



Key Quotes

During an official two day visit to Serbia starting Thursday, Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta said Romania will not hinder Serbia's EU path, **"I came to Belgrade with a very clear message on behalf of the Romanian Government. We are and we definitely want to be the most resolute advocate of Serbia during its integration to the European Union. I believe not only Serbia needs the EU, but the EU also needs Serbia. I believe it is in Romania's interest that Serbia joins the EU as soon as possible. I think that it is in Europe's interest to actually make an integrated continent,"** (actmedia.eu, RO, 18/7).

<http://actmedia.eu/daily/pm-ponta-romania-will-not-hinder-serbia-s-eu-path/53275>

Summary

Kosovo working towards new government

Kosovo took a step towards forming a new government on Thursday when parliament convened for the first time since indecisive June polls, with the opposition seeking a majority to take power from outgoing Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi. Thaçi's Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) emerged as biggest party from June 6 polls with 30 percent of votes, but three opposition parties have united in a bid to outmanoeuvre him. Days of talks with a fourth party, however, have so far failed to produce a majority in the 120-seat chamber, raising the prospect of a fresh election. Opposition parties refuse to govern with Thaci, accusing his administration of corruption, nepotism and failure to press economic reforms - accusations he denies. All parties seek a closer approach to the European Union. The opposition says their candidate for prime minister is Ramush Haradinaj, a former guerrilla commander twice indicted and twice cleared of war crimes by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague (uk.reuters.com, UK, 17/7).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 17/7, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/07/17/uk-kosovo-government-idUKKBN0FM0YB20140717>

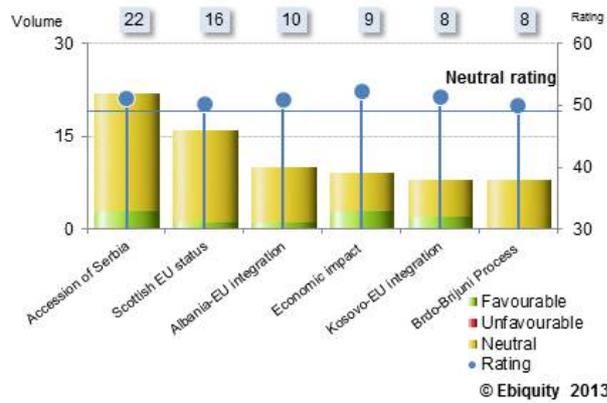
The European future of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The European future of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a priority for Bulgaria, and Sofia expects the new European Commission to focus more attention on the development of the country, Bulgarian foreign minister Kristian Vigenin said at a July 16 meeting with the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Valentin Inzko. There should be a serious discussion, and specific measures with a clear time frame to address the problems instead of running after the events, Vigenin told Inzko (balkan.eu.com, GR, 16/7).

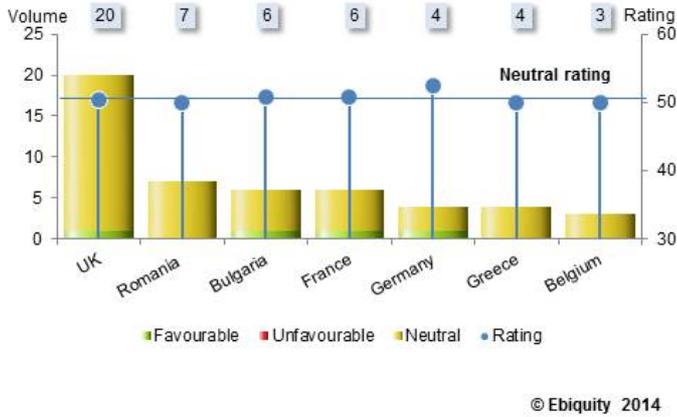
- balkan.eu.com, GR, 16/7, <http://www.balkan.eu.com/european-future-bosnia-herzegovina-priority-bulgaria-fm-tells-high-representative/>

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