



Key Quotes

The process of EU integration and reforms, as well as bilateral relations, were the focus of Minister Federica Mogherini's meetings in Serbia and Podgorica, on the final leg of her mission to the Balkans. At the end of the meeting in Belgrade with her Serbian colleague Ivica Dacic, Mogherini expressed the hope that Serbia would "*continue along the path of reform and resume dialogue with Pristina*" in order to accelerate its integration into the EU (esteri.it, IT, 28/7).

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Sala Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Approfondimenti/2014/07/20140728_mogbelpod.htm?LANG=EN

Summary

Progress in Turkey?

In recent months, Turkey appears to have significantly receded from its previous commitment to separation of powers in its parliamentary democracy. Over the course of the last week, a wave of detentions of more than a hundred police officers resulted in the arrests of a score of them and continued detention beyond the legal timeframe of the rest. This news largely went under the radar beyond Turkey. Membership of the EU is seriously under threat, as the EU expresses concerns about rule of law and separation of powers (opendemocracy.net, UK, 28/7). However EU Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia Malmström said that progress had recently been made with the signing of an agreement between the EU and Turkey. She considers that the Turkish parliament's approval is a formality. With this new agreement, there is a process to return immigrants that illegally enter Europe through Turkey back to the country of origin (protothema.gr, GR, 28/7).

- opendemocracy.net, UK, 28/7, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/akadir-yildirim/turkey-crackdown-on-opposition-and-rule-of-law>
- protothema.gr, GR, 28/7, <http://en.protothema.gr/interview-commissioner-malmstrom-on-immigration/>

Italian support for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federica Mogherini, paid a visit to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and met with her counterpart Nikola Poposki. Speaking at a press conference after the meeting, she remarked Italy, as the country that currently hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, thought integration of the Western Balkans countries was a strategic interest of the EU. She said that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia could count on Rome's support on its way to EU integration (focus-fen.net, BG, 28/7).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 28/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/28/343904/vecer-italy-backs-macedonias-beginning-negotiations-over-eu-membership-says-federica-mogherini.html>

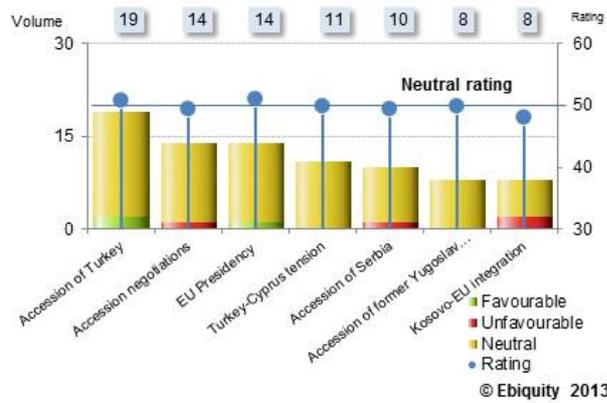
Serbo-Greek meeting

Serbia's Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs Aleksandar Vulin and the Greek Minister for Macedonia and Thrace Georgios Orfanos agreed in Thessaloniki Greece that the two countries should reach an agreement on protection of Serbian military memorials in Greece as soon as possible. Vulin stated that this is one more confirmation of the traditional Serbian-Greek friendship and a proof of even better ties between the brotherly peoples. Orfanos underlined that Greece strongly supports European path of Serbia and gladly follows the country's progress, and that it will do everything so that Serbia can become a full EU member as soon as possible. (balkans.com, UK, 28/7).

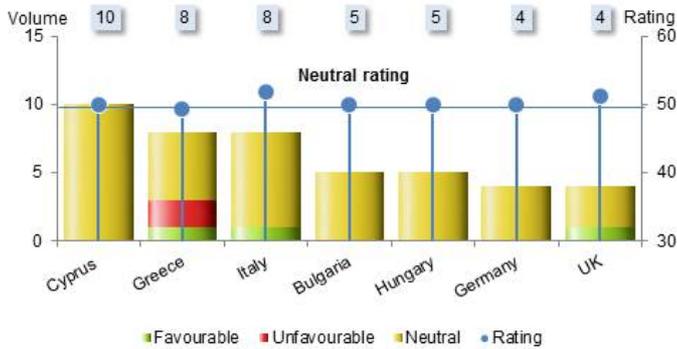
- balkans.com, UK, 28/7, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=195747>

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Federica Mogherini (Foreign Minister, Italy)	14
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	6
Ivica Dačić (Foreign Minister, Serbia)	6
Aleksandar Vučić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	6
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	3

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