



## Key Quotes

Turkey's EU accession bid has not progressed properly, European Commission President José Manuel Barroso said. ***"The move toward Turkey joining has not evolved as it should, partly because of what has happened in Turkey and partly because of what has happened in the EU,"*** Barroso said (focus-fen.net, BG, 20/10).

<http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/10/20/351964/turkeys-eu-bid-has-not-developed-right-barroso.html>

## Summary

### Bosnia needs to form new government quickly

Bosnia and Herzegovina's most important task now is to form a new government based on the results of the October 12 general election and start implementing reforms on a step-by-step basis, the head of the European Parliament delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, Tonino Picula, said in an interview with the Dnevni Avaz daily published on Monday. Picula said that a speedy formation of government would indicate that the new government could function in a different way than the previous one and that this could encourage the European Union to become more actively involved in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Picula said that he regarded the present administrative organisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina established by the Dayton agreement that ended the country's 1992-1995 war as an obstacle to its development and EU integration and that he expected initiative for constitutional changes to come from the election winners. In that respect he said that mediation and good services from abroad could be expected. Picula said that the election results had shown that nationalists no longer had so much influence as before, citing the case of Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik who did not achieve the success he had expected (Dalje.com, HR, 20/10).

- slobodnadalmacija.hr, HR, 20/10, <http://www.slobodnadalmacija.hr/BiH/tabid/68/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/261247/Default.aspx>
- Dalje.com, HR, 20/10, <http://dalje.com/en-croatia/picula--bosnia-needs-to-form-new-government-quickly-and-change-constitution/525526>

### Pressure on Montenegro

The European Commission's progress report on Montenegro for 2014 marks a new departure in the EU's attitude towards Montenegrin accession. For the first time, there has been explicit recognition from most senior diplomatic circles that Montenegro is not the poster child of European enlargement it has claimed to be. European diplomats are increasingly impatient with the Montenegrin government. Now, there is clear pressure on the Montenegrin government from the European Commission itself to implement meaningful reforms (Neurope.eu, BE, 20/10).

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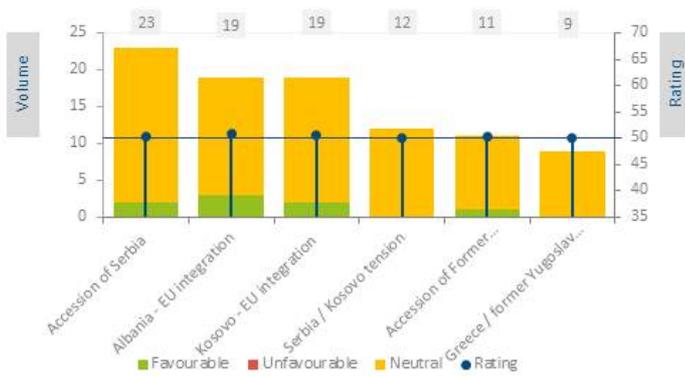
### US visit to Kosovo

American senator, Christopher Murphy, who was on a visit to Kosovo, told Kosovo's leaders to put aside their individual political stances and find a way out of the political crisis. Commenting on the political crisis in front of students of the American University in Kosovo, senator Murphy said that every time there's a big crisis in the USA parties unite in the best interests of the country. *"We Americans hope that the same thing will also happen here in Kosovo"* said senator Murphy. Meanwhile, expert in developments in Kosovo see the visit of the senior US official as an aid to overcome the current crisis (balkaneu.com, GR, 20/10).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 20/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/usa-demand-solution-political-crisis-kosovo/>

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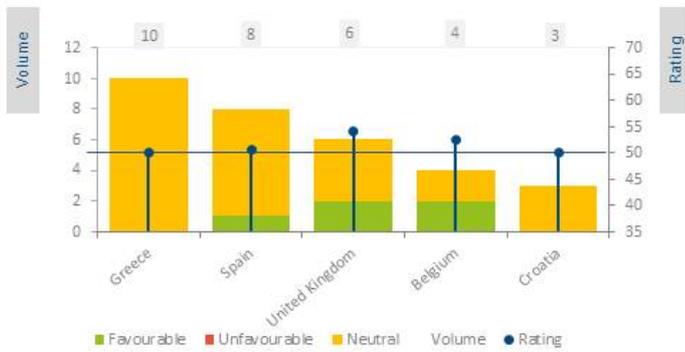
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