

## Key Quotes

Montenegrin Foreign and European Integration Minister Igor Lukšić thanked Croatia for the concrete support for Montenegro's Euro-Atlantic integration. **"We are already deep in the negotiations (with the EU) and the cooperation we have with Croatia in many areas is very useful to us"** he said, adding that Croatia's experience was valuable to Montenegro. Asked by the press if Croatia would hold Montenegro back on its EU path because of the Prevlaka peninsula issue, Croatian Foreign and European Affairs Minister Vesna Pusić said **"blackmail with bilateral issues isn't and won't be our approach to any neighbour, including Montenegro"** ([dalje.com](http://dalje.com), HR, 20/3).  
<http://dalje.com/en-croatia/croatia-believes-montenegro-should-be-invited-to-join-nato-in-september/503381>

Turkey has reportedly restricted access to Twitter hours after Prime Minister Erdoğan threatened to **"wipe out"** the social network. In a first reaction, the EU commissioner for digital agenda, Neelie Kroes, criticized the ban on her Twitter account as **"groundless, pointless, cowardly."** **"Turkish people and the (international) community will see this as censorship. It is"**, she added ([dw.de](http://www.dw.de), DE, 21/3).  
<http://www.dw.de/twitter-access-restricted-in-turkey-after-erdogan-threatens-to-wipe-it-out/a-17511653>

## Summary

### Airing corruption allegations in Turkey

On Wednesday, Turkey's ruling party blocked an opposition attempt to air corruption allegations against the government, less than two weeks before local elections, which are seen as a referendum over Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's rule. The main opposition Republican People's Party, backed by two other parties, recalled legislators from recess for an extraordinary session to try and force parliament to read prosecutors' files against four former government ministers, allegedly implicated in corruption and bribe-taking. Reading the papers would have put evidence into the public domain, exposing Erdoğan to further embarrassment before the March 30 elections ([neurope.eu](http://neurope.eu), BE, 19/3).

- [neurope.eu, BE, 19/3, http://www.neurope.eu/article/turkey-erdogans-party-blocks-airing-corruption-claims](http://www.neurope.eu/article/turkey-erdogans-party-blocks-airing-corruption-claims)

### Southern parts of Serbia to be part of Kosovo?

Southern parts of Serbia could request to join Kosovo if Crimea is incorporated into Russia. **"If authorities in Moscow can demand that Crimea join Russia, Tirana [Albania's capital] and Pristina [Kosovo's capital] should demand the same for Presevo valley"** Jonuz Musliu, head of Bujanovac Municipality, was quoted by Serbian radio B92 and CROSS news agency. The Preševo valley, as well as the South Serbian municipalities of Bujanovac, Preševo and Medveđa are populated mainly by ethnic Albanians, who form a 90% majority. Musliu claimed that, historically, the Preševo valley has always been part of Kosovo. It was separated from Kosovo's administrative unit in 1948 by the Yugoslav communist leadership ([novinite.com](http://novinite.com), BG, 19/3).

- [novinite.com, BG, 19/3, http://www.novinite.com/articles/159069/South+of+Serbia+Could+Request+to+Join+Kosovo](http://www.novinite.com/articles/159069/South+of+Serbia+Could+Request+to+Join+Kosovo)

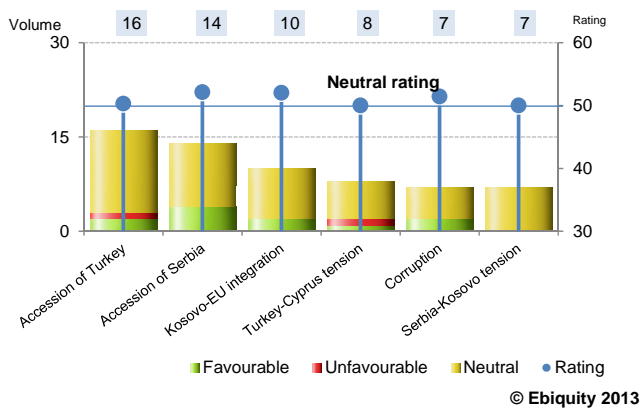
### Greek recognition for Kosovo

The Greek ambassador (sic) to Pristina, Dimitris Moschopoulos says that his country will recognize Kosovo when Kosovo is recognized by all the EU member countries. In an interview given in Pristina, Mr Moschopoulos declared that the recognition of Kosovo will be made due to the fact that it will have an effect of stability in the region. **"We're not saying that we must recognize Kosovo because it's a good state, but we must recognize Kosovo because recognition will be in the interest of peace and stability in the region"**, said Mr Moschopoulos in an interview given for the daily "Koha Ditore" ([balkaneu.com](http://balkaneu.com), GR, 19/3)

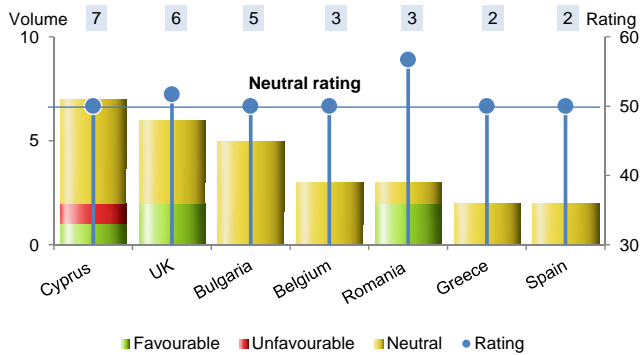
- [balkaneu.com, GR, 19/3, http://www.balkaneu.com/moschopoulos-recognition-kosovo-interest-regional-stability/](http://www.balkaneu.com/moschopoulos-recognition-kosovo-interest-regional-stability/)

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Dimitris Moschopoulos (Head of the Liaison Office of Greece in Pristina)	5
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	4
José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	3
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	3

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