



## Key Quotes

"With Erdogan as president Turkey is risking further removal from Europe", says Marietje Schaake (MEP). She continues: "Turkish membership may finally have an important economic and strategic value for the EU. {...} Therefore, the European Member States and the European Commission should take a clear stance on Turkey: human rights and the rule of law should be on a top of the agenda" (refdag.nl, NL, 5/7). [http://www.refdag.nl/opinie/eu\\_moet\\_inzetten\\_op\\_verandering\\_koers\\_turkije\\_1\\_839707?localLinksEnabled=false](http://www.refdag.nl/opinie/eu_moet_inzetten_op_verandering_koers_turkije_1_839707?localLinksEnabled=false)

## Summary

### EU politics is to get another approach

While Italian PM Matteo Renzi is convinced that the EU should focus on its economy, he also recalls that there is much more than the economy at stake, much more than just money, but the fate of the EU, and its whole legacy. Europe must prove it is not just a geographic term. Special focus of the Italian six-month leadership will be on energy and European energy security, while EU enlargement to the Balkans, contrary to some reports, seems not to dominate the Italian diplomatic agenda in Brussels (Business.HR, HR, 4/7).

- Business.HR, HR, 4/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140704/mi/item\\_205431988.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140704/mi/item_205431988.pdf)

### Serbia's external relations

Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić said that the purpose of Serbia's foreign policy is to improve the international status of the country, thus requiring possible mutual communication and common interests both with European Union countries and Russia. "Our goal is membership in the EU, but also to maintain and develop relations with traditionally friendly countries with which we have a common interest, and certainly Russia is a country that we have a common interest with" said Dačić (nova.bg, BG, 4/7). Also in Serbia Ivica Dačić and Kristian Vigenin, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, agreed on Thursday that the relations between these two friendly neighbours should be the closest possible and be based on mutual interest. Bulgaria and Serbia are good neighbours and friends who have no serious issues between them and can work together in the interest of their people, Vigenin told a joint news conference after the meeting with Dačić (rizospastis.gr, GR, 4/7).

- nova.bg, BG, 4/7, <http://nova.bg/2014/%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B8-%D0%BE%D1%82-%D1%81%D0%B2%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%B0/%D0%B4%D0%B0%D1%87%D0%B8%D1%87-%D0%BF%D0%BE-%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%B1%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%82%D0%BE-%D0%BC%D1%8F%D1%81%D1%82%D0%BE-%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D1%81%D1%8A%D1%80%D0%B1%D0%B8%D1%8F-%D0%B2-%D1%81%D0%B2%D0%B5%D1%82/>
- rizospastis.gr, GR, 4/7, <http://www.rizospastis.gr/wwwengine/story.do?id=8019662>

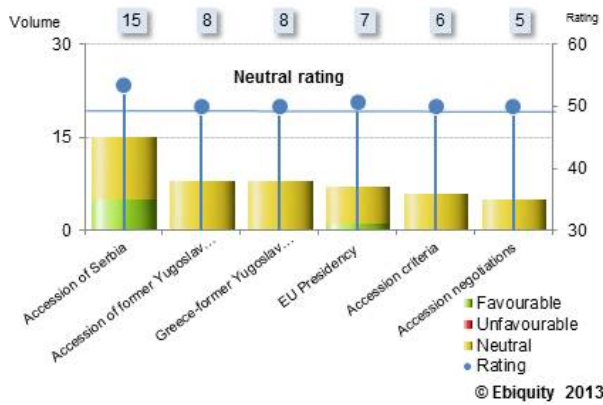
### Name dispute

UN mediator in the Greek-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia name dispute, Matthew Nimetz, is to visit the two countries over the next few weeks. The information about the forthcoming visits was announced by Michel Spinellis, the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations (focus-fen.net, BG, 4/7).

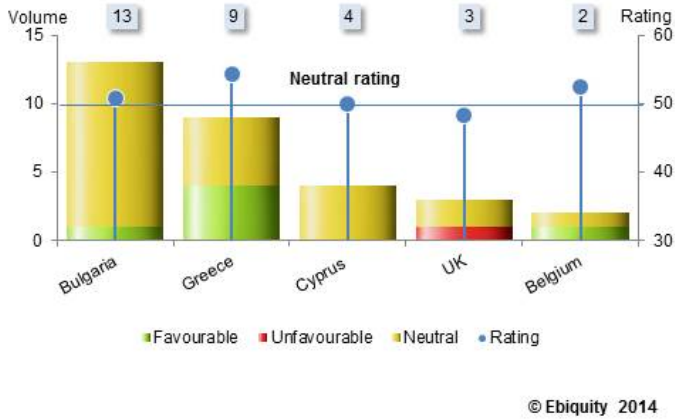
- focus-fen.net, BG, 4/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/04/341585/dnevnik-macedonia-matthew-nimetz-to-visit-athens-skopje.html>

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