

## Key Quotes

During his last appearance in the European Parliament in his capacity as EU President, Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras said he did not know about the existence of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia language and that the language was invented by the communists. ***"Firstly, I am unaware of the existence of the Macedonian language. I mean that the EU accession process is carried out according to merit. The European Council decided not to start the accession talks with countries that do not meet the criteria,"*** Samaras said (novinar.bg, BG, 3/7). [http://novinar.bg/news/samaras-v-strasburg-makedonskiat-e-bil-izmislen-ot-komunistite\\_NDY5Njs2Mw==.html](http://novinar.bg/news/samaras-v-strasburg-makedonskiat-e-bil-izmislen-ot-komunistite_NDY5Njs2Mw==.html)

## Summary

### Balkan integration

The EU integration process for the Western Balkans is a priority both for Europe's present and for its future, Italian foreign minister Federica Mogherini said at the annual meeting of 18 Central European Initiative (CEI) foreign ministers in Vienna on Tuesday. *"With Italy's EU presidency,"* she said, *"we will have a further responsibility to ensure that this is a priority for the entire European Union. It is important to reiterate that the EU integration of the Western Balkans is of mutual interest - both to the region and to the EU overall"*. The importance of integration was echoed by EU enlargement chief Štefan Füle. *"I understand that it is not the main issue for Europeans,"* he said. *"For many, it is employment, for others it's growth, and for others it might be the environment. However, Europe is not a single issue, it's many. What is important to understand is that enlargement was never a problem, that the European Union has become stronger and not weaker"* (ansamed.info, IT, 3/7).

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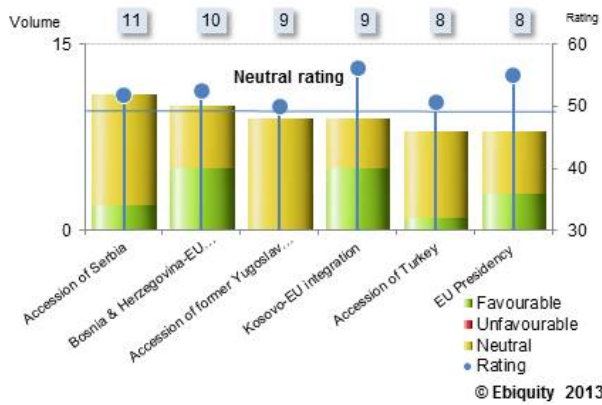
### Kosovo participation in South-Eastern Europe Cooperation Process

Deputy prime minister and head of Serb diplomacy, Ivica Dačić said that Kosovo has not become a full member of the South-Eastern Europe Cooperation Process (SEEC), but according to him, there's been an agreement that Kosovo can participate in the proceedings of this organization in order to strengthen regional cooperation. *"We have not agreed that Kosovo can be part of SEEC"*, said Dačić in a news conference. He said that Serbia will attempt to prevent the accession of Kosovo in all those organizations where this is possible. *"We have no reason to prevent the participation of Kosovo under the conditions which were defined in the Brussels agreement. Wherever Kosovo is marked by a star, then this is part of the Brussels agreement and Serbia has agreed to this"*, said Dačić. He said that Serbia is facing pressure for the accession of Kosovo in regional organizations (balkaneu.com, GR, 2/7)

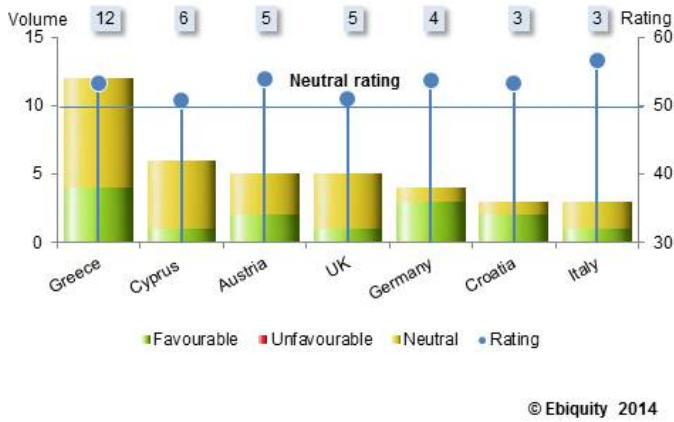
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