



Key Quotes

Russian President Vladimir Putin has arrived in Belgrade, and Serbia must maintain its tightrope walk between reliance on Russian support (and natural gas) and its declared desire to join the European Union. Serbia sees its economic future with the EU, however, and while Serbian president Tomislav Nikolić declared on Thursday that his nation "**will not compromise its morals with any kind of bad behaviour towards Russia,**" Prime Minister Vučić insisted that this was a day to show Putin how "**Serbia is on the European path.**" (dw.de, DE, 16/10). <http://www.dw.de/serbias-balancing-act-under-the-spotlight-as-putin-arrives-in-belgrade/a-18000049>

Summary

Turkey Germany meeting

Turkish Sabah (15.10.14) reports that Turkey's EU Minister and Chief Negotiator Volkan Bozkir, told journalists on Tuesday after his meeting with Michael Roth, Germany's Minister responsible for EU affairs: "*We agree that Turkey and the EU need each other, and recent developments have further increased the importance of these relations. During my discussion, I have witnessed that Germany is attaching more importance to our relations*" adding "*both Turkey and Germany are concerned over the stalemate in the past three years in the EU accession talks*" (hri.org, CY, 15/10).

- hri.org, CY, 15/10, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-10-15.tcpr.html#04>

Talks between Belgium and Kosovo

Acting Foreign Minister of Kosovo, Enver Hoxhaj, on Wednesday received the ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, Anick Van Calster. Minister Hoxhaj thanked ambassador Calster for the contribution and support that Belgium has given for Kosovo in this important phase of the consolidation of the state and the strengthening of Kosovo's international presence. Hoxhaj praised Belgium's support in the processes leading to a European Atlantic future, confirming it as one of Kosovo's partners in the process of the negotiation of an SAA and confirmed the need to sign a first contractual agreement between Kosovo and EU as soon as possible. The meeting discussed the issue of the liberalization of visas and the need for Kosovo nationals to move in the EU without visas (balkaneu.com, GR, 16/10).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 16/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/foreign-minister-kosovo-demands-progress-saa-visa-free-regime/>

Charts

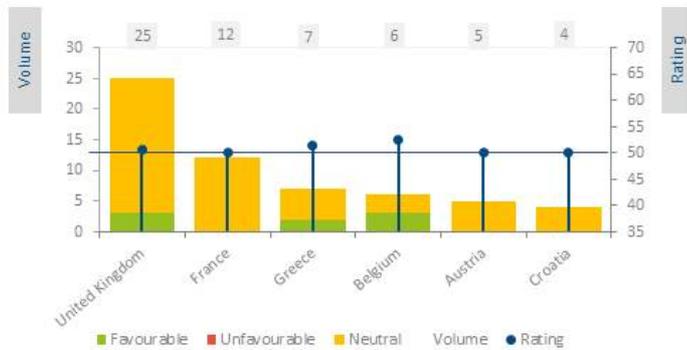
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