



Key Quotes

"Serbia's European Union entry is in the interest of the bloc and the Balkan country but it up to the government in Belgrade to implement many reforms," European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić told a news conference after their talks in Belgrade on Sunday. Barroso, who arrived in Serbia on Sunday afternoon, said that **"Brussels sees Serbia as a reliable partner and a pillar of stability and cooperation in south-western Balkans"**, adding that **"Serbia has made major progress in its European integration, and the EU is building an ever-stronger partnership with it"** (dalje.com, HR, 29/6).

<http://dalje.com/en-world/barroso-says-authorities-in-belgrade-must-implement-reforms-on-path-to-eu/513445>

Summary

Blair backs Albania's attempts to Join EU

The Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama, has pledged to shake up the country's judicial system so that its criminal overlords are no longer untouchable and to tackle money-laundering and human trafficking. Albania was isolated from Europe for much of the post-war period under Enver Hoxha, its hard-line Communist ruler, who died in 1985. It finally began to emerge as a democracy in 1991. Mr Blair and Mr Campbell forged strong links during the Kosovo war of 1999 and the former prime minister became an unpaid consultant last year. Mr Campbell, a paid consultant, said: *"I have been offering advice, strategy, that sort of thing and just making sure that whenever I see people who are decision-makers anywhere in Europe I just try to break down some of the myths about Albania which have a powerful hold"* (Times, UK, 27/6).

- Times, UK, 27/6, [link not available]

Name dispute

Debates are taking place in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in relation to the name dispute and the integration of the country in the NATO and EU. The debates have become more heated as NATO has warned that there will not be invitations for aspiring countries in the Cardiff summit in September. This warning was received with various different comments in Skopje. Some say that the country must look into new alternatives and change the name, in order to become part of international organizations while others suggest that negotiations with Greece on the name dispute must be stopped. The new government of Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, has included integration into NATO and the EU as a priority of the new government, but will not accept change to the constitutional name of the country. Its Albanian party coalition partners have warned that if there are no positive signals for NATO accession in September, it may abandon the governing coalition (balkaneu.com, GR, 27/6).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 27/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/ideas-stop-neqotiations-dispute-emerge-fyrom/>

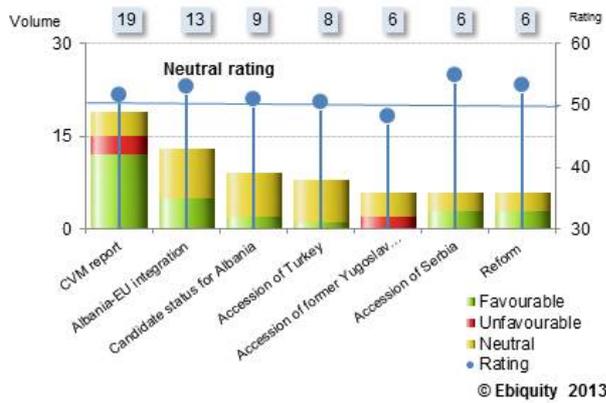
Kosovo Prime Minister expects Serbia to recognise Kosovo

Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi said he was convinced that at the end of the negotiations with Belgrade, held under the mediation of the European Union, eventually there will be a full recognition of the reality, including that of Kosovo's independence, writes Serbian Blic daily. *"In the end of the entire process there will be a full recognition of the reality, including of Kosovo's independence, as an important part of the Balkan architecture. There is no doubt that we are heading in this direction"* Thaçi remarked (focus-fen.net, BG, 27/6).

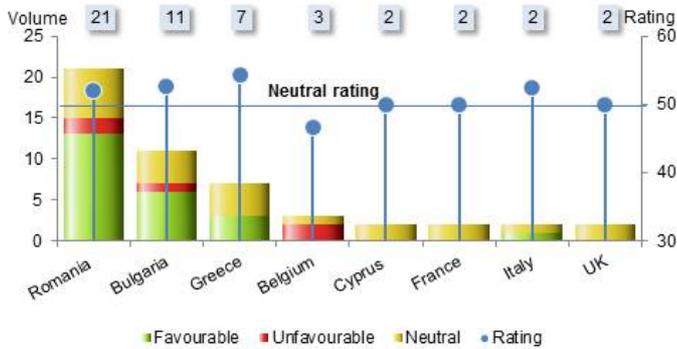
- focus-fen.net, BG, 27/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/06/27/340873/blic-serbia-to-recoqnise-kosovo-in-the-end-of-talks-in-brussels-says-thaci.html>

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