



Key Quotes

EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina Peter Sørensen said that the EU will closely monitor the election process in Bosnia and Herzegovina. **"Both BiH citizens and the EU Member States want this country to join the EU. And every survey in this country shows that citizens want a better life – they want jobs, better salaries and pensions, good education and health systems and a strong fight against corruption,"** Sørensen added (index.hr, HR, 15/9).

<http://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/sorensen-unija-ce-pazljivo-pratiti-izborne-procese-u-bih/771555.aspx>

Summary

Minority rights

A German participant at the Belgrade conference on LGBT rights *"Future belongs to us"* was beaten-up early on Saturday. According to media accounts the victim was attacked in the street, and is now recovering in the Belgrade Emergency Centre after being hospitalized. Later on Saturday the non-governmental organization for promotion of LGBT rights "Labris" organized a protest march to highlight the beating-up with the German ambassador to Serbia, Heinz Wilhelm, among the protesters (balkaneu.com, GR, 14/9). Elsewhere Turkey's stance towards minority groups was the topic of a high-level panel discussion at the İsmail Beşikçi Vakfı in İstanbul's Beyoğlu district last week. Some of the country's leading academics and representatives of minority groups participated in the talk, which was held to mark the anniversary of the 1955 attacks against Greek, Armenian and Jewish citizens in Turkey (neurope.eu, BE, 14/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 14/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/german-lgbt-activist-beaten-belgrade/>
- neurope.eu, BE, 14/9, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/turkish-scholars-istanbul-discuss-minorities-past-and-present>

Enlargement policy is officially on ice, a strategy for the Balkans is missing

"The EU needs a break in the enlargement process", wrote EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker recently. This is no surprise, especially since everyone knows that there can be no accessions in the next five years, because the states in negotiations - Montenegro and Serbia – have still a long way to go (presseportal.de, DE, 15/9). That Austrian Johannes Hahn received the enlargement agenda is significant, particularly as Austria is one of the few countries in the European Union that still advocates enlargement. The European Commission has recently failed in the region with its strategy - the so-called policy of conditionality and an economic strategy that could prevent the growing instability in the region is completely lacking (Standard, AT, 14/9).

- presseportal.de, DE, 15/9, <http://www.presseportal.de/pm/62553/2830375/der-standard-kommentar-nachbarn-ohne-nachbarschaft-von-adelheid-woelfl>
- Standard, AT, 14/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140915/mi/item_213990963.pdf

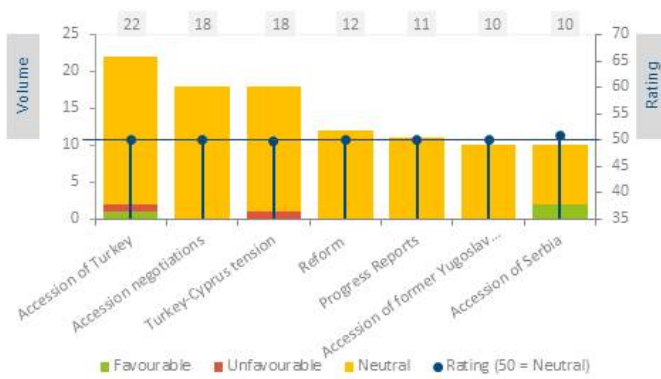
Edging towards a solution to the name dispute

Leader of the opposition Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM) Zoran Zaev, stated that there are signs of a possible solution of the name issue with Greece. Zaev refused to give further details in order not to harm the negotiation process; *"We will not comment on the issue at present, as there are signals for its possible solution and we don't want to do harm to the process,"*. According to him the name issue will need to find consensus in the country (focus-fen.net, BG, 14/9).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 14/9, <http://focus-fen.net/news/2014/09/15/348547/utrinski-vesnik-macedonia-there-are-signals-for-possible-solution-of-the-name-issue.html>

Charts

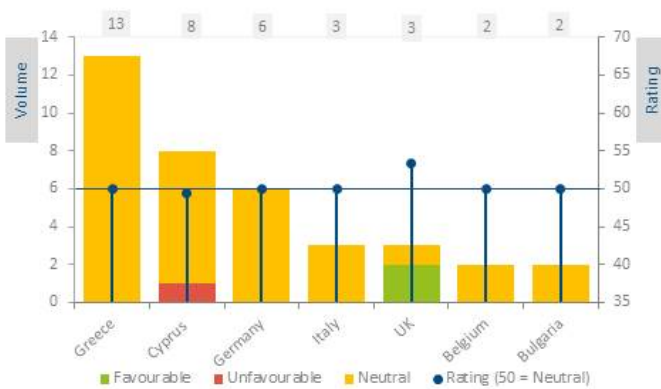
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Jean-Claude Juncker (President-elect, EC)	11
Johannes Hahn (Regional Policy Commissioner, EC)	8
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (President, Turkey)	5
José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	4
Olli Rehn (Former Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, EC)	2

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