



## Key Quotes

A lot depends on the stance of newly-elected Turkish President Erdoğan as to whether the stalemate in Cyprus will continue or not, President Anastasiades has stated. The President said that **“according to information, Erdoğan appears decisive”** for contributing to a Cyprus solution. This, he noted, will become apparent in due course. Moreover, the President expressed hope that Cyprus’ strategic allies and its European partners will become more active in pushing for results or some initiatives over Cyprus ([famaqusta-gazette.com](http://famaqusta-gazette.com), CY, 18/8). <http://famaqusta-gazette.com/all-eyes-on-erdogan-coming-months-crucial-for-cyprus-anastasiades-p24908-69.htm>

## Summary

### Turkey’s democratic credentials

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Turkey’s Prime Minister, certainly knows how to win elections. Since he helped to found the Justice and Development (AK) party 13 years ago, he has scored eight victories in a row. On August 10th he made it nine, winning Turkey’s first direct election to the Presidency, with a crushing 52% of the vote. Given what have been broadly fair polls, with mostly high turnouts, nobody can seriously challenge Mr Erdoğan’s democratic credentials (economist.com, UK, 15/8).

- economist.com, UK, 15/8, <http://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21612154-it-would-be-better-turkey-if-presidency-remained-mainly-ceremonial-erdogan-top>

### Status of former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

While the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia cannot join the EU and NATO over the naming dispute, a large number of countries, including Greece, have joined the international organisations despite bilateral arguments, Vecer daily commented. The paper said bilateral matters are not only characteristic of the complicated situation in the Balkans but of the whole world. According to the US Central Intelligence Agency, countries that do not have arguments with other countries are a rarity (focus-fen.net, BG, 15/8)

- focus-fen.net, BG, 15/8, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/08/15/345671/vecer-there-are-eu-nato-member-states-involved-in-bilateral-arguments-but-macedonia-is-blocked.html>

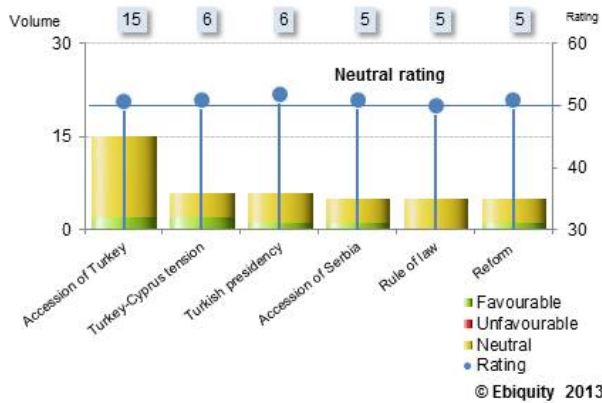
### A future government for Kosovo

The Democratic Party of Kosovo and the opposition bloc are waiting for the verdict of the Constitutional Court to begin creating a government. The leader of the PDK, Hashim Thaçi said that once the Constitutional Court issues a verdict, then this party will engage in forming a comprehensive government coalition. He said that nobody can steal the legitimacy of the citizens of Kosovo. Thaçi said that the best governing formula is to respect the right of the Democratic Party of Kosovo to create a coalition with its partners. Meanwhile, opposition parties in Kosovo so far have declared that they will not govern with the Democratic Party of Kosovo. Leader of the Democratic Party of Kosovo, Isa Mustafa says that Thaçi’s government has impoverished Kosovo and that the solution consists of a government formed by opposition parties (balkaneu.com, GR, 15/8)

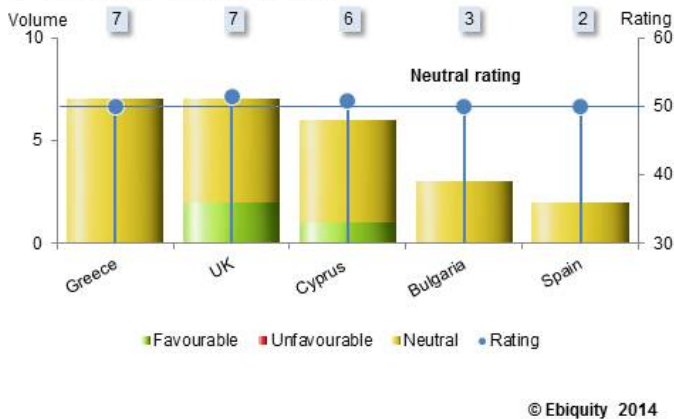
- balkaneu.com, GR, 15/8, <http://www.balkaneu.com/creation-government-kosovo-unknowns/>

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**ELARG: Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
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ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (President elect, Turkey)	10
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	4
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	4
José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	2
Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	2
Abdullah Gül (Turkey's outgoing president)	2

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