



## Summary

Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic's recent meeting with Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Janša was reported by Dnevnik. The two were said to have announced measures for deeper economic cooperation, vowing to accelerate the resolution of issues concerning the succession of the former Yugoslavia, while Mr. Janša stressed the Slovenian support for Serbia on its way to EU accession and for the establishment of a date for the start of negotiations which might occur in December, conditional on the progress of the dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina (Dnevnik, SI, 15/11). Dacic said "*Membership of the EU is our strategic objective, regardless of the fact that the Union is in so much trouble. Generally there is no alternative to the EU*" (Vecer, SI, 15/11).

- Dnevnik, SI, 15/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121115/mi/item\\_140047362.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121115/mi/item_140047362.pdf)
- Vecer, SI, 15/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121115/mi/item\\_140047350.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121115/mi/item_140047350.pdf)

The Economist focused on the subject of the tension between Serbia and Kosovo reporting that in the past month British Foreign Minister William Hague, Catherine Ashton, the European Union's foreign policy chief and Hillary Clinton the US Secretary of State have all urged Serbia and Kosovo, which declared independence from it in 2008, to work towards some form of good neighbourly relations. For the moment it appears they are having some success. Ivica Dacic and Hashim Thaci, Prime Minister of Kosovo, have recently met twice. The atmosphere has been surprisingly good and it seems likely that tangible results are in the offing. Both sides want to move forward on the issue of European Union integration but EU leaders meeting in December are going to want a lot of progress before handing out rewards (economist.com, UK, 15/11).

- economist.com, UK, 15/11, <http://www.economist.com/blogs/easternapproaches/2012/11/serbia>

According to the Financial Times Turkey's prime minister is justifiably proud of the economic and political progress his country has made during his decade in power. But President Abdullah Gül is right to remind Turks that the driving force of that transformation has been the country's aspiration to join the EU. His comments should revive a debate that is crucial to Turkey's future. Barely one in five Turks believes they will ever become EU citizens. Amid pressure from France, Germany and Cyprus talks have been frozen for two years. It can hardly be a coincidence that Mr Erdogan's government has since backtracked on progress achieved early in the accession process. Curbs on freedom of expression and of the press have multiplied. Dozens of journalists have been jailed for months without trial. Mr Erdogan, with one eye on the presidential elections in 2014, is increasingly intolerant of criticism (Financial-Times-UK, UK,15/11).

- Financial-Times-UK, UK,15/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121115/mi/item\\_140023911.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121115/mi/item_140023911.pdf)

The UN special envoy in the Greek-Macedonian name issue Matthew Nimitz set a date for another round of talks in New York according to FYRoM's Dnevnik . Nimitz is expected to meet with the mediators of the two countries – Zoran Jolevski and Adamandios Vasilakis on November 19 - 20 both of whom have accepted the invitation for the talks (focus-fen.net, BG, 15/11).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 15/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n292291>

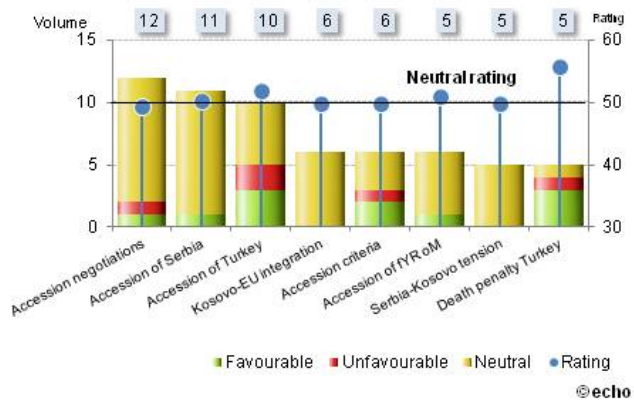
## Key Quotes

***The European Union has made it clear to former Yugoslav republics that they will not be considered for membership until war criminals are brought to justice*** (bbc.co.uk, UK, 16/11)  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-20352187>

***Greek government has received a request from the EU to unblock the launching of Macedonia's EU accession talks in December, writes Macedonian Vecer daily*** (Focus News, Bulgaria, 16/11)  
<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n292377>

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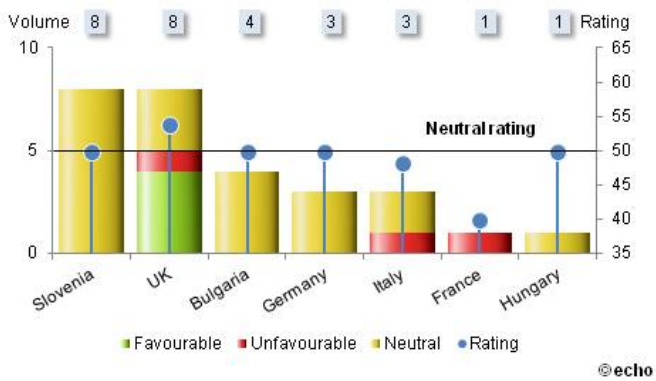


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Unfavourable %	10.7%
Neutral %	75%

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ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
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Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	10
Janez Janša (Prime Minister, Slovenia)	9
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	6
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	2
Angela Merkel (Chancellor, Germany)	2
Abdullah Gül (President, Turkey)	2
Theresa May (Interior Minister, UK)	2
Hillary Clinton (Secretary of State, US)	2