



## Key Quotes

**"Serbia's negotiations to join the EU are progressing well,"** said Peter Stano, a spokesman for EU Commissioner for Enlargement, Štefan Füle. He added that **"Reports on the important chapters 23 and 24 have been adopted, and the Serbian government is already working on action plans for them"**. Stano stressed that the EU is not coercing anyone to anything and that **"Serbia made a voluntary choice when it applied for membership to the EU"** ([novinar.bg](http://novinar.bg), BG, 18/8).

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## Summary

### The thread that connects Turkey to Europe

In an article in *Messaggero* (IT, 17/8), former European Commission President, Romano Prodi explained that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's continuing electoral successes are a result of Turkey's increasing prosperity and its growing economic and political presence in an ever-wider region, as well as his contribution to a strong national identity. The fact these issues mean voters are prepared to accept a more authoritarian regime questions the ways in which modern democracies work. Turkey's EU membership talks will not make substantial progress soon, but it is in our common interest that the EU-Turkey dialogue continues, because of Turkey's importance, and also as part of the EU's declared *"Mediterranean policy"* he wrote. However in a separate move, Turkey summoned the German ambassador in Ankara over a report in magazine *Der Spiegel* that Germany's BND intelligence agency had been spying on its NATO ally for years, a Turkish foreign ministry official said. The German magazine reported at the weekend that Berlin had identified Ankara as a top surveillance target in an internal government document from 2009 ([uk.reuters.com](http://uk.reuters.com), 18/8).

- *Messaggero*, IT, 17/8, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140817/mi/item\\_210416914.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140817/mi/item_210416914.pdf)
- [uk.reuters.com](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/08/18/uk-turkey-germany-spying-idUKKBN0GI0U320140818), 18/8, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/08/18/uk-turkey-germany-spying-idUKKBN0GI0U320140818>

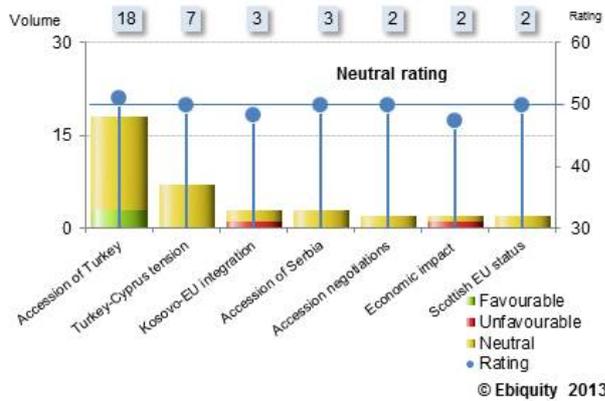
### Kosovo political deadlock

Experts of political developments in Kosovo have said that leaders of political parties must be more responsible and find a formula for the formation of the institutions coming out of the June 8 elections. Analyst Vilhard Shala told IBNA that new elections cannot be an option, because they damage the state budget, they delay the European integration process and they can also have negative consequences in other domains. *"Kosovo has sustained significant damage from this political deadlock, which was caused after the June 8 elections. Political leaders must be more responsible and find a common language for the formation of the institutions of the country"*, declared Shala ([balkaneu.com](http://balkaneu.com), GR, 18/8).

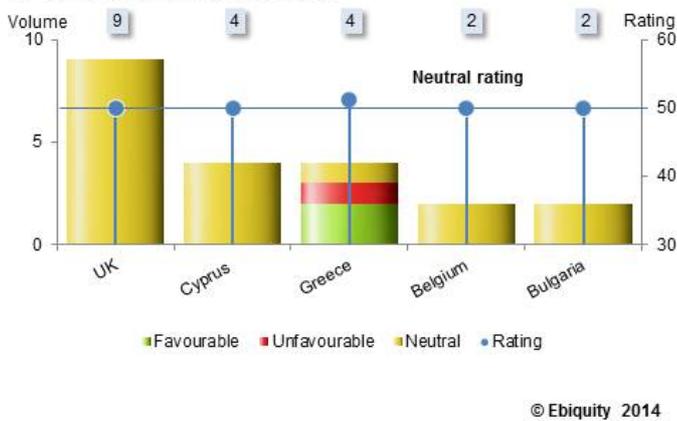
- [balkaneu.com](http://balkaneu.com), GR, 18/8, <http://www.balkaneu.com/political-deadlock-consequences-kosovo-elections-option/>

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