

Key Quotes

"The repression of journalists and media organisations in Serbia has worsened in recent months, as journalists are summoned and websites are blocked. The EU Commission drew attention to the issue before; now it is time to push for regulation," writes Smiljana Vukojičić Obradović, editor of EurActiv Serbia. She continues: *"In this situation, and in view of the country's orientation towards EU integration, it would be useful for the media and the entire society if Brussels were to launch more decisive initiatives for solving the problems of the Serbian media. It is also one of the priorities which the European Commission had listed in the strategy of enlargement for the entire region"* (euractiv.com, BE, 11/6) <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/infosociety/media-freedom-serbia-under-threat-eu-commission-must-act-302731>

Summary

Opposition parties ally in Kosovo

Three opposition parties in Kosovo are in talks to form a broad coalition which would replace the current Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi. Thaçi's Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) won Sunday's early parliamentary elections with 30% of the vote, but would need support of smaller parties in order to form a government. The Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), which came second with 25.75%, the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK), and the Initiative for Kosovo have agreed on Tuesday to unite in forming a new government, BalkanInsight revealed. However, the three parties may need one more partner to form a majority 61 votes in Parliament. One option would be Albin Kurti's nationalistic Vetëvendosje, which won 13.5% of the votes. Vetëvendosje is known for its opposition against the EU-led talks with Serbia for the normalization of relations between the two countries (novinite.com, BG, 11/6).

- novinite.com, BG, 11/6, <http://www.novinite.com/articles/161209/Kosovo+Opposition+Mulling+Broad+Coalition+against+PM+Thaci>

Serbia will become a pillar of stability

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić is visiting Berlin by invitation of Chancellor Angela Merkel, for talks expected to focus on lagging reforms, slow normalization of relations with Kosovo and Belgrade's ambiguous position on Ukraine (en.europeonline-magazine.eu, DE, 11/6). In an interview Aleksandar Vučić states that while his country does not approve of Russia's recent behaviour and supports Ukraine's territorial integrity, there are political and economic reasons not to resort to sanctions. He says that Serbia is doing its best to improve relations with Kosovo, and that it is "ambitious" with regard to EU accession, hoping to conclude the process by 2019. He says that it would be counter-productive for all the Balkan states to be considered for accession at once, as mistakes made by one country would reflect poorly on all the others and none of them would become a member in the next 15 years (Tagesspiegel, DE, 11/6).

- en.europeonline-magazine.eu, DE, 11/6, http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/serbian-premier-vucic-to-meet-merkel-for-kosovo-reforms-talks_340468.html
- Tagesspiegel, DE, 11/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140611/mi/item_202274180.pdf

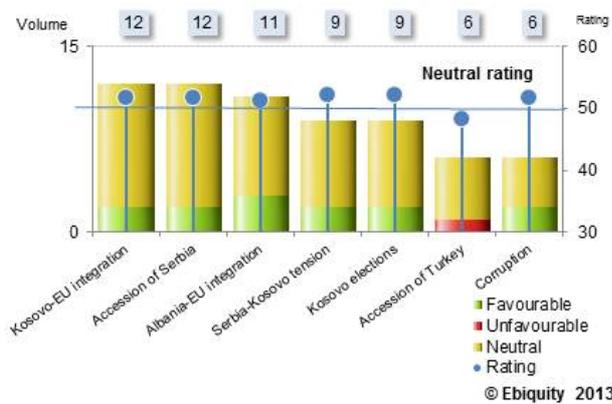
Drop in Albanian support for EU

For the first time in Albania, there's a serious drop in the percentage of support for integration in the European Union. Albania is known to be the only country in Europe with widespread support for EU integration throughout the years. But, in recent months, this support has significantly dropped. In the '90s, 95% of population supported EU integration, in the '00s it was 90% and in 2014, the support for the integration of Albania in the EU is 77%, as opposed to 85% last year (balkaneu.com, GR, 11/6).

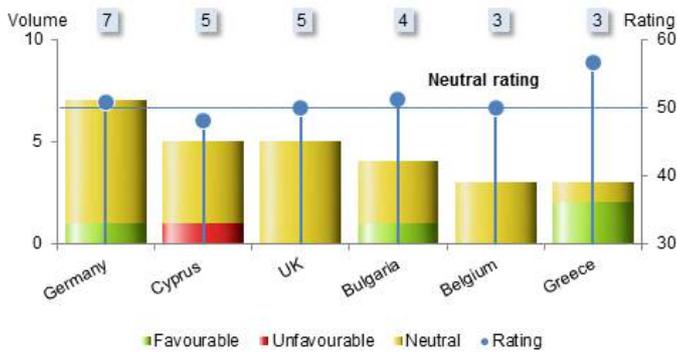
- balkaneu.com, GR, 11/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/support-eu-integration-drops-11-albania/>

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Volume	32 items
Rating	50.8
Favourable %	15.6%
Unfavourable %	3.1%
Neutral %	81.3%

ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources
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Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	8
Aleksandar Vučić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	4
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	2
Baroness Catherine Ashton (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	2
Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	2
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	2
Alex Salmond (First Minister, Scotland)	2
Bohuslav Sobotka (Prime Minister, Czech Republic)	2
Carl Bildt (Foreign Minister, Sweden)	2
Angela Merkel (Chancellor, Germany)	2

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