



## Key Quotes

Head of the EU Office in Kosovo and EU Special Representative Samuel Žbogar about elections in Kosovo: **"The EU will continue to stand by Kosovo citizens and will support the efforts of the new government for a better and more prosperous Kosovo. The task of the true leaders is not only to lead their citizens to the future. It is also to enable them to cast their vote in a free and fair way and to make sure that each and every vote counts – and is counted!"** ([balkaneu.com](http://balkaneu.com), GR, 5/6)

- <http://www.balkaneu.com/op-ed-vote-counts-counted/#sthash.5bsfW9yx.dpuf>

## Summary

### Albanian and enlargement of the EU

Thomas Ludwig, the EU correspondent for Handelsblatt, warns of the European Union's current accession plans for Albania, stating that with the recent success of right-wing Eurosceptics, Europe cannot afford any new member states. The European Commission, supported by Greece, Austria and Italy, has announced its plans to have European heads of state and government name Albania as a candidate for accession at their summit at the end of June. Mr Ludwig writes, however, that anti-European sentiments and an already-congested European policy process indicate that the European Union needs to consolidate itself. It would be much better to include Albania in a privileged economic partnership, avoiding hasty expansion which could destabilise the European Union later on ([Handelsblatt](http://Handelsblatt), DE, 5/6). However Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle highlighted that he has been encouraged by the efforts that have started in Tirana. The recent EC report emphasised the progresses that Albania has made in confronting the corruption and organised crime, as well as on the establishment of a rule of law ([Naftemporiki](http://Naftemporiki), GR, 5/6).

- [Handelsblatt](http://Handelsblatt), DE, 5/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140605/mi/item\\_201539028.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140605/mi/item_201539028.pdf)
- [Naftemporiki](http://Naftemporiki), GR, 5/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140605/mi/item\\_201564710.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140605/mi/item_201564710.pdf)

### Strict message from Brussels to Ankara

Spokesperson for Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle, Peter Stano, criticized the Turkish government on its stance on respecting human liberties and rights of its citizens. According to a report in Agence Europe, entitled The EU calls for respect of the right for peaceful gatherings, Stano reiterated that the right for peaceful congregations is a fundamental right that should be respected. Every candidate country should guarantee human rights, he said ([Phileleftheros](http://Phileleftheros), CY, 5/6).

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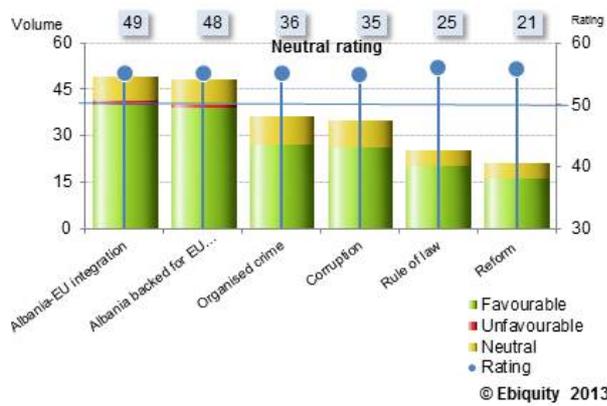
### Elections in Kosovo

Serbs of Kosovo have decided to participate in the early parliamentary elections in Kosovo, following negotiations with prime minister of Serbia, Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić. Representatives of "Srpska" List have declared today that they called on all Serb citizens in Kosovo to vote on Sunday's polls in Kosovo. The declaration followed the visit of the director of Kosovo Office and the meeting with Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić. Serb representatives from Kosovo have concluded that boycott is a bad solution ([balkaneu.com](http://balkaneu.com), GR, 4/6). The West hopes that Kosovo's snap parliamentary polls on Sunday will cement a historic normalization agreement with Serbia and mark a turning point in the former province's bid to start moving toward EU membership ([en.europeonline-magazine.eu](http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu), DE, 4/6).

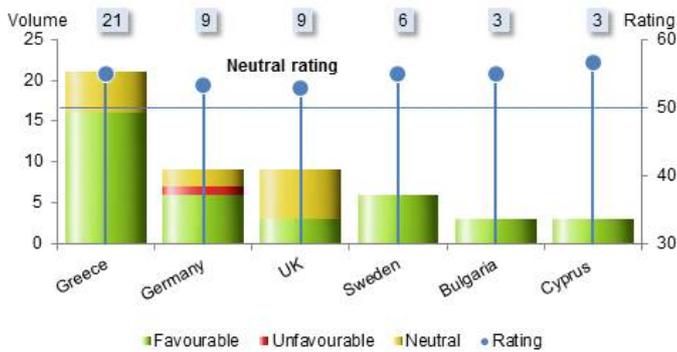
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Edi Rama (Prime Minister, Albania)	6
Aleksandar Vučić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	4
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	3
Peter Stano (Spokesperson Enlargement, EC)	1
Evangelos Venizelos (Foreign Minister, Greece)	1
Sebastian Kurz (Foreign Minister, Austria)	1
Karl Erjavec (Foreign Minister, Slovenia)	1
Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Commissioner for research, innovation and science, EC)	1

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