



## Key Quotes

Barely 100 people joined a gay pride parade Sunday in the capital of deeply conservative Montenegro, vastly outnumbered by some 2,000 police amid fears of violence. Mitja Drobnic, the head of the EU delegation in Montenegro, also took part, telling reporters: "**Human rights make part of the rule of law. Without results achieved in the area of the rule of law there is no progress towards EU membership.**" He urged Montenegro to "**prove through this part of the fight (for human rights) that it meets criteria for membership**" in the 28-nation bloc (yahoo!, UK, 2/11).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/100-march-conservative-montenegros-gay-pride-parade-194713246.html#dQNO8bT>

## Summary

### Turkey and the EU

Turkey's European Union Minister Volkan Bozkir used a press conference Thursday to announce a new action plan detailing the country's future steps in its bid to join the EU. The plan, called The National Program for the Adoption of the EU Acquis, will see the launching of new legislation in order to make a headway in chapter requirements. Bozkir listed the three main pillars of the plan as, political reform, continuity in socio-economic transformation and effectiveness in communication. "*The National Program for the Adoption of the EU Acquis is a guarantee from Turkey to the EU that it will pursue the necessary reforms*" Bozkir said. The first stage of the program covers the period between November 2014 and June 2015. It will be comprised of 36 new bills and 142 pieces of secondary legislation. Bozkir also pointed out that accession to the EU is not just a technical process, but also a political one (ansamed.it, IT, 31/10). However a spat with Denmark over a Danish jihadist is testing relations with the European Union and a Dutch MEP, Marietje Schaake, is reported as warning "*I see a genuine concern across the political spectrum as to where Turkey stands*" (The Economist, UK, 31/10).

- ansamed.it, IT, 31/10, [http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2014/10/31/turkey-ankara-announces-new-national-action-plan-to-join-eu\\_fbc5bfa5-6586-44ef-b137-a01e500659de.html](http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2014/10/31/turkey-ankara-announces-new-national-action-plan-to-join-eu_fbc5bfa5-6586-44ef-b137-a01e500659de.html)
- The Economist, UK, 31/10, <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21629450-recent-actions-push-turkey-away-west-and-european-union-problems-neighbours>

### Halting accession wrong

Foreign policy think tank the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has called on the European Union to do its job in the Balkans, and achieve progress in terms of the accession talks by the end of the mandate of the new leadership of the Union. According to Utrinski Vesnik this is the latest call coming from these sorts of organisations, which consider the freezing of the EU enlargement with the countries in the Balkans an unacceptable option (focus-news.net, BG, 31/10).

- focus-news.net, BG, 31/10, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/10/31/353056/utrinski-vesnik-macedonia-carnegie-calls-for-balkans-accession-in-the-eu-until-2019.html>

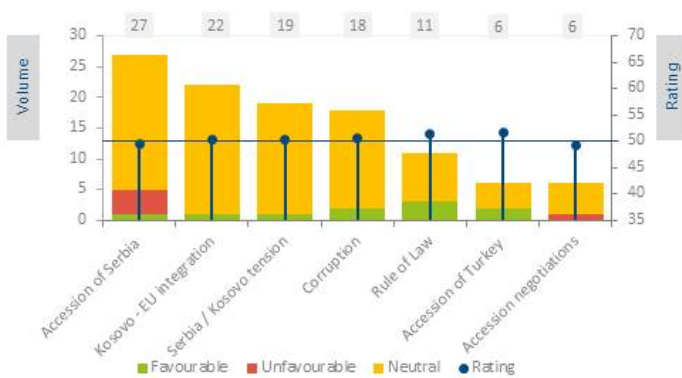
### Freedom of the media in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

In an interview Tamara Chausididis, head of the Trade Union of Macedonian Journalists and Media Workers, talked about the state of the media and censorship in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. She said "*we have a constant deterioration as concerns the media*" adding "*those who work in the media are not very protected and they can easily be laid off*". She went on to say that for years international organizations and the European Union in its reports have said that the country is deteriorating in terms of freedom of media and that nothing serious has been done about it (balkaneu.com, GR, 31/10).

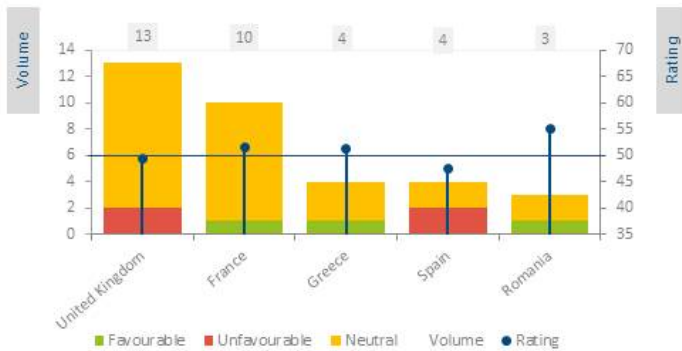
- balkaneu.com, GR, 31/10, <http://www.balkaneu.com/journalists-unsafe-efforts/>

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Gabriele Meucci - EULEX Kosovo	13
Slobodan Milošević - Former Serb President	5
Maja Kocijancic (spokesperson for Catherine Ashton)	4
Atifete Jahjaga - President Kosovo	4
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	3

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