



Key Quotes

Zarko Korac, former Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia in Zoran Đinđić's government: *"In this moment, I believe that EU does not expect from Serbia to follow its foreign policy in every respect. Brussels expects from Belgrade to harmonize its foreign policy with EU's to as high extent as possible, because Serbia is in its earliest stage in European accession process. I think that the statement that Serbia should gear to EU's foreign policy as much as possible – by Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini who recently visited Belgrade – is good illustration for such approach"* (balkaneu.com, GR, 31/7).

<http://www.balkaneu.com/ibnainterview-vucic-suggests-kind-prometheus/#sthash.c6OU8aNdpuF>

Summary

No alternative to full EU membership

In this interview, Turkish Minister for EU Affairs Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu says he was not satisfied with the current talks on Turkey's EU accession. The main obstacles are political hurdles due to the Cyprus question or the reaction to the Gezi Park protests. These hurdles are not justified, according to Mr Çavuşoğlu. EU countries and Turkey should hold referenda over Turkey's EU membership. He states Turkey is a secular country with democratic standards. His party, the AKP, is conservative but strongly opposed to mixing politics with religion. Mr Çavuşoğlu argues Turkey's EU membership would be a "win-win process" for both sides. He says Turkey can help the EU become a global player. Mr Çavuşoğlu affirms there is no alternative to Turkey to joining the EU (ZDF, DE, 31/7).

- ZDF, DE, 31/7, <http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140730/mi/6000-569907-001.mp4>

Roma, an item on Serbia's checklist

Serbia has begun the process to become a member of the EU and that has spurred them to implement change in their dealing with the Roma population, at least on paper, writes Mira Hjort in an article in Svenska Dagbladet (SE, 31/7). Serbia has developed strategies and action plans for dealing with Roma, but they have not been implemented, according to Jovana Vukovic of the Regional Centre for Minorities in Belgrade. The EU does not care and lacks credibility because the situation is just as bad in member states, according to Ms Vukovic. Thomas Hammarberg, a former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, says it is worthwhile for negotiations on EU membership to set demands that are not dependent on other examples.

- Svenska Dagbladet, SE, 31/7, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140731/mi/item_208590982.pdf

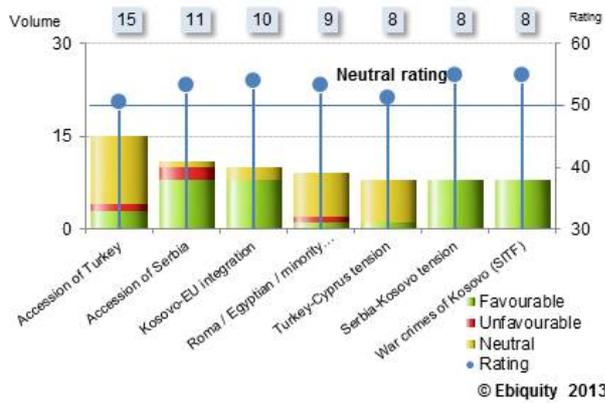
Name dispute

UN special mediator Matthew Nimetz on Wednesday wrapped up a tour to bordering Balkan neighbours Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which failed to produce any major breakthroughs in the ongoing name dispute between the two. Speaking to journalists Nimetz was nevertheless optimistic that the two sides can reach a settlement. *"Given the fact that there is a common desire to solve the issue and some ideas floating around that may be the basis for some solution, I do think that this is an issue that will get resolved,"* Nimetz said. *"Exactly when I cannot say,"* he added. Venizelos described the meeting with the UN envoy as *"useful and interesting"* and voiced the government's determination to resolve the issue. Meanwhile, speaking from Skopje, the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski was quick to blame Athens for the lack of progress (ekathimerini.com, GR, 30/7).

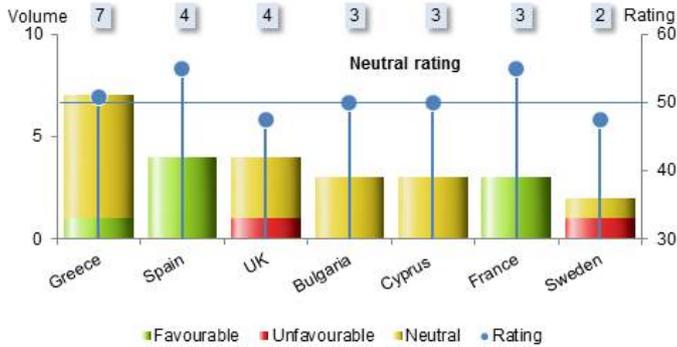
- ekathimerini.com, GR, 30/7, http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcgi/_w_articles_ws1_1_30/07/2014_541809

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