



## Key Quotes

**"Macedonia should forget the burden of the past and the confrontations with Bulgaria so as to follow its road to the European Union (EU),"** Bulgarian MEP Andrey Kovachev said speaking for Radio FOCUS. **"I am a moderate optimist that Mr Gruevski and Mr Ivanov should get rid of the burden of the past, if they really want EU integration for their country,"** Kovachev remarked ([focus-fen.net](http://www.focus-fen.net), BG, 15/4) <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/04/15/333186/bulgaria-mep-macedonia-should-forget-the-burden-of-the-past-on-its-way-to-eu.html>

**"The Italian Government supports Montenegro's EU and NATO integration process":** the Italian Presidency will play a **"role in the Western Balkans, encouraging European integration within the whole region,"** said Italian Foreign Affairs Minister, Federica Mogherini ([ansa.it](http://www.ansa.it), IT, 15/4) [https://www.ansa.it/nuova\\_europa/en/news/sections/politics/2014/04/15/integration-with-montenegro-is-a-priority-mogherini-says\\_47cdb0a7-6c5f-4fa6-a798-7242f02c3658.html](https://www.ansa.it/nuova_europa/en/news/sections/politics/2014/04/15/integration-with-montenegro-is-a-priority-mogherini-says_47cdb0a7-6c5f-4fa6-a798-7242f02c3658.html)

## Summary

### The EU calls on the leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina to respond to people's concerns

The European Union (EU) should be more flexible over the integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the bloc, said Bakir Izetbegovic, Chairman of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency. The EU will give Bosnia and Herzegovina nothing for free, but something can be done in parallel with the implementation of the ruling by European Court of Human Rights, Izetbegovic said. The EU can help Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fight against crime, use IPA funds to help young people there, and help to develop agriculture. The European Court of Human Rights ruling requires Bosnia and Herzegovina to change its Constitution on the grounds that it violates the European Convention on Human Rights. The EU has made the adoption of the ruling as a precondition for Bosnia and Herzegovina to join the bloc ([neurope.eu](http://neurope.eu), BE, 15/4). The Foreign Affairs Council consisting of EU member-states' foreign ministers on Monday considered the situation and concluded that *"in the short term it is important for the institutions and leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina to focus on a number of key priorities, particularly socio-economic issues and especially high unemployment among young people"* ([dalje.com](http://dalje.com), HR, 15/4).

- [neurope.eu](http://neurope.eu), BE, 15/4, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/bih-president-expects-more-flexibility-eu-integration-process>
- [dalje.com](http://dalje.com), HR, 15/4, <http://dalje.com/en-world/bosnia-leaders-urged-to-tackle-socio-economic-issues-in-run-up-to-elections/506092>

### Turkey urged executives from Twitter to open an office and start paying Turkish tax

 ([uk.reuters.com](http://uk.reuters.com), UK, 14/4)

Turkey and executives of the social networking site Twitter have held face to face discussions following a break down in relations. It comes in the wake of a ban on the site brought in by the government as it was fighting a corruption scandal. Twitter has also been accused of tax evasion. The government estimates that Twitter generates \$35 million a year in advertising revenue in Turkey, none of it taxed by Ankara. Two rounds of talks are scheduled. Twitter chiefs said the first round was positive ([euronews.com](http://euronews.com), BE, 15/4).

- [uk.reuters.com](http://uk.reuters.com), UK, 14/4, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/04/14/uk-turkey-twitter-idUKBREA3D0U220140414>
- [euronews.com](http://euronews.com), BE, 15/4, <http://www.euronews.com/2014/04/15/turkey-and-twitter-talk/>

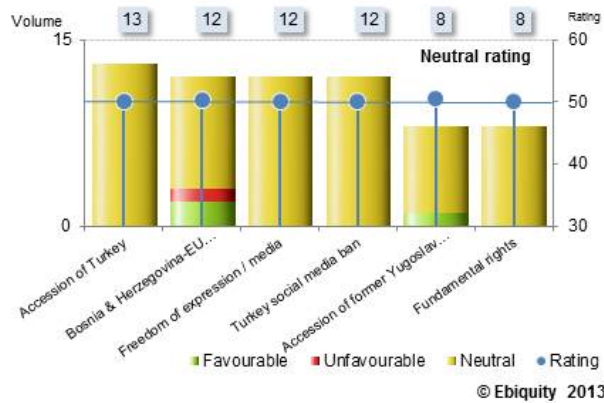
### International War Crimes Tribunal for Kosovo

The Parliament of Kosovo still cannot decide if it should include Kosovo as having International War Crimes Tribunals. This gives Kosovo a Black Spot, which is entirely unnecessary. If Parliament doesn't establish the Special Court on War Crimes, then Kosovo will join the most terrifying countries as far as the International War Crimes Tribunal is concerned, such as Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Lebanon, Cambodia and East Timor ([balkaneu.com](http://balkaneu.com), GR, 15/4).

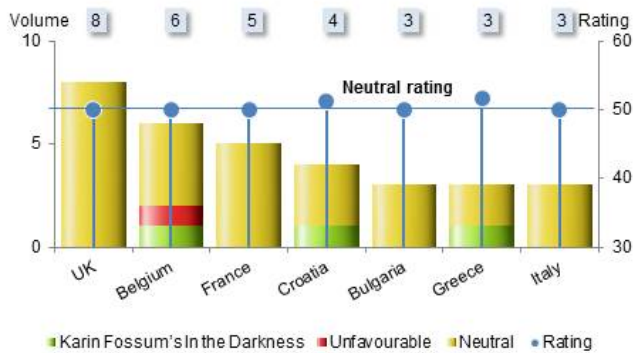
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