



## Key Quotes

No Western Balkans country will become an EU member state in the next five years to come. The comment was made by future President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, Macedonian Večer daily writes. **"I see no country prepared to become a member state in this period,"** Mr Juncker said (focus-fen.net, BG, 10/7).

<http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/10/342141/vecer-macedonia-no-eu-enlargement-in-next-5-years-says-jean-claude-juncker.html>

## Summary

### Montenegro and Balkan solidarity

In an interview, Igor Lukšić, the Foreign Minister of Montenegro, said that Montenegro is a country that strives to have the best relations with countries of the region therefore it is necessary to focus on the issues of our shared interest, such as the fight against corruption and organised crime, improving the infrastructural inter-connectedness of the region and the trade cooperation between the countries through project-oriented cooperation, which will lead to the removal of business barriers and bring our citizens closer to each other. This approach could lend a greater legitimacy to our countries' demands when it comes to the EU and its support to the integration processes, as surely all of these countries have EU accession very high on the list of their strategic priorities (balkaneu.com, GR, 9/7).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 9/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/ibnainterview-iqor-luksic-deputy-prime-minister-minister-foreign-affairs-montenegro/>

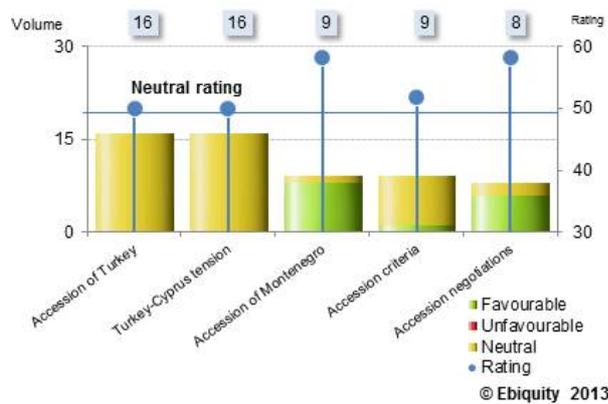
### The EU has to devote more attention to the Balkans

The old Middle East is ceasing to exist and a new Middle East is coming into existence out of increasing chaos, writes former German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer in a contributing article to Der Standard (AT, 10/7). He says that this produces two risks for Europe; first, returning jihadist fighters that threaten to bring terror with them and second, a spread of these ideas to some parts of the Balkans. Brussels has to devote much greater attention to this than it has done so far, adds Mr Fischer.

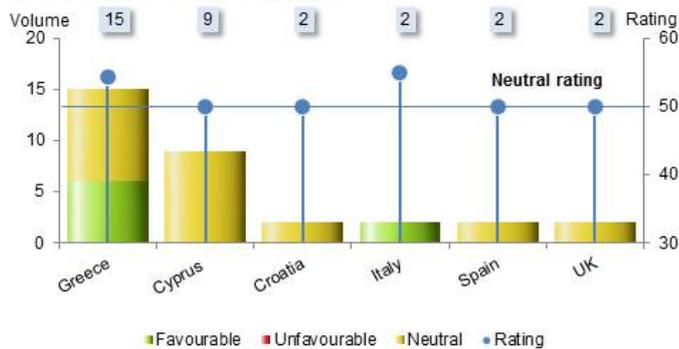
- Der Standard, AT, 10/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140710/mi/item\\_206162152.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140710/mi/item_206162152.pdf)

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