



Key Quotes

EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle is to hold fresh talks in Turkey on its efforts to join the 28-nation bloc, a statement said Sunday, amid continued concerns over Ankara's rights record. Füle will meet senior officials Monday and Tuesday, including the president and foreign minister, as well as the justice minister and head of Turkey's constitutional court, the European Commission said. Füle will also take part in a meeting of the working group on Chapter 23 of Turkey's EU membership bid, which covers the judiciary and fundamental rights. This group deals "**with the necessary reforms in these two areas crucial for the accession process of Turkey,**" it added (eubusiness.com, UK, 16/6) <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/turkey-politics.wno>

Summary

Serbia needs to join the EU as soon as possible

Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić says in an interview that his country will do everything to join to the EU. Aleksandar Vucic: "*Our relations with Russia are perfectly fine and normal, but our main goal at the moment is joining the EU as soon as possible. This is our way. We will do everything necessary. There's no turning back*". Serbia has had a lot of "homework" to do, but recognising Kosovo was not a priority. According to Mr Vučić, the negotiations are going well and an agreement is in sight. When asked if Serbia wanted to join the NATO, he diplomatically replied that Serbia's relationship with the NATO has improved after the country was bombarded by it in 1999 (Bild-Zeitung, DE, 13/6).

- Bild-Zeitung, DE, 13/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140613/mi/item_202587060.pdf

Redemption in Kosovo

"*The signs of collusion between the criminal class and the highest political and institutional office holders are too numerous and too serious to be ignored,*" concluded the report submitted to the Council of Europe in December, 2010. The name of Hashim Thaçi, then prime minister of Kosovo and former leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), was mentioned 27 times in 27 pages. Hashim Thaçi is still prime minister of Kosovo. Indeed, he has just been re-elected to the job, although the turnout was a feeble 42 percent. The European Union and NATO, the two organisations that helped the Kosovars free themselves from Serbian rule, seem quite happy about his victory. So redemption is possible, after all (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 13/6).

- cyprus-mail.com, CY, 13/6, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/06/13/redemption-in-kosovo/>

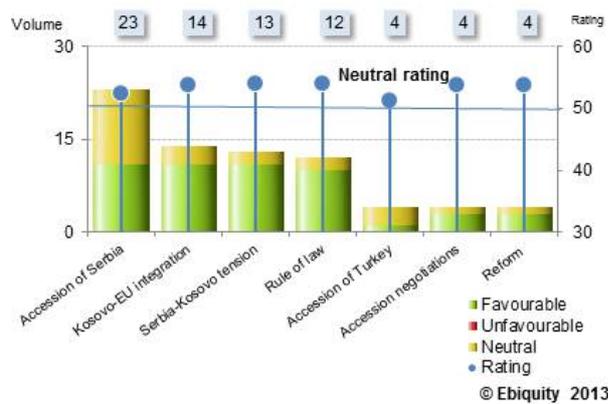
Lobbying for Albania

Albanian president, Bujar Nishani has started a lobbying campaign, officially asking the heads of states of European Union member countries to grant Albania EU candidate status. His message says among other things that "*For quite some years Albania has waited to be granted the status of candidate country by the EU member countries and the positive recommendations of the European Commission represent an authoritative confirmation that my country fully deserves the further advancement towards the European family*". Nishani says that the June Report that accompanies the repeated positive recommendation of the European Commission notes that Albania has convincingly fulfilled and met the required conditions and that it clearly deserves further recognition by the European Union (balkaneu.com, GR, 13/6).

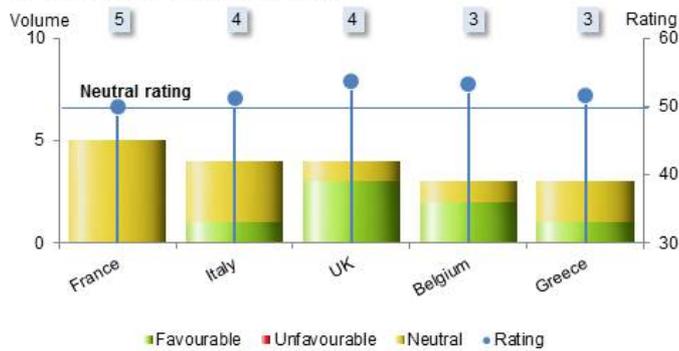
- balkaneu.com, GR, 13/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/president-lobbies-eu-heads-states-albania-granted-candidate-membership/>

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	2
Alyaksandr Lukashenka (President, Belarus)	2

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