



## Key Quotes

EU Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations Commissioner-designate Johannes Hahn said there won't be any EU enlargement during his five-year mandate if he becomes the EU commissioner responsible for the portfolio. But Hahn said the enlargement process wouldn't be at a standstill under his mandate because negotiations would continue with countries in the Western Balkans like Serbia and Montenegro. In his assessment of the challenges facing other Western Balkan countries that hope to join the EU, Hahn said the EU needs to change from its current "**Dayton logic to a Brussels logic**" to overcome the standstill on Bosnia and Herzegovina (rferl.org, CZ, 30/9).

<http://www.rferl.org/content/eu-hahn-serbia-sanctions-russia-accession/26613971.html>

## Summary

### Füle on Albania

Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Štefan Füle on Monday called on the Albanian government and opposition to work together constructively, in the spirit of compromise in order to make integration a reality. During a joint press conference with Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama, Füle underlined the importance of the dialogue and inclusiveness in the integration processes. "*I know that there is a broad consensus here on Albania's EU integration future but I call on the government and opposition to work together constructively in a spirit of compromise to make it happen*" said Füle (Neurope.eu, BE, 30/9). Rama said that this meeting served first of all to meet with the opposition and express the will for reforms. "*We're determined to conduct reforms which have been missing or delayed throughout the years. Today's opposition must not experience what we experienced when we were in opposition. The facts speak for themselves*" (balkaneu.com, GR, 29/9).

- Neurope.eu, BE, 30/9, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/eu-asks-albanian-govt-opposition-work-together-integration>
- balkaneu.com, GR, 29/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/feule-boycott-path-rama-open-demand-opposition/>

### Recommendation for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Slovak MEP, Eduard Kukan declared today that this year the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be recommended for accession talks. "*I believe that there will be a recommendation. I believe the country will be encouraged to continue with its reforms and negotiations. This will be clearly stated*" declared Kukan, MP of the Democratic Christian group in the European Parliament. He said that Skopje and the region must not worry about the future of the enlargement process. Kukan's declaration comes a few days before the annual progress report issued by the European Commission on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (balkaneu.com, GR, 29/30).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 29/30, <http://www.balkaneu.com/kukan-fyrom-recommended-year-negotiations/>

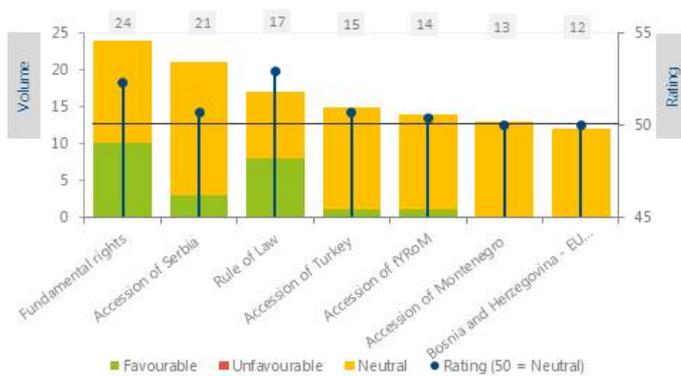
### New "blue growth" strategy for the countries of the Adriatic and the Ionian Seas

The EU General Affairs Council gave the green light for the creation of a new EU strategy, concerning the Adriatic and Ionian Seas Region, which will set the foundations for the close cooperation among the eight countries of the region. This new strategy will focus on the promotion of a maritime economy, transportation and energy networks, sustainable tourism, the protection of the environment and the creation of new jobs in a region of some 70 million residents. The new maritime strategy will be financed by the EU, following the models of similar initiatives among the countries of Danube and the Baltic Sea. Four EU Member States, Croatia, Greece, Italy and Slovenia, as well as four non-EU countries of the region, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, will participate in the so-called macro-regional strategy (Naftemporiki, GR, 30/9).

- Naftemporiki, GR, 30/9, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140930/mi/item\\_216120614.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140930/mi/item_216120614.pdf)

## Charts

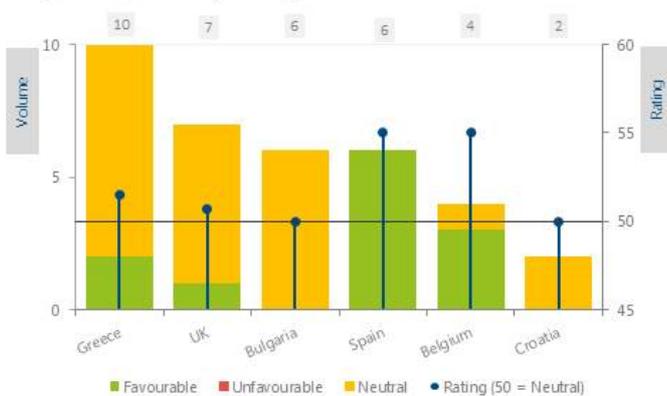
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