



Key Quotes

Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement, said **"Bosnia cannot enter EU without amending its Constitution"**. Füle said that one will be able to talk about the scale of constitutional changes that Bosnia and Herzegovina must implement once a solution is reached for the already outstanding issues, such as the implementation of the ruling handed down by the European Court of Human Rights in the Sejdić-Finci case, adding that it was clear that changes would be necessary during the process of Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU admission. **"This is necessary so that Bosnia's legal system could fit in the EU legal order"**, Füle said (dalje.com, HR, 22/3).

<http://dalje.com/en-world/fuele-says-bosnia-cannot-enter-eu-without-amending-its-constitution/503569>

President Gül believes Turkey's attempted Twitter ban **'will be over soon'**. **"I believe this problem will soon be over"**, Gül said. **"This is of course an unpleasant situation for such a developed country as Turkey, which has weight in the region and which is negotiating with the European Union"** (dw.de, DE, 23/3).

<http://www.dw.de/president-gul-believes-turkeys-attempted-twitter-ban-will-be-over-soon/a-17515637>

Summary

Turkey's Twitter ban fails

Turkey's courts have blocked access to Twitter days before elections as Prime Minister Tayyip Erdoğan battles a corruption scandal that has seen social media platforms awash with alleged evidence of government wrongdoing (telegraph.co.uk, UK, 21/3). However these efforts to head off a stream of corruption allegations appeared to have failed as of Friday morning, after Turks used technical means to circumvent the ban and access the platform to criticise and ridicule Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. After the ban was formally imposed, many Turks used the site to distribute caricatures of Mr Erdoğan attacking Twitter, while Štefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement, tweeted that he was **"gravely concerned"** adding that **"being free to communicate and freely choose the means to do it, is fundamental EU value"**. Others suggested that Mr Erdoğan would fail in his attempt to stifle further allegations from the now-stalled corruption investigation (ft.com, UK, 21/3). Turkey's main opposition party, the CHP (Republican People's Party) said it will file a legal challenge against the court decision to block access to Twitter. Deputy prime minister Ali Babacan said that the Twitter ban was done **"out of necessity"** and was a **"choice between two evils"**. He added that he expected the block to be temporary (uk.finance.yahoo.com, UK, 21/3).

- telegraph.co.uk, UK, 21/3, <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/turkey/10713393/Twitter-is-blocked-in-Turkey-as-Erdogan-vows-to-wipe-out-the-social-network.html>
- ft.com, UK, 21/3, <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/5e8a6fa2-b0d8-11e3-9f6f-00144feab7de.html#axzz2wZVWG88h>
- uk.finance.yahoo.com, UK, 21/3, <http://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/turkeys-main-opposition-party-says-082545112.html>

Anger from Serb leaders in northern Kosovo

Leaders of four northern communes of Kosovo have appealed to EU representatives to publicly condemn the idea of the division of Serbia. They express their **"exasperation about the silence of foreign diplomats in relation to the declaration by Albanian terrorists from the south of Serbia who ask for a part of Serbia's territory to be ceded"**. A joint press statement published by the northern leaders, states that this reaction comes as a result of a declaration launched earlier by the mayor of Bujanovac, Jonuz Musliu who declared that if Crimea joins Russia, the same right must also be given to the communes of Preševo and Bujanovac, the population of which has voted through a referendum held in 1992 in favour of the unification with Kosovo (balkaneu.com, GR, 20/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 20/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/northern-leaders-kosovo-warn-unpredictable-consequences-balkan/>

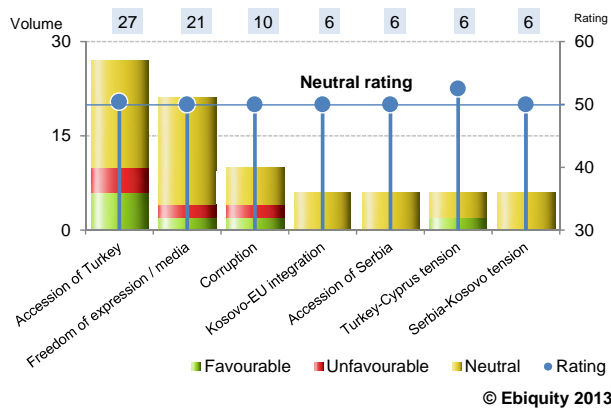
Hurdles for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Greek Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos announced that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's progress towards the second stage of the EU Association Agreement would be subject to the same conditions as the ones imposed on the country's accession start date. This means that the country will have to meet the requirements for EU membership, or in other words - both the Copenhagen criteria and the European Council conclusions from December - and this is just in order to get to the second stage of association talks, Skopje-based Utrinski Vesnik daily comments (focus-fen.net, BG, 20/3).

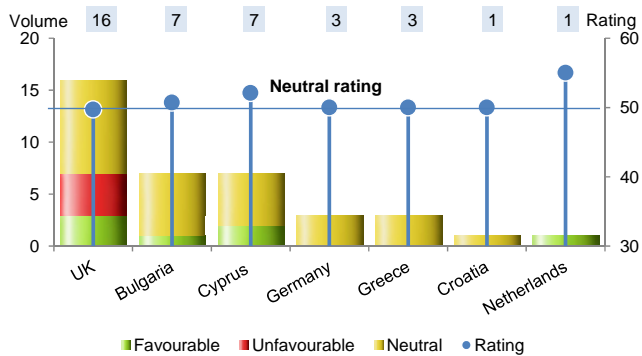
- focus-fen.net, BG, 20/3, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/03/20/330448/greece-enforces-double-veto-on-macedonia-utrinski-vesnik.html>

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	20
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Evangelos Venizelos (Foreign Minister, Greece)	4
Neelie Kroes (Digital Media Commissioner EC)	4
Dimitris Moschopoulos (Head of the Liaison Office of Greece in Pristina)	3
Ali Babacan (Deputy Prime Minister, Turkey)	3

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