



Key Quotes

Because of the Ukraine crisis, Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić expects Serbia to be under increasing pressure to join the European Union and West's sanctions against Russia and to change its foreign policy on Ukraine, Belgrade's print media said on Thursday. **"I expect increasing pressure on Serbia to impose sanctions against Russia as the conflict in Ukraine escalates,"** Dačić told Danas daily, adding that the EU's relationship towards Serbia's position on the sanctions would change depending on developments, the intensity of the Ukraine conflict, and the escalation of the EU-Russia conflict (dalje.com, HR, 5/9).
<http://dalje.com/en-world/dacic-expects-stronger-eu-pressure-on-serbia-to-impose-sanctions-on-russia/520928>

Summary

Kosovo-Serbia talks in Brussels

The talks for the normalization of relations between Kosovo and Serbia have resumed in Brussels under the auspices of the European Union. Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo, Edita Tahiri, who is at the same time the head negotiator for the implementation of the Brussels talks, will be Brussels, where she will participate in the meetings organized by the European Union on the issues of the integrated border management, free movement and other issues. *"The application of the technical protocol, signed by the Republic of Kosovo and Republic of Serbia, has now reached the final stage and parties are expected to agree on the final projections for the construction of the permanent buildings at all six border crossing points between the Republic of Kosovo and Republic of Serbia"*, reads a press statement from the government of Kosovo. (balkaneu.com, GR, 4/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 4/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/talks-kosovo-serbia-resume-analysts-skeptic-process/>

Accession of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is determined to become member of the EU and NATO. This is the conclusion drawn from the meeting between Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski and German Parliamentarian Thorsten Frei, representative of Germany's CDU party, during latter's visit to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, writes Macedonian Vecer daily. Frei remarked that Germany supported the realisation of the reforms that will lead to the country achieving these goals. The two also stressed that the solution to the name dispute between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece needed constructive approach by both countries (focus-fen.net, BG, 4/9).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 4/9, <http://focus-fen.net/news/2014/09/04/347667/vecer-macedonia-name-dispute-solution-needs-construction-approach-says-german-mp.html>

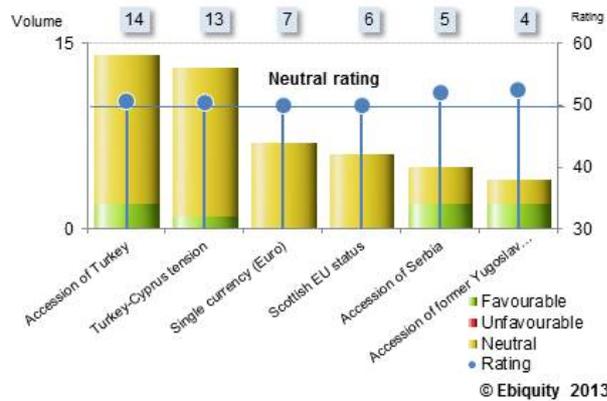
Using the euro and accession

In 2007, the EU requested Montenegro, which has used the euro as de facto currency since 2002, to create its own monetary authority as a basic pre-requisite for membership, Olli Rehn the former Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, notes. *"Unilateral euro-isation is not compatible with the Treaty [of the European Union], which foresees the eventual adoption of the euro as the endpoint of a structured convergence process"* the commission stated at the time. It added that an EU member state *"cannot adopt the euro and join the euro area without fulfilling all the criteria defined in the treaty"* (balkans.com, UK, 4/9).

- balkans.com, UK, 4/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=196643>

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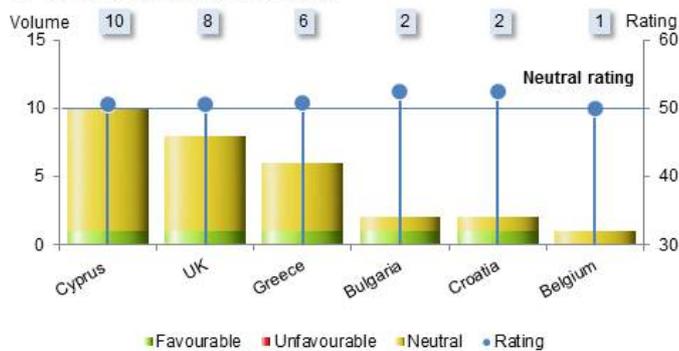


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