



## Key Quotes

Ashton announced the next meeting in Serbia-Kosovo dialogue. The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, issued the following statement: ***"The next meeting in the framework of the EU-facilitated dialogue will take place next week, on 31 March, in Brussels. High Representative Catherine Ashton is looking forward to continuing the discussion with Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi as well as Prime Minister Ivica Dačić and Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić. At the meeting the two sides will continue their work on the implementation of the April Agreement and will also discuss future steps related to normalization of relations"*** (neurope.eu, BE, 25/3).

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/ashton-announced-next-meeting-serbia-kosovo-dialogue>

## Summary

**Croatia offers "a proposal for talks" regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina** (balkans.com, UK, 25/3)

A majority of European Union member states believe that a different approach towards Bosnia and Herzegovina is necessary and Croatia has offered "a proposal for talks", Croatian European and Foreign Affairs Minister Vesna Pusić said on Monday. The Croatian government has sent a non-paper to Brussels in which proposes dealing with the Bosnian political crisis by opening a negotiation process, which will enable Bosnia and Herzegovina to gradually become ready to meet all the EU membership requirements, instead of waiting that it meet the requirements before being allowed to negotiate membership (dalje.com, HR, 25/3).

- balkans.com, UK, 25/3, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=190951>
- dalje.com, HR, 25/3, <http://dalje.com/en-world/croatia-trying-to-keep-region-on-eu-radar-with-bosnia-proposal/503782>

**Montenegrin enthusiasm for Europe**

Podgorica doesn't know what Euro-scepticism is about. Nor does Montenegro, Filip Vujanović, the president of Montenegro, told ANSA (IT, 25/3) in an interview. And while referendums to leave the EU are being proposed across longstanding European Union members, this country with just over 672,000 inhabitants is a Euro-enthusiast. Montenegro is working hard and is very satisfied with the steps taken so far in its progress towards European integration, the president told ANSA. *"Being a member of the European family is very important for us"*, he said, recalling that his country had implemented an important package of reforms of its judiciary, the rule of law and the fight against corruption and organized crime. The EU has demanded these reforms but Montenegro *"wants to carry them out mainly to improve the quality of life of its citizens and for the country"* the President said.

- ANSA, IT, 25/3, [http://www.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/nations/italy/2014/03/25/Montenegro-Vujanovic-EuroskepticsEU-an-opportunity-for-us\\_bd659111-82dc-45e9-8763-94a8f9689d36.htm](http://www.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/nations/italy/2014/03/25/Montenegro-Vujanovic-EuroskepticsEU-an-opportunity-for-us_bd659111-82dc-45e9-8763-94a8f9689d36.htm)

**Cyprus question discussed in The Hague**

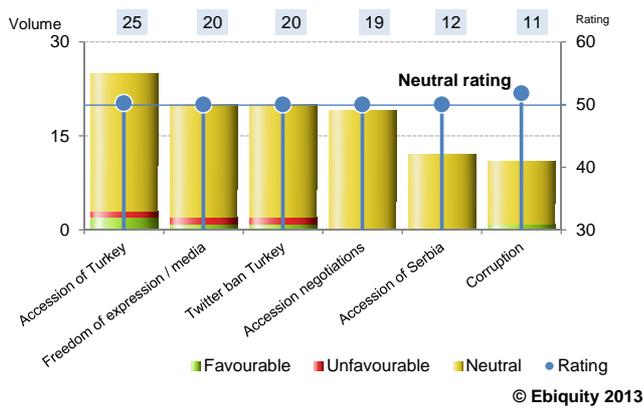
UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon met on Monday in The Hague with Turkish President Abdullah Gül, on the side-lines of the Nuclear Security Summit, and discussed the Cyprus issue inter alia. *"On Cyprus, the Secretary General and the President discussed the current state of play and the way forward in the talks for a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue"*, the spokesperson said, adding that *"they both agreed that it was critical to maintain the current momentum following the February resumption of full-fledged negotiations"*. The spokesperson noted that *"the Secretary General encouraged Turkey to continue to engage actively and constructively on the Cyprus issue and thanked them for their support"* (financialmirror.com, UK, 25/3).

financialmirror.com, UK, 25/3, <http://www.financialmirror.com/news-details.php?nid=32238>

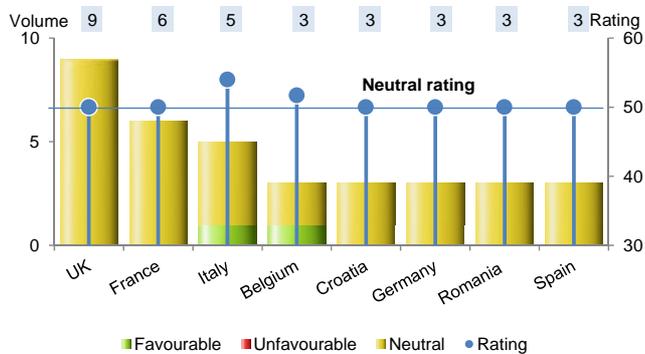
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