



Key Quotes

The European Commission has for the first time given awards for Roma integration to civil society organisations from Western Balkans and Turkey. The awards honour the contribution and the valuable work of civil society in supporting social inclusion of Roma people. ***"We all - the European Commission, the governments, civil society organisations - need to send out the same message: Roma integration is an important policy. And it is not only investment for the benefit of this minority but it is also an investment to the benefit of society. Living in an environment in which each member of society contributes with their spirit and work force, will allow countries to grow strong and prosperous, from an economic, social and cultural perspective,"*** said Štefan Füle, Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy (neurope.eu, BE, 2/10).
<http://www.neurope.eu/article/award-roma-integration-western-balkans-and-turkey>

Summary

Entry into force of the Readmission Agreement between the EU and Turkey

Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia Malmström expressed her satisfaction from the implementation of the Readmission Agreement between the EU and Turkey. In a written statement, Ms Malmström stressed that this decision represents a significant step forward, concluding a long process. She also highlighted that the full and effective implementation of the agreement is one of the requirements included in the Roadmap towards the Visa-free regime with Turkey (Eleftheros Typos, GR, 2/10). The agreement includes provisions related to the readmission of irregular immigrants entering or illegally residing in Turkey or in the EU. Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia Malmström welcomed the entry into force of the Agreement stressing that it will be possible to swiftly return the irregular immigrants (Naftemporiki, GR, 2/10).

- Eleftheros Typos, GR, 2/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141002/mi/item_216438917.pdf
- Naftemporiki, GR, 2/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141002/mi/item_216429840.pdf

Help for Bosnia and Herzegovina

A total of 460 Bosnia and Herzegovina's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) wishing to benefit from EU assistance in restoring their working capacities hit by the May 2014 floods have applied for grants under the EU Floods Recovery Programme. This financial support to SMEs is a part of the overall 42 million Euro EU commitment to assist the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina in overcoming the effects of the floods. *"To ensure that job retention and creation is realised, the EU's investments are made in healthy enterprises; grants will be provided to those SMEs with no outstanding tax debts and which operated without losses prior to the flood "* says Andy McGuffie, Spokesperson of the EU Delegation to BiH/EU Special Representative (Balkans.com, UK, 2/10).

- Balkans.com, UK, 2/10, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=197410>

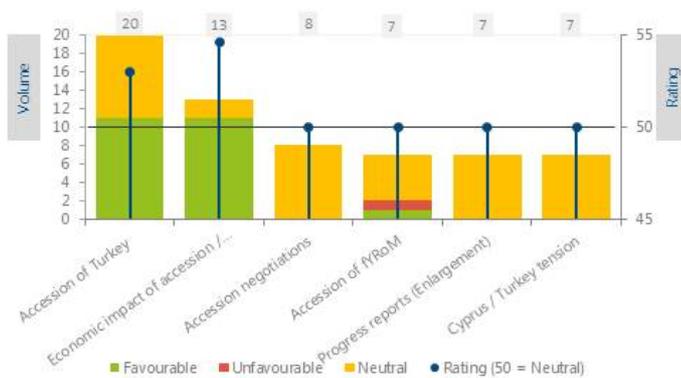
Czech support for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Czech Republic supports Macedonia's bid to join the EU and NATO, Prime Minister Sobotka said after a meeting with his counterpart from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski in Prague on Thursday. Mr Sobotka expressed regret that Greece's attitude has so far prevented the country from joining the European Union. For his part, the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia appreciated Czech support for his country's bid and said that Macedonia had met all requirements for becoming EU member state (Radio.cz, CZ, 2/10). The new ambassador of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to Washington, Vasko Naumovski, says that one of the priorities of his diplomatic lobbying to the American administration will be the name dispute with Greece. Naumovski has revealed details on the issue of the name dispute by saying that a new round of negotiations with the Greek side is expected (balkaneu.com, GR, 2/10).

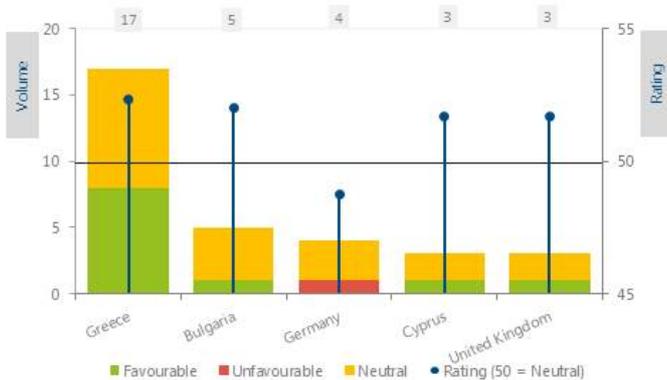
- Radio.cz, CZ, 2/10, <http://radio.cz/en/section/news/pm-sobotka-czech-republic-supports-macedonias-eu-nato-bid>
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- balkaneu.com, GR, 2/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/skopje-warns-negotiations-dispute-year/>

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Cecilia Malmström (Home Affairs)	10
Nikos Christodoulides - Cyprus spokesman	6
Nikos Androulakis - MEP	4
Štefan Füle - Enlargement	2
Nikola Gruevski – former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia PM	2
Aleksandar Vučić - PM Serbia	2
Johannes Hahn - Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement	2
Matthew Nimetz - UN Envoy former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2

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