



## Key Quotes

European Union demands the continuation of talks between Kosovo and Serbia. ***“The process of talks for the normalization of relations between Kosovo and Serbia must continue”***, declared on Sunday the EU chief of diplomacy, Catherine Ashton. ***“The Balkan region, including Kosovo, has seen progress in the recent years, but there’s still a lot of work to be done in order to fulfil the standards required in the process of integration. Talks between Kosovo and Serbia must continue, given that this will help in the normalization of relations between them”***, Ashton added (balkaneu.com, GR, 25/8). <http://www.balkaneu.com/european-union-demands-continuation-talks-kosovo-serbia/>

## Summary

**Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić publicly announced that Serbia respects and takes seriously the Brussels message** (Vecer, SI, 25/8) Serbia has announced that it is observing the European Union's request not to grant subsidies to farming producers exporting onto the Russian market. The Prime Minister of Serbia, Alexander Vučić, stated that the trade relations with Moscow were not affected and that he was not going to adopt sanctions against Russia (Bursa-Romania, RO, 25/8). Vučić said *“We will respect the desire of the EU, because the EU accession is our strategic goal”* (Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 25/8).

- Vecer, SI, 25/8, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140825/mi/item\\_211253811.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140825/mi/item_211253811.pdf)
- Bursa-Romania, RO, 25/8, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140825/mi/item\\_211230589.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140825/mi/item_211230589.pdf)
- Wirtschaftsblatt, AT, 25/8, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140825/mi/item\\_211257015.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140825/mi/item_211257015.pdf)

### Turkish business model and the EU

Contrary to received wisdom, the *“Turkish model”* was not based on the entrepreneurial potential of emerging conservative businessmen of Anatolia nurtured by market reforms and the Islamic outlook of the government, but on a regulatory framework changed to allow arbitrary government intervention in support of politically privileged entrepreneurs. The changes in the business environment continued with escalating political polarisation which was reflected in the different trajectories of business associations. The umbrella organisation TURKONFED (Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation) which represents about 10,000 provincial small and medium enterprises, opted for a model of capitalist development that incorporates a regulatory framework where the scope of political discretion would be minimised, as originally intended by the 2001 reforms. Another model of capitalist development took shape as the business actors close to the government opted for an economic strategy that allowed broader scope for discretionary political intervention in the economy. While during the early phases of the AKP government they did not explicitly oppose Turkey's candidacy to the EU, these associations took an active part in a foreign policy orientation diverging from the country's traditional Western-looking one (opendemocracy.net, UK, 25/8).

- opendemocracy.net, UK, 25/8, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/ayse-buqra/truth-behind-turkish-model>

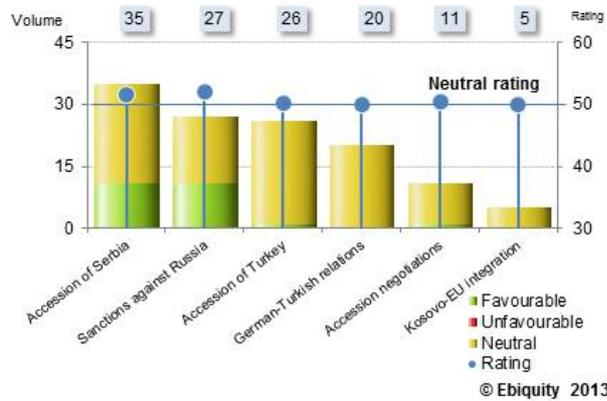
### Reform before accession

Ahead of the Conference of Western Balkan States, to be organized by the German government on Thursday in Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that all countries in the region have EU prospects, but that the accession will depend on how quickly they implement vital reforms (danas.net.hr, HR, 24/8).

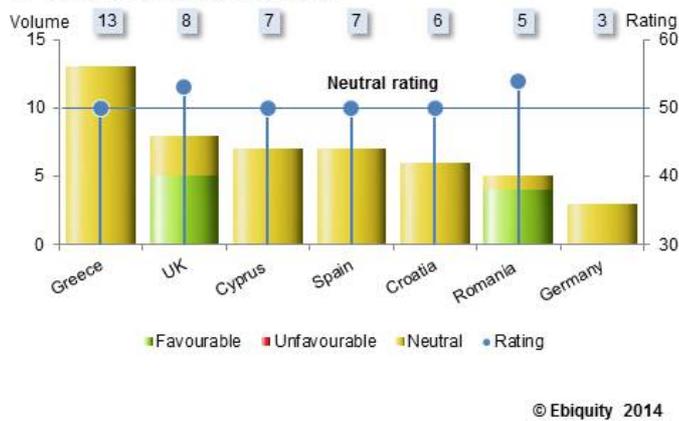
- danas.net.hr, HR, 24/8, <http://danas.net.hr/svijet/merkel-poslala-upozorenje-zemljama-balkana-medju-njima-i-hrvatskoj>

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