



Key Quotes

"Austria is a strong ally of Serbia on its path towards the EU," said Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann. "We always support the countries of the Western Balkans on the road to united Europe. It's part of our policy," he added (newsbeast.gr, GR, 20/6)

<http://www.newsbeast.gr/world/arthro/695621/i-austria-einai-ishuros-summahos-tis-servias-stin-poreia-tis-pros-tin-ee/>

Summary

Albania cleans up corruption

Tirana wants to prove that it is willing to take on vested interests, writes Christian Oliver in the Financial Times (UK, 19/6). From Lazarat in Albania, the Associated Press sends a hair-raising dispatch as police moved into the cannabis capital of Europe. AP cites an estimate that the area was earning \$6bn a year by cannabis cultivation, equal to just under half of Albania's gross domestic product. It is the timing of this operation that is so vital. On Tuesday, Albania will learn whether it has been accepted for "candidate status" for the EU. The showdown in Lazarat is a sign of Albania's intent in the area where it needs to show most progress: judicial accountability and the fight against corruption. It is hardly as if Albania's security services have only just woken up to what goes on in Lazarat - the key issue is that a plantation of this epic scale must have been protected from on high. Albania wants to show that it is willing to take on vested interests. Let's see whether the EU governments are impressed.

- Financial Times, UK, 19/6, [link not available]

Turkey's reforms will determine the tone of EU's 2014 progress report on Turkey

EU enlargement chief Štefan Füle said "There is a chance to turn our positive agenda into tangible results and set the appropriate tone for the next progress report on Turkey" He called on Turkey to pursue the relevant reforms for its accession to the EU, saying, "The future of the accession process will not be determined by the results of the European Parliament elections but it will be determined by Turkey's own performance." (ansamed.info, IT, 18/6).

- ansamed.info, IT, 18/6, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2014/06/18/eu-turkey-fule-says-ankaras-reforms-vital-for-accession_c74eb528-2976-4ab7-b48c-cf1ec0f8473f.html

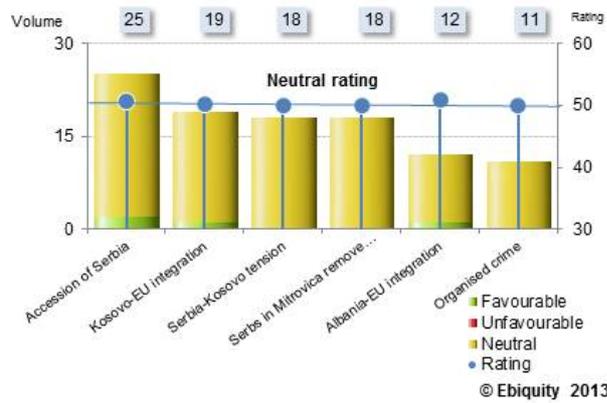
Talks in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The leader of the largest party in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, VMRO-DPMNE, Nikola Gruevski, has invited the leader of the biggest opposition party LSDM (Macedonian Social Democratic League), Zoran Zaev for talks. The invitation has been made through a party communiqué, which says that this would be in the best strategic state interests and NATO and EU perspective of the country. LSDM's response was immediate. The party declared that its leader, Zoran Zaev accepted the invitation for a meeting and political talks. The talks will aim to unblock the political crisis, following the decision of the opposition not to recognize the elections and which led to the resignation of opposition MPs and the request to hold fresh elections through a technical government (balkaneu.com, GR, 19/6).

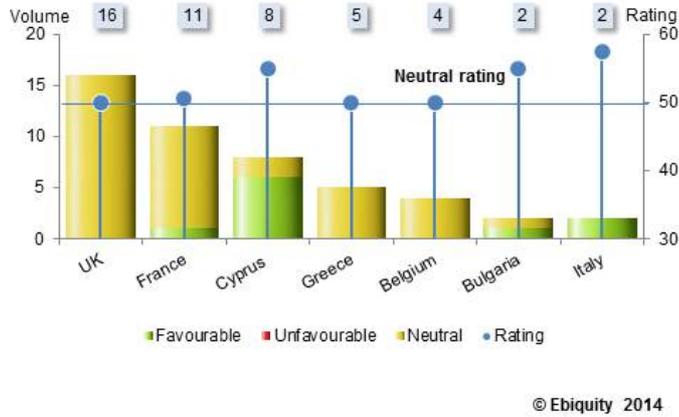
- balkaneu.com, GR, 19/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/gruevski-invites-opposition-leader-talks/>

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