

Key Quotes

Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Štefan Füle, met with Turkish Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu in Brussels to discuss how to progress on key elements of EU-Turkey relations. **"We need to change the way in which we cooperate as regards the accession negotiations. This is particularly important for the areas of the rule of law and fundamental rights. We need to intensify our dialogue at all phases of policy and law making on these issues which are at the very centre of the accession process. They must be treated as an absolute priority. We also need to work closely on the assessment of the existing legislation,"** Commissioner Füle stressed ([neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 10/4).

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/eu-turkey-need-re-engage-reforms-line-eu-standards>

The Kosovo parliament should agree to launch a special war crimes tribunal, avoiding the involvement of the United Nations, Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi told the daily Koha Ditore newspaper on Thursday. **"We have ... to cooperate closely with the US and EU,"** Thaçi said. **"I suggest ... to legislators to prevent the (UN) Security Council's involvement. That would have disastrous results for Kosovo"**

(en.europeonline-magazine.eu, DE, 10/4).

http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/kosovo-war-crimes-tribunal-should-avoid-un-involvement-premier_330120.html

Summary

Women denied power in Turkey

The new mayor of the eastern town of Bingol has refused to let women elected to the local municipal council hold positions of responsibility on "religious and moral grounds". The statement was one of the first made by Mayor Yücel Barkazi, from the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), since his election in last week's local elections. This position led to the immediate resignation of Nurten Ertuğrul, one of the AKP's candidates who received the most votes in Bingol and who was hoping to be granted the role of deputy mayor. **"It is completely contradictory to make women work throughout the election campaign day and night - without caring about social, religious or moral rules - and then putting forward all kinds of excuses to keep them in the background. No one should impose this on us for the sake of religion,"** Ertuğrul said, stressing that 65 percent of women in the town, which is known for its conservative mentality, voted for the AKP (ansamed.info, IT, 9/4).

- ansamed.info, IT, 9/4, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/turkey/2014/04/09/turkey-akp-mayor-refuses-to-let-women-hold-official-posts_3ec10f64-0c31-4e50-a88e-8339564f1493.html

"Turkey no longer needs the EU"

Influential former journalist and senior advisor to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Yiğit Bulut recommended that Turkey move away from Europe and turn to the USA. He wrote that Turkey had been for years humiliated and used in Europe, but this is no longer necessary. In addition, Europe will not be important among the global power centres of the future, stating that the "new West" solely comprises the US, while Europe is unimportant. Therefore Bulut advises his country to deepen the relationship with the U.S., and "to quit without losing more time" relations with Europe.

- Presse-Austria, AT, 10/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140410/mi/item_194629472.pdf
- Telegraaf, NL, 10/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140410/mi/item_194594738.pdf

Future Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić said Serbia would not impose sanctions on Russia

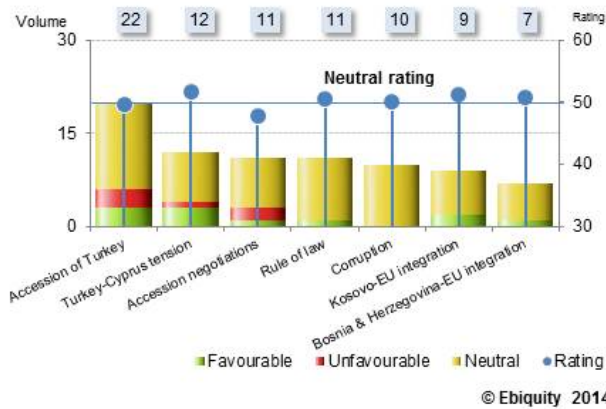
In an interview with Serbia's national television Mr Vučić stated his country wanted to become an EU member state and have good relations with the USA but did not want to be an enemy of Russia.

"We have our [own] country and our [own] policy," Aleksandar Vučić remarked (focus-fen.net, BG, 10/4).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 10/4, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/04/10/332644/serbia-not-to-impose-sanctions-on-russia-aleksandar-vucic-says.html>

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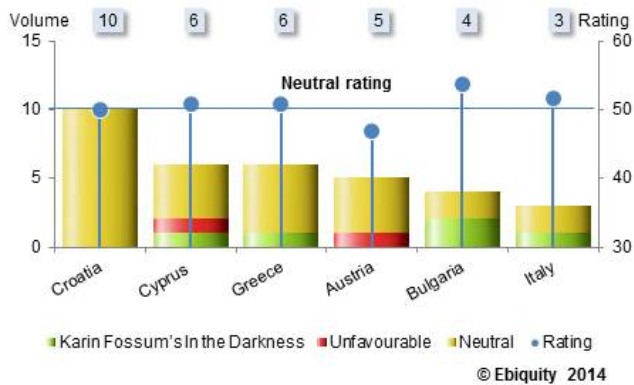


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