



Key Quotes

The European Union on Thursday agreed to extend its sensitive law and order mission in Kosovo by two years until June 2016. In a statement, the EU said the caseload handled by its magistrates would be reduced during the new mandate "**given the development of local authorities.**" Instead, the mission will now focus on "**capacity building throughout Kosovo, security and the implementation of agreements reached in the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue in the north,**" the statement said (eubusiness.com, UK, 12/6) <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/justice-police.wms/>

Summary

Merkel urges reforms in Serbia

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has praised the efforts of Serbia towards the rule of law and a clear fight against corruption. Merkel said after talks with the new Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić, that Serbia had a "*very ambitious reform program*" and deserves recognition. This also applies to the last significantly improved relations with Kosovo. Merkel also said that Germany had invited all countries of the Western Balkans to Berlin at the end of August to get to know them better and to promote cooperation among themselves. Vučić said that Germany was the most important country for Serbia in the EU. Vučić promised that his country would "*do everything we can to be a reliable partner*" (Suddeutsche-Zeitung, DE, 12/6)

- Frankfurter-Allgemeine-Zeitung, DE, 12/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140612/mi/item_202426777.pdf
- Suddeutsche-Zeitung, DE, 12/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140612/mi/item_202426797.pdf

European hopes for Kosovo

European Union will not intervene in the issue of the formation of the new government of Kosovo following the early parliamentary elections of June 8, but it expects for it to be formed as soon as possible based on the predefined rules. Maja Kocijančič, spokeswoman of the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, confirmed that Ashton has had a telephone conversation with departing prime minister of Kosovo, Hashim Thaçi to talk about different aspects of the electoral process. We are expecting a government to be formed soon in order to address more challenges that the country faces, such as the economic reform, rule of law and the talks for the implementation of the April 2013 agreement" she said (balkaneu.com, GR, 12/6).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 12/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-formation-government-domestic-issue-kosovo/>

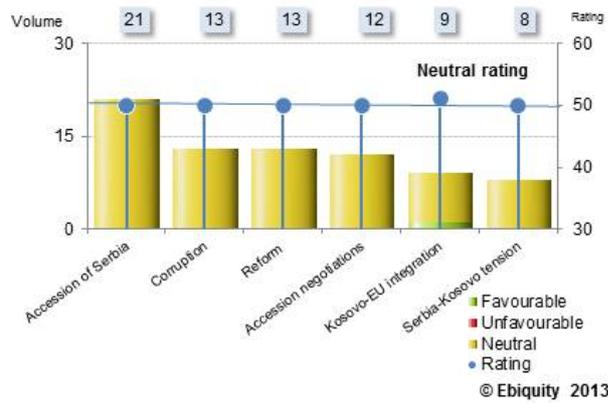
Will Albania join the European Union one day?

Yesterday, during an official visit to Paris, the Socialist leader and Prime Minister Edi Rama met the French President François Hollande, and asked him to approve Albania's candidate status, the first step in a long process of accession to the European Union. Rama said that the Balkans are in Europe and it is therefore natural that we should be part of the Union adding that he thought the EU was the greatest project in human civilisation and so he could not understand why there was support for Eurosceptic parties when Europe was the road to economic and social well-being for generations to come (Aujourd'hui-en-France, FR, 12/50).

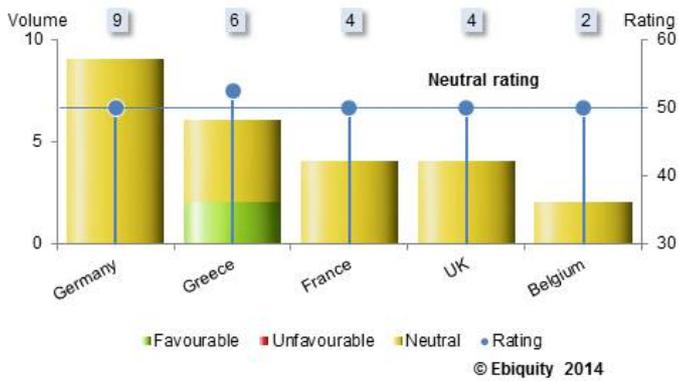
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