



Key Quotes

New darling of the EU - The administration of the European Union has a new favourite politician. It is Aleksandar Vučić, the new Prime Minister of Serbia, the converted ultra nationalist who is recognised today in Brussels as a convinced [überzeugter] European. EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle personally came to Belgrade to congratulate the new Prime Minister for the resounding electoral victory. Praise and an invitation to Berlin even came from Chancellor Angela Merkel, who so far has made life difficult for Serbian politicians so far for EU integration with ever new demands. (derstandard.at, 13/5)

<http://derstandard.at/1399507354170/Neuer-Lieblingpolitiker-der-EU?ref=rss>

Looking for the European Commissioner: area is not important - Opinion polls confirm the long-term lack of interest of people in the European elections. Agency SANEP brought data that demonstrates their ignorance of the Union realities. "Only seven percent of people remembered the name of the current Czech EU commissioner, who is Štefan Füle," says the head of SANEP Ulrich Hare. (denik.cz,

14/5) http://www.denik.cz/z_domova/hleda-se-eurokomisar-obor-nerozhoduje-20140514.html

Summary

EU asks Serbia to impose sanctions on Russia.

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić admitted that the EU and the US are asking Serbia to impose sanctions because of the Russia-Ukraine situation. "They are looking to me to agree with the foreign policy of the EU but Chapter 31 of the membership negotiations has not yet opened. We respect the EU principles that respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, the only thing in which we differ is that I do not want to impose sanctions on the Russian Federation" - said Vučić who expects understanding from the West (Vecernji List, HR, 13/5). Brussels has warned Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina that they must align each of their agreements on energy cooperation with the Russian Federation with the rules of the European Energy Community (Poslovni Dnevnik, HR, 13/5).

- Vecernji List, HR, 13/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140513/mi/item_198545397.pdf
- Poslovni Dnevnik, HR, 13/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140513/mi/item_198559191.pdf

Iceland hesitates and hesitates once more. Will they join or not?

The Icelandic government has postponed their controversial withdrawal project from EU candidature until autumn. The minority of the pro-European deputies did everything to prevent the rapid adoption of a resolution authorising the Eurosceptic Government who have buried the application filed by the last Government in 2010. According to surveys the majority of Icelanders would like a referendum to be organised (La Libre Belgique, BE, 13/5). Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson, announced that parliamentarians had agreed to resume discussions after the summer recess (Jurnalul.ro, 13/5). The principal obstacle to accession is fishing, a subject that was not nearing completion during talks between Brussels and Reykjavik between June 2011 and January 2013 (Metro, BE, 13/5).

- La Libre Belgique, BE, 13/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140513/mi/item_198556256.pdf
- Jurnalul.ro, 13/5, <http://jurnalul.ro/stiri/externe/islanda-amana-retraqerea-candidaturii-de-aderare-la-uniunea-europeana-667976.html>
- Metro, BE, 13/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140513/mi/item_198555815.pdf

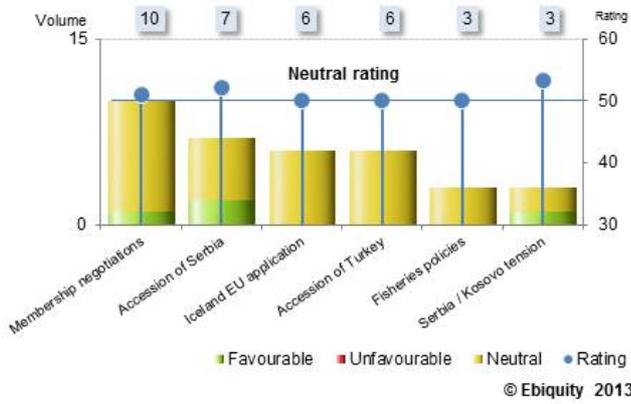
Europe wants Albania within its circle

The willingness of the EU to strengthen Albania's efforts to succeed in future accession negotiations was noted by the President of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the 28, Evangelos Venizelos. The Greek Foreign Minister remarked at the same time on the need to promote structural reforms in Albania more vigorously, mainly in relation to the rule of law, fighting corruption and organised crime. For the Commission, Commissioner Füle asked both government and the opposition in Albania to work constructively to implement structural changes while the Albanian Foreign Minister Ntitmir Busatti asserted that the government is willing to fulfil all EU requirements necessary to take Albania to the status of candidate country (zougla.gr, GR, 12/5).

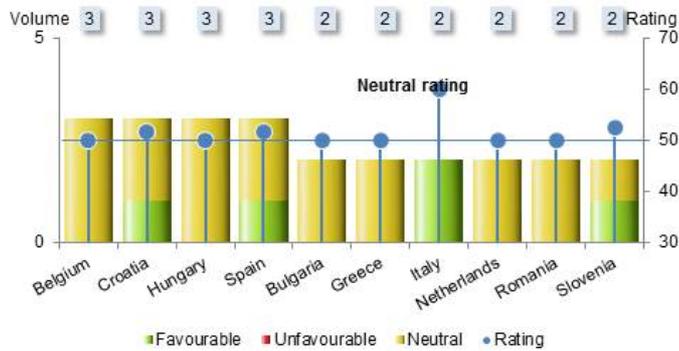
- zougla.gr, GR, 12/5, <http://www.zougla.gr/kosmos/article/i-evropi-8eli-tin-alvania-stous-kolpous-tis>

Charts

ELARG: Leading Daily Issues
by volume, favourability & rating



ELARG: Leading Daily Countries
by volume, favourability & rating



ELARG: Highlights
by volume, favourability & rating

Volume	26 items
Rating	51.7
Favourable %	23.1%
Unfavourable %	N/A
Neutral %	76.9%

© Ebiquity 2014

ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources
by volume, favourability & rating

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson (Iceland FM)	4
Vladimir Putin (Russian PM)	2
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	2
Aleksandar Vučić (Serbian PM)	2

© Ebiquity 2014

Disclaimer: The access to this press report is restricted to European Commission staff. It should not be forwarded or circulated.