



## Key Quotes

Bosnia needs a change of pace to resolve the problem of 60% of its youth who are unable to find a job, underlined the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federica Mogherini. **"These figures show that the comprehensive reform of the system must no longer be postponed"**, Mogherini added, stressing that there should be **"more transparency, certainty in the implementation of laws, simplification of administrative processes"**. Mogherini has assured that the Italian EU Presidency **"stands ready to accompany and assist Bosnia on this journey"**. However, she stressed the **"need to get concrete signals, acts of political will in this direction that can be examined in Brussels and with other Member States."** (ansa.it, IT, 24/7). [http://www.ansa.it/nuova\\_europa/en/news/sections/news/2014/07/24/mogherini-urges-bosnia-to-act-on-reforms\\_8ce55fff-e74c-47fd-a9df-01a2ffc553bb.html](http://www.ansa.it/nuova_europa/en/news/sections/news/2014/07/24/mogherini-urges-bosnia-to-act-on-reforms_8ce55fff-e74c-47fd-a9df-01a2ffc553bb.html)

## Summary

### Problems for the Serbian economy

With one in four people unemployed, Serbia is obliged to take difficult steps if it wants to master a record public debt that has doubled in the last five years and which could lead the country into bankruptcy. Serbia, a candidate country to join the European Union, is passing through its worst economic crisis since the Balkan wars 20 years ago, and its debt continues to grow as the economy will shrink this year for the second time in three years (abc.es, ES, 23/7).

- abc.es, ES, 23/7, <http://www.abc.es/agencias/noticia.asp?noticia=1630007>

### New envoy for name dispute

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's newly-appointed special envoy to the UN for the name issue talks, Vasko Naumovski, is expected to soon meet with the UN mediator in the name dispute, Matthew Nimetz. According to available information, Nimetz is expected to visit the region before the end of the month. The new round of the negotiations will take place after a one-year break. According to analysts, the appointment of a new negotiator means that the country is not giving up on the talks. Former ambassador Risto Nikovski thinks that the visit of Nimetz to the region is part of the engagement of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. According to him, it will be a challenge for Skopje (focus-fen.net, BG, 24/7).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 24/7, <http://focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/24/343518/vecer-macedonia-merkel-gives-new-push-to-name-issue-talks.html>

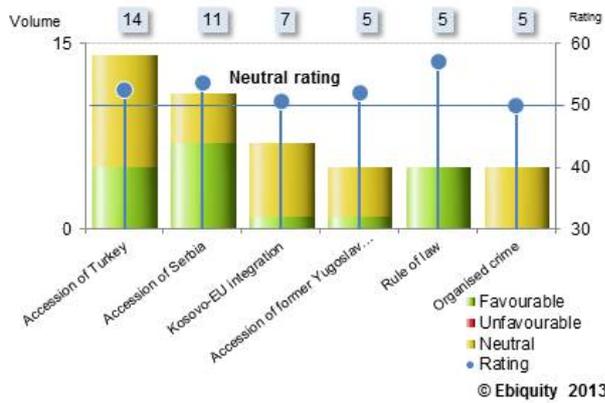
### Kosovo Serbia talks

The Council of Minister's press office today reported on the result of yesterday's talks between the delegation of Kosovo and that of Serbia in Brussels on the issue of barricades. In the three meetings, after several hours of talks and following the proposal of the EU, parties agreed to lift barricades and on the revitalization of the bridge in a gradual process, a process in which the EU will be directly involved, including financial assistance on projects that aim to improve the life of all the citizens of Mitrovica, reads the press statement. During this meeting, mayor of southern Mitrovica, Agim Bahtiri vowed that the situation in the bridge will be normalized as soon as possible and that the commune will do everything it can to cooperate with the government of Kosovo and EU to implement the EU plan in order to implement free movement. Meanwhile, mayor of northern Mitrovica, Goran Rakic vowed that he would cooperate in order to normalize the situation and implement the EU plan, agreeing that this plan is in the best interest of all the citizens of Mitrovica, reads the press. (balkaneu.com, GR, 23/7).

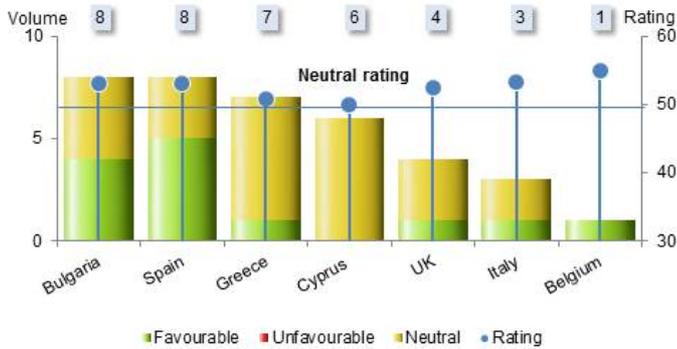
- balkaneu.com, GR, 23/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-barricades-north-lifted/>

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Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	4
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