



Key Quotes

A planned historic visit by Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama to Serbia has been postponed until next month, both governments said Sunday, after political tensions soared following violence at a football match between the two countries. **"There are still clear disagreements on how the incidents have occurred but we cannot and will not miss an opportunity to meet and work on maintaining regional stability,"** the Serbian and Albanian prime ministers said. **"The time has come to turn a new page on the political and economic relations between Serbia and Albania."** (Yahoo!, UK, 19/10).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/albanian-pms-visit-serbia-postponed-football-brawl-180559471.html#inphv52>

Summary

Turkey EU perceptions

Turkey has launched a new European Union communications strategy to repair the perceptions of European citizens. Turkey's new strategy has two pillars, one for Turkish public opinion and the other for the EU. The strategy for Turkey is expected to inform the public about the benefits obtained as a result of the EU accession process; increase support and grassroots advocacy for Turkey's EU membership and facilitate the transformation of the mentality in Turkey during the EU accession process. The strategy for the EU aims to ensure an increased presence of Turkey's membership on the EU agenda; bolster support for Turkey's membership in the EU by providing EU citizens with the facts about the country to overcome misperceptions and highlight the 'Strong Turkey - Strong EU' perspective with an emphasis on contributions Turkey will make to the EU (Balkans.com, UK, 17/10).

- Balkans.com, UK, 17/10, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=197872>

Serbia turns its attention to Russia (La Vanguardia, ES, 17/10)

Vladimir Putin set the seal on Russia's closest alliance in central Europe last Thursday, exchanging expressions of support with Serbia and attending a military parade in Belgrade on a scale that has not been seen in the region since the Cold War. Putin vowed never to recognise Kosovo's independence, a priority for Serbia which refuses to accept the loss of the former province after a war in the late 1990s. In return, the Serbian president, Tomislav Nikolić, pledged not to bow to European Union pressure to take part in sanctions against Russia, over Moscow's role in the Ukraine conflict. At the parade in Belgrade Serb separatist leader in Bosnia, Milorad Dodik, fresh from a narrow election win, was given pride of place in the front row, close to Putin - a clear show of support for Dodik (The Guardian, UK, 17/10).

- La Vanguardia, ES, 17/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141017/mi/item_218574720.pdf
- The Guardian, UK, 17/10, [Link not available]

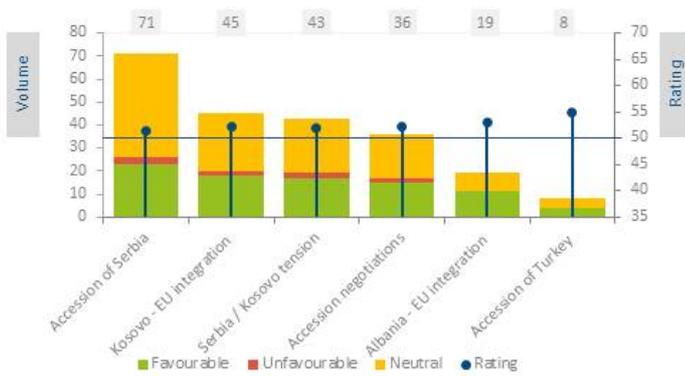
EU lawsuit against Austria

The European Commission is insisting that Austria change the legal conditions for the right of settlement and the right of residence in such a way that the rights of Turkish citizens and their family members match the rights in the EU. Any toughening of the law relating to aliens since Austria's accession to the EU is not to be applied to Turks. Austria had earned a warning of the European Commission in this regard in April with a lawsuit at the ECJ now following suit (Salzburger Nachrichten, AT, 17/10).

- Salzburger Nachrichten, AT, 17/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141017/mi/item_218570307.pdf

Charts

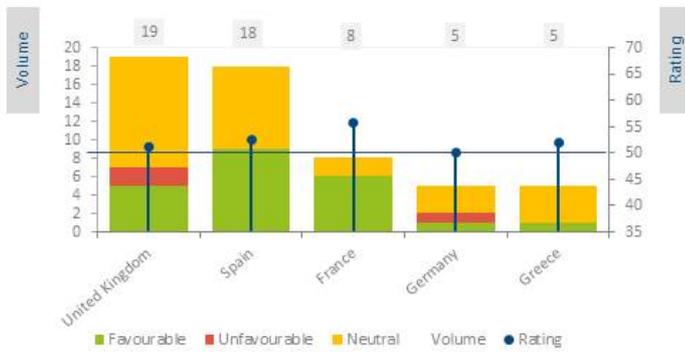
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Aleksandar Vučić - PM Serbia	39
Tomislav Nikolić - Serbian President	33
Edi Rama - Albania PM	12
Ivica Dačić - Serbian FM	11
Catherine Ashton - VP	4

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