



Key Quotes

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is sworn in as Turkey's president. In a formal speech Mr Erdoğan announced: ***"Our main priority will be developing the economy, increasing welfare, to continue with determination on our strategic path to the EU, continue reforms and the solution process [to the country's bloody Kurdish conflict]"*** (Financial Times, UK, 28/8).

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/e343f986-2ebc-11e4-afe4-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3BkiexE96>

Summary

Too many expectations ahead of the Western Balkans Forum

Sources close to the German government warned the Balkan countries that there is too much expectation regarding possible German investing into the region, and that a certain level of disappointment is sure to follow. Berlin was keen to stress that the negotiations concerning infrastructure investment are still in their infancy. Germany would though, immediately after the forum, recommend Balkan products to the German companies, and is willing to lobby at the EU financial institutions for investment, but the route of the Adriatic-Ionian motorway, or LNG terminal realisation are not going to be determined at this point. The Western Balkans forum could become a regular annual meeting, since Austria is interested in hosting it next year, and France could be interested in hosting it once as well. Senior sources also say that the conference in Germany wanted above all to send a strong political support to the EU enlargement (Vecernji-List, HR, 28/8).

- Vecernji-List, HR, 28/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140828/mi/item_211609005.pdf

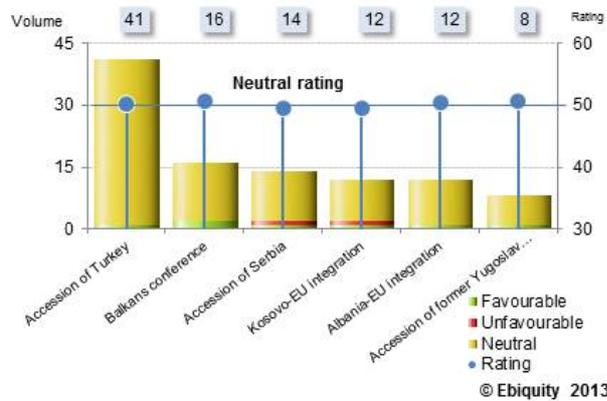
Serbo-Russian relations

"Russia has never put any pressure on us" Serbia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dačić stated saying that the plans to join the European Union had never caused Russia to put pressure on Serbia, as the latter had made it clear that the relationship between Serbia and Russia will not be affected. He said though that he believed that the current situation in Kosovo had great potential to erupt into a conflict comparable to Ukraine. While the Serbian government does not approve of Russia's actions regarding Ukraine, it is still in the country's interest to continue trade with Russia. This may change, should Western countries invest more in the Balkan States he suggested (Tagesspiegel, DE, 27/8).

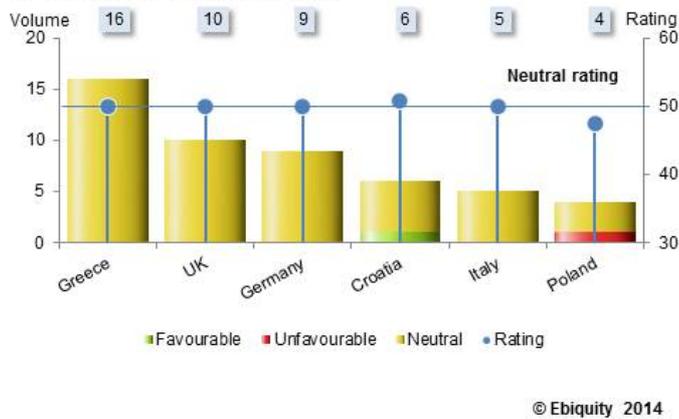
- Tagesspiegel, DE, 27/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140828/mi/item_211590950.pdf

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