

## Key Quotes

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia presidential election set for second vote. President Gjorge Ivanov said he would push ahead with efforts to integrate the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia into the European Union and NATO -- seen as crucial to addressing the ailing economy in which monthly salaries average just 350 euros (\$480) and a quarter of the population is out of work. **"We will keep on working on our strategic goals,"** Ivanov said (Yahoo!, UK, 13/4)

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/macedonians-vote-president-test-ruling-party-165623842.html#ZBdzZ8z>

## Summary

### Press and Media Freedom

Every year Reporters without Borders, ranks some 180 countries for media freedom. The highest spot in the Balkans this year goes to Slovenia, but only at 34th. Of the others, Serbia is 54th and Croatia 65th, with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro coming lower still and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia way down at 123rd. For countries that are either in the European Union already (Slovenia and Croatia) or aspire to join, these lowly rankings ought to dismay (economist.com, UK, 11/4). In Turkey the authorities defied court orders and reaffirmed a ban on YouTube imposed after the posting of illicit recordings of top secret security talks that was cited by Prime Minister Tayyip Erdoğan as part of a dirty campaign to topple him ([incyprus.eu](http://www.incyprus.eu), CY, 10/4).

- economist.com, UK, 11/4, <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21600719-media-feel-under-rising-political-and-business-pressure-troublesome-times>
- incyprus.eu, CY, 10/4, <http://www.incyprus.eu/cyprus-news/turkey-keeps-youtube-block-despite-court-rulings/>

### Serbia in the EU by 2020 says Schröder (ethnos.gr, GR, 11/4)

The aspiration of the Serbian government for the country to become a European Union Member by 2020 is realistic, according to former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. At a press conference Schröder emphasized that Serbia's future lies in the EU and that Berlin supported Serbia not only by words but also by deeds. He stated that *"Serbia's EU membership by 2020 is a realistic goal"* and added that *"expectations can be met with vigorous reforms"* (Vecer, SI, 11/4).

- ethnos.gr, GR, 11/4, <http://www.ethnos.gr/article.asp?catid=22769&subid=2&pubid=63991278>
- Vecer, SI, 11/4, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140411/mi/item\\_194790415.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140411/mi/item_194790415.pdf)

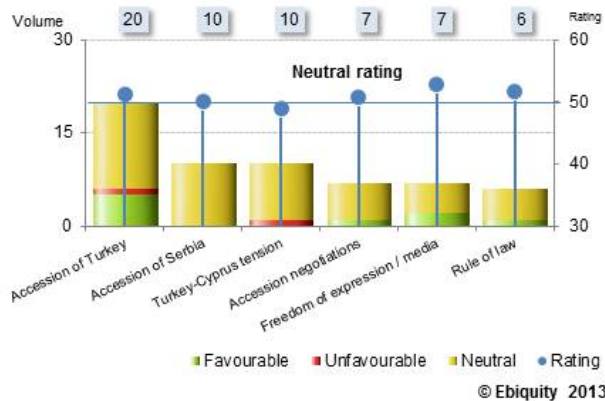
### EU funded training in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Within the EU funded project training for managers of administrative procedures and public administration inspectors from Republika Srpska, started today in Banja Luka. The aim of this project is to contribute to building an efficient, transparent and service oriented public administration through training of public officials at all levels in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Project foresees training up to 1,500 managers, who, in their everyday work comply with the Law on General Administrative Procedure (balkans.com, UK, 10/4).

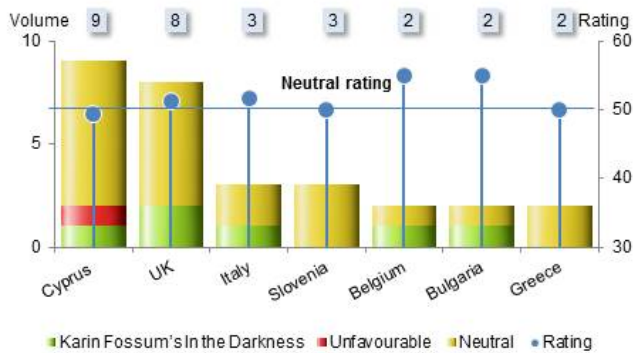
- balkans.com, UK, 10/4, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=191744>

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