

Key Quotes

EU to decide on putting Albania on road to membership. **"Based on our findings, we confirm without any doubt, with no conditionality or any reservations the recommendation that the member states grant Albania candidate status,"** Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle said. In a report to the EU Council, the Commission said: **"Important legislative reforms have been introduced in the fight against organised crime and investigations have yielded positive results in the fight against drug trafficking and other areas of serious and organised crime"** (uk. reuters.com, UK, 5/6)

- <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/06/04/uk-eu-albania-idUKKBN0EF1LN20140604>

Summary

Kosovo holds snap election in crucial test for PM

Kosovo heads to the polls on Sunday in a snap election seen as a vital test for Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi, and for the country's EU bid. Although Serbia still rejects Kosovo's independence, it is expected to encourage the Serb community to vote in a bid to strengthen the April 2013 deal that allowed it to begin its own EU membership talks. Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić said it would be "unwise" for Kosovo's ethnic Serbians not to take part in the elections (eubusiness.com, UK, 6/6).

- eubusiness.com, UK, 5/6, <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/kosovo-vote.wi5/>

As of June 3, Albania and Kosovo officially have a unified education system

Schools in the Republic of Albania and Republic of Kosovo will learn using the same texts and the same school system. An agreement was signed on Tuesday in Tirana about the Curriculums of Pre-University Education between Albania and Kosovo. Albanian education and sport minister Lindita Nikolla and her counterpart from Kosovo Ramë Buja signed the agreement at a ceremony at the Council of Ministers, in the presence of Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama. Nikolla said that *"The new curriculum enables mobility. A student of Kosovo can come and be a student of a school in Albania and vice versa, but also in the EU, because the curriculum that we unified is the official curriculum of the EU member countries,"* Nikolla said. (sofiaglobe.com, BG, 4/6).

- sofiaglobe.com, BG, 4/6, <http://sofiaglobe.com/2014/06/04/albania-and-kosovo-unify-their-education-systems/>

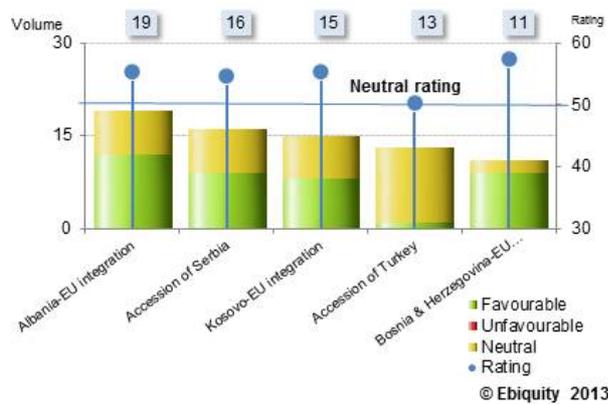
Turkey lifts ban on YouTube

Turkey has lifted its ban on YouTube, two months after blocking access to the video-sharing site. The move comes after the country's highest court ordered authorities to restore access, saying the ban violated laws on freedom of expression. Authorities had continued to block YouTube until now despite decisions from lower courts calling on the government to lift the ban. The ruling by the constitutional court is widely seen as a snub to the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, which has been a sharp critic of social media sites (bbc.com, UK, 4/6). Turkey's embattled prime minister lashed out at international media on Tuesday, accusing news outlets of stirring unrest during the one-year anniversary of mass anti-government protests. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan singled out CNN International, whose reporter was arrested live on air last Saturday while covering street clashes, accusing the network of spying (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 3/6).

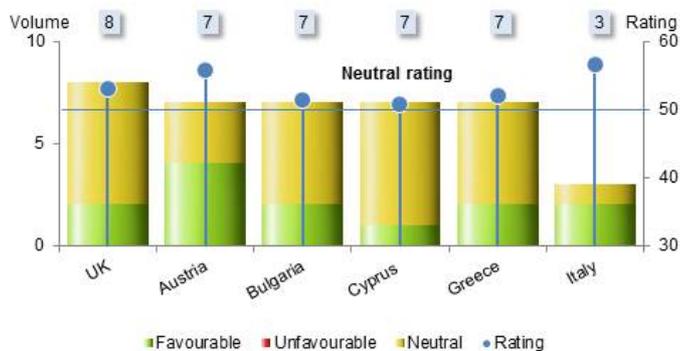
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