



## Key Quotes

The European Union must re-engage with Turkey – even if it cannot with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - if it is to prevent any further backsliding on democratic reforms, according to a brief from the ECFR. On the prospects for EU accession, the analysis ends with a stark warning that the anti-enlargement mood across Europe and the success of the far right in recent elections to the European Parliament could spell trouble. Dimitar Bechev (ECFR) adds that if the EU accession deal were to become unstuck, **“Turkey and the EU would easily fall back into the usual blame game”** (capital.gr, GR, 21/7). <http://www.capital.gr/NewsTheme.asp?id=2068122>

## Summary

### Serbia asked to suspend gas pipeline project

European Commission has recommended to Serbia it suspends the construction of the South Stream gas pipeline project, the Serbian online news edition Politika reported. The EC recommended that the construction activities under the South Stream project on the territory of Serbia are suspended until it is brought in line with EU legislation. *“The EC does not oppose the project as it increases ways of supplying the Western Balkans with gas and encourages a diversification of sources. South Stream will present one more way of doing this but is not a new source of supplying gas. The EC is not concerned over the gas pipeline itself but over the way the project is being realised”* the EC said (focus-fen.net, BG, 21/7).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 21/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/21/343188/politika-european-commission-recommends-serbia-suspends-south-stream-project.html>

### Constitutional amendments for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The European Commission will analyse the constitutional amendments proposed by the government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and will inspect them to see if they correspond to EU legislation, Utrinski Vesnik reported. According to Peter Stano, Spokesperson of Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, the EC had some criticism of the reforms in a range of spheres but had never demanded amendments to the Constitution of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (focus-fen.net, BG, 21/7).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 21/7, <http://focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/21/343181/utrinski-vesnik-macedonia-european-commission-to-inspect-constitutional-amendments.html>

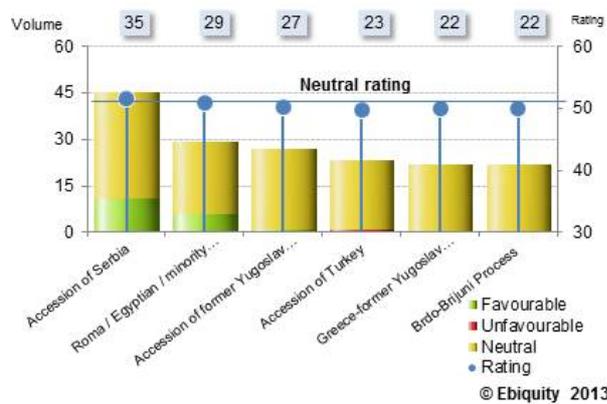
### Romanian support for Montenegro

Montenegro’s Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Igor Lukšić and his Romanian counterpart, Foreign Minister Titus Corlăţean, officially launched the new premises of the Romanian Embassy to Montenegro. Mr Corlăţean said he was very pleased to inaugurate the new Embassy of Romania in Podgorica. He commended the two countries’ excellent and very friendly bilateral relations, noting the work of the Embassy will further contribute to this end. He underlined that Romania strongly supports Montenegro’s EU and NATO ambitions. He added that in *“all the encounters with representatives of the two institutions and of the member-states Romania has been very supportive of Montenegro and has been working towards advancing these strategic goals of Montenegro.”* (balkans.com, UK, 21/7). Corlăţean encouraged the Montenegrins to continue the domestic reforms in terms of democracy and rule of law, necessary to obtain concrete progresses on the path of European and Euro-Atlantic accession (nineoclock.ro, RO, 20/7).

- balkans.com, UK, 21/7, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=195507>
- nineoclock.ro, RO, 20/7, <http://www.nineoclock.ro/new-headquarters-of-romanas-embassy-to-montenegro-inauquated/>

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