



Key Quotes

The President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso gave a speech at Stanford University in California, stressing the importance of a global Europe, where he said: **"We successfully mediated the historical normalisation process between Serbia and Kosovo. The perspective of joining the European Union, our own power of attraction, is thus helping to heal the scars of the Balkan Wars"** ([neurope.eu](http://www.neurope.eu), BE, 2/5)

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/barroso-global-europe-atlantic-pacific>

Summary

EU marks 10th anniversary of enlargement.

"Accession to the EU benefits both new and old Member States. Enlargement boosted growth and improved living standards in the acceding countries," said EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle. He added that "Enlargement is in Europe's DNA. It is a key EU policy and most powerful instrument of transformation, which serves as a strong incentive for reforms. Enlargement is also the most effective and powerful tool we have for strengthening security" ([investor.bg](http://www.investor.bg), BG, 1/5). Guntram B. Wolff, economics expert at the Bruegel institute says the countries have exceeded the expectations, growing faster than expected – at a pace some old member states could not meet. Mr Wolff says the situation has changed over time as while some new member states fare well, others face difficulties. Much has to be done, but the bottom line is that the EU's 2004 enlargement is a success story, even for the old Member States, too (WDR5 , DE, 1/5,).

- Investor.bg, BG, 1/5, <http://www.investor.bg/evropa/334/a/es-otbeliazva-10-godini-ot-nai-qoliamoto-si-razshirivane,171541/>
- WDR5 , DE, 1/5, <http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140430/mi/6000-546168-001.mp3>

Prime Minister of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan reacts to German Federal President Joachim Gauck's critical remarks on domestic political issues of Turkey

Mr Erdoğan claims that he has warned Mr Gauck beforehand not to interfere in Turkey's internal affairs. Mr Erdoğan and the Turkish media appear to see an enemy in Mr Gauck, as they referred to him as a "pastor". The Federal Foreign Office stated that the tone and content of Mr Erdoğan's "emotional remarks" are "inappropriate." Some leading German MEPs such as Alexander Graf Lambsdorff (FDP) demand an immediate cancellation of the EU accession talks with Turkey (Die Welt, DE, 30/4),

- Die Welt, DE, 30/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140430/mi/item_197043932.pdf

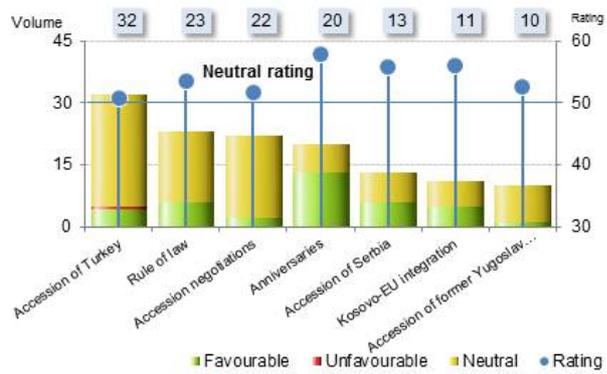
German Chancellor congratulates Aleksandar Vučić

German Chancellor Angela Merkel congratulated Aleksandar Vučić on the handover of the Serbian premiership and invited him to an official visit to Berlin. Merkel emphasized that her government would continue to firmly support Serbian efforts to reform and Euro-integration. Germany insists on normalization of the relations between Belgrade and Priština as the key precondition for accession of Serbia to the EU. Full normalization would encompass a legally binding agreement between Belgrade and Pristina. Following Vučić's Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) landslide victory in the March elections, the rapporteur of Merkel's CDU and Christian Social Union for Foreign Policies, Philipp Mißfelder said that Serbia is on the right path toward the European Union and demanded Belgrade recognize Kosovo as an independent state. Vučić is endeavouring to establish the best possible relations between Serbia and Germany. During the electoral campaign he met former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and founded the Serbia-Germany Forum to focus on economic and political cooperation between the two countries (balkaneu.com, GR, 30/4).

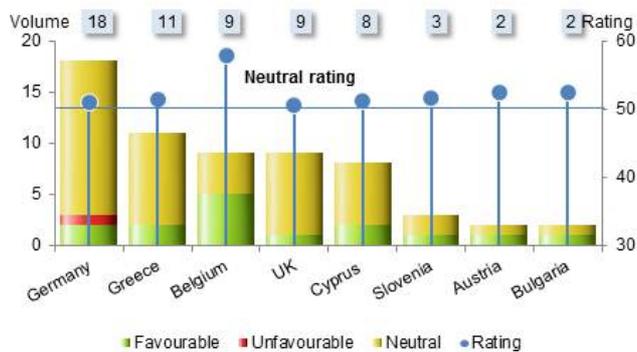
- balkaneu.com, GR, 30/4, <http://www.balkaneu.com/merkel-congratulates-vucic-invites-berlin/>

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