

## Key Quotes

**"The EU integration process for the Western Balkans is a priority both for Europe's present and for its future,"** Italian foreign minister Federica Mogherini said at the annual meeting of 18 Central European Initiative (CEI) foreign ministers in Vienna on Tuesday. **"With Italy's EU presidency," she said, "we will have a further responsibility to ensure that this is a priority for the entire European Union. It is important to reiterate that the EU integration of the Western Balkans is of mutual interest - both to the region and to the EU overall. We are deeply convinced that the enlargement process is at the center of Europe's future plans. And it is important to say this today, 100 years after the beginning of WWI"** ([ansamed.ansa.it](http://ansamed.ansa.it), IT, 3/6)

- [http://ansamed.ansa.it/ansamed/it/notizie/stati/bosnia/2014/06/03/ue-mogherini-integrazione-balceni-occidentali-e-priorita\\_273b0784-0e16-4ae4-a47a-17279a60708e.html](http://ansamed.ansa.it/ansamed/it/notizie/stati/bosnia/2014/06/03/ue-mogherini-integrazione-balceni-occidentali-e-priorita_273b0784-0e16-4ae4-a47a-17279a60708e.html)

## Summary

### **"Enlargement and Western Balkans what's next?" speech by European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Štefan Füle**

Commissioner Füle said *"While enlargement has extended the area of peace and stability in Europe, at the same time, many doubts have arisen on the level of preparedness of the new Member States. That's why I have made it the priority of my mandate to further strengthen the credibility of the enlargement process. While keeping the process strict but fair, we have put fundamentals first, focusing on values and principles, including respect for fundamental rights and freedom of expression,"* further adding *"We will not accept a process which is just about ticking boxes, what needs to be done is the establishment of solid track records and concrete results on the ground. That is the only way to ensure that candidate countries enter the European Union fully prepared"* (neurope.eu, BE, 3/6).

- neurope.eu, BE, 3/6, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/f%C3%BCle-enlargement-and-western-balkans-whats-next>

### **Freedom of the Media in Serbia**

The OSCE's representative on freedom of the media says she and Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić had a "constructive conversation" concerning the media situation in Serbia. In a statement issued on June 2, Dunja Mijatović said Vučić had assured her that "he personally and his government will tackle" issues related to media censorship. On May 27, Mijatović criticized the Serbian authorities for "interfering with the work of online media outlets."

Mijatović said that entire websites in Serbia were removed from the Internet, blogs were censored, and various individuals were arrested or interrogated for allegedly inciting panic during the floods in May. Vučić sent a letter to the OSCE earlier on June 2 requesting an apology over Mijatović's comments or evidence proving the existence of such censorship (rferl.org, CZ, 3/6).

- rferl.org, CZ, 3/6, <http://www.rferl.org/content/osce-serbian-pm-have-constructive-talks-on-media-situation/25408236.html>

### **Scotland would find itself behind Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia in the queue to join the EU if it breaks away from the UK**

The UK Prime Minister David Cameron claimed yesterday that Scotland would find itself behind Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia in the queue to join the EU if it breaks away from the UK. He was speaking as a business group warned an independent Scotland would have to wait until 2019 at the earliest to re-enter the EU because several member states would veto an accelerated process. *"They would have to queue up behind other countries – for instance those in the western Balkans that are already on the path towards membership,"* he said. Alex Salmond, the Scottish First Minister, has argued that EU membership could be fast-tracked to coincide with its official break from the UK in 2016. But the organisation Business for New Europe says, in a report published today, that the earliest date a separate Scotland could expect to be readmitted is 2019. A spokesman for Yes Scotland insisted it would remain a "full and valued" part of the EU after a vote for independence. He cited Graham Avery, a senior EU negotiator, who has said the SNP's timetable is "entirely realistic".

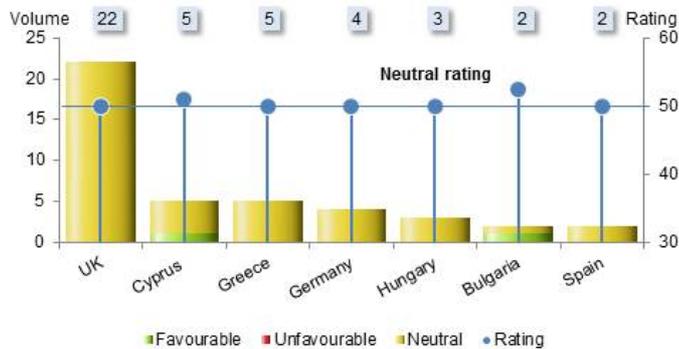
- Independent.co.uk, 3/6, <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/scottish-independence-scotland-would-go-to-the-back-to-the-queue-to-join-eu-says-gordon-brown-9475319.html>

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