, 10/3, <http://www.eureporter.co/frontpage/2014/03/10/what-does-an-enlarged-eu-mean-to-you-engaging-young-people-in-enlargement-competition/>

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Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	9
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Abdullah Gül (President, Turkey)	3

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