



Key Quotes

Pressure from within Europe for a solution to the dispute between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) over the latter's name is growing, with Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini adding her voice to those calling for a swift resolution. ***"Italy is ready to support the United Nations' mediation efforts,"*** Mogherini said, adding that ***"The name issue is very important."*** Mogherini also suggested the European Union and US should stand by to help Athens and Skopje resolve the dispute in ***"the coming months."*** (ekathimerini.com, GR, 25/7). http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcqj/w/articles/wsite1_1_25/07/2014_541697

Summary

Progress report for Kosovo

The European Commission published today the report on the progress of Kosovo in implementing the reforms that relate to the fulfilment of the requirements set out on the guideline for the liberalization of the visa regime. According to the report, Kosovo has taken important steps to implement legislation in all the domains of the guideline: a system of reintegration has been set up and is functional; management of borders, migration and asylum and criminal justice system of Kosovo have benefited from the important reforms that have been made. The report states that there are still efforts to be made in order to fully fulfil the requirements. The report recommends that Kosovo improves the sustainable reintegration of those who are repatriated, improves its system for civil status; pushes forward the information system on visas, develops the independence of the justice system and creates a trusted register for rulings issued by the court on cases of organized crime and corruption (balkaneu.com, 24/7).

- balkaneu.com, 24/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/european-commission-kosovo-progress-liberalization-visa-regime-efforts-required/>

Serbia Kosovo tension

Debate continues in Kosovo over the issue of the barricades installed in the north of Mitrovica. While the Kosovar side says that Brussels has given the green light for the removal of barricades in the north, the Serb side claims the opposite. The head of the Office for Kosovo in the Serb government, Marko Đurić has declared that during the negotiations in Brussels with the delegation from Pristina, it was agreed for the "Peace Park" to stay on the Mitrovica Bridge. The head of the Kosovar delegation in the technical talks between Kosovo and Serbia, Edita Tahiri said that the declarations are not true. According to her, on behalf of Serbia, he has agreed for all barricades to be removed. ***"Marko Đurić and Serbia still have problems with barricaded mentalities. Based on the Brussels agreement which we reached on July 22, Peace Park and Tsar Lazarus Park will be removed along with all other obstacles that have been recently installed in breach of the laws of Kosovo"*** she said (balkaneu.com, GR, 25/7).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 25/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/tahiri-djuric-clash-barricades/>

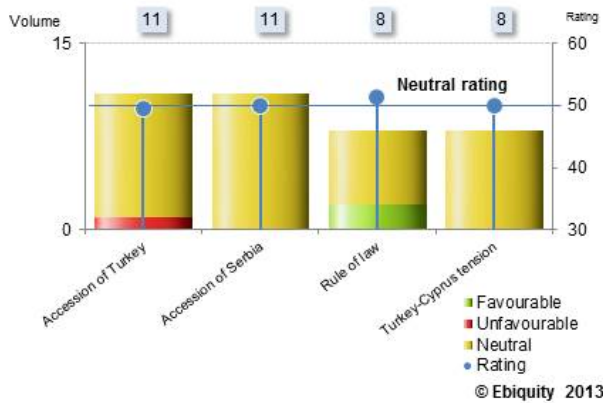
Ankara hampers Armenia-EU relations

The Turkish authorities are preventing Armenia from using transport routes to the European Union, said the Armenian Foreign Minister Edvard Nalbandian on Wednesday in Brussels. "It's ironic, but Turkey, which aspires to join the EU, has closed the border with its neighbour, while the free movement is a basic principle on the territory of the EU," said Mr Nalbandian (collectifvan.org, FR, 25/7).

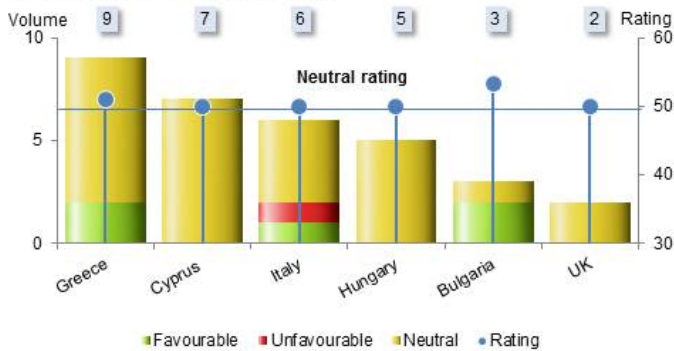
- collectifvan.org, FR, 25/7, <http://www.collectifvan.org/article.php?r=4&id=81680>

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Federica Mogherini (Foreign Minister, Italy)	5
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Alexander Downer (UN Special Adviser on Cyprus)	2

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