



Key Quotes

Aleksandar Vučić tasked with forming a new government. *"I sincerely congratulate Vučić on the result he has achieved and I decided to inform the parliament that I have entrusted Vučić with the mandate, but honestly speaking, I would not want to be in his place,"* Serbian President Tomislav Nikolić said. Vučić's government will need to continue the process of normalization of relations with Kosovo and the EU accession negotiations opened in January ([agerpres.ro](http://www.agerpres.ro), RO, 22/4).

<http://www.agerpres.ro/externe/2014/04/22/serbia-conservatorul-aleksandr-vucic-a-fost-insarcinat-cu-formarea-noului-quvern-18-41-18>

Summary

Building reform in Serbia

According to Tanja Mišćević, chief negotiator in Serbia's EU accession talks, the opening of Chapters 23 and 24 are crucial for the reform process in the Western Balkan country. *"It is my undivided opinion that the opening of these chapters is significant for the entire reform process in Serbia as it creates a stable and coherent legal framework for the rule of law,"* Mišćević said in an interview with Belgrade-based daily "Politika". *"The rule of law is a pre-requisite for everything - for the protection of basic rights and the development of business environment and attraction of investments. That is the reason why much of our efforts are focused on these chapters,"* she emphasized. The chief negotiator pointed out that the beginning of Chapters 23 and 24 could begin as early as by the end of 2014, and that Serbia was making every effort to achieve this goal. (friednews.com, AT, 22/4)

- friednews.com, AT, 22/4, <https://www.friednews.com/article/serbia-eu-negotiations-important-for-reforms>

Investigation of alleged war crimes in Kosovo

The European Union has officially confirmed its intention to establish a special court, which will investigate alleged war crimes in Kosovo. In a written reply to the Independent Balkan News Agency (IBNA), the EU office says that the European Union is not proposing the establishment of a tribunal, but a special court within Kosovo's judiciary system. This court, states the IBNA reply, will be based in Kosovo, but the sensitive cases, including witness hearings, will be held outside the country, taking into consideration the nature of suspicions. Secondly, this court is not for Kosovo, Kosovo's Liberation Army or the nature of the war, but it has to do with the investigation of suspicions for serious criminal offences perpetrated by individuals. The court will be formed after an exchange of letters between Kosovo and the European Union on the Special Task Force for Investigations and the EULEX mandate and their approval by the parliament of Kosovo (balkaneu.com, GR, 22/4).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 22/4, <http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-replies-ibnas-question-special-court-operate-kosovo/>

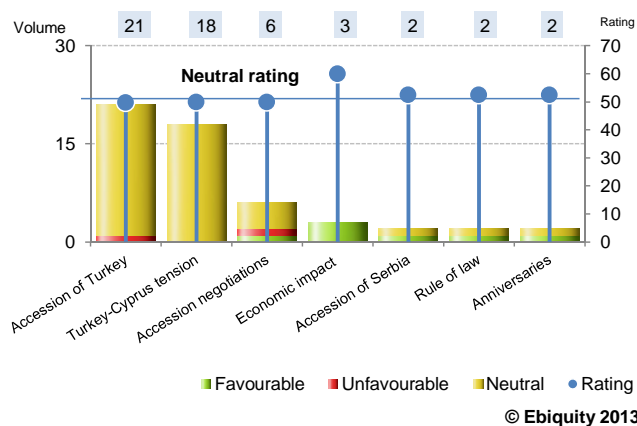
Visa change a Turkish challenge (dou.gr, GR, 21/4)

Nicosia has denounced Ankara's move to impose a ban on the entry of Greek Cypriots to Turkey in a memorandum sent to Brussels and New York, requesting the EU and the UN to intervene. Turkey, in its electronic visa system which went into operation last week, has deleted the Republic of Cyprus and as such passport holders can only choose their state of nationality as the "Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus". For this reason, the Cypriot Foreign Ministry issued a statement asking the citizens of the Republic not to travel to Turkey under these conditions (inewsgr.com, GR, 21/4)

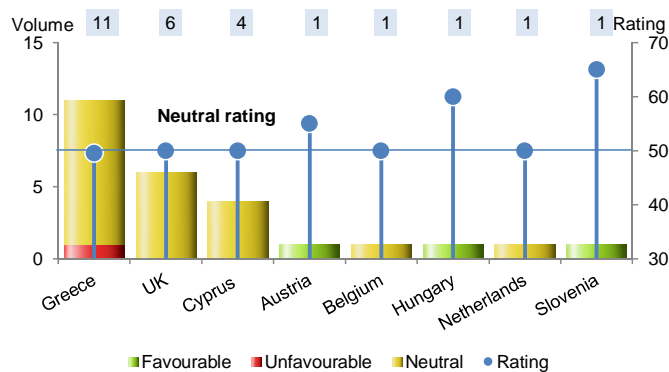
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