



Key Quotes

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini will name an independent legal expert to look into accusations of corruption at the European Union's mission in Kosovo. **"I intend to appoint as a matter of urgency an independent and experienced legal expert to review the mission's mandate implementation, with a particular focus on allegations of corruption,"** Mogherini, who took office this week, told a news conference. **"We are still working on a name,"** she added, giving no more details (uk.reuters.com, UK, 4/11).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/11/04/uk-eu-kosovo-corruption-idUKKBN0IO1PC20141104>

Summary

EULEX officials before the European Parliament

Two senior EU officials have annoyed MEPs by refusing to give details on the corruption scandal in Eulex, the EU's rule of law mission in Kosovo. Fernando Gentilini, the EU Foreign Service's top manager on the Western Balkans and Kenneth Deanne, a Briton who runs its civilian missions, faced questions in the European Parliament on Monday 3 November. They insisted on meeting the foreign affairs committee "in camera" to exclude press. But despite the veil of secrecy, they declined to comment on details of the corruption allegations because there is an ongoing investigation inside Eulex. One parliament source, who attended Monday's Q&A told EUobserver that Gentilini hardly took the microphone and that committee members left the session very disappointed. Tonino Picula, MEP, said Eulex claims all the problems are being addressed by an internal probe launched in 2013, but its only action so far has been to suspend Maria Bamieh - a British prosecutor seconded to the EU mission - on grounds that she leaked information to press (euobserver.com, BE, 4/11).

- euobserver.com, BE, 4/11, <http://euobserver.com/foreign/126369>

Albanian energy reforms

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said on November 3 that the government is working to reform the power sector and aims to wipe out its outstanding debts during his current term in office. The World Bank estimated in September that Albania's power sector has a deficit of around \$550mn. He blamed many of the problems the sector is facing on the previous governments for delaying reforms Rama told officials at the signing ceremony for a \$150mn World Bank loan for the sector. The government has wide-reaching plans to reform the sector, including reducing dependence on hydropower generation, cutting losses and introducing new legislation in line with the EU's Third Energy Package (bne.eu, UK, 4/11).

- bne.eu, UK, 4/11, <http://www.bne.eu/content/story/albanian-pm-pledges-clear-power-sector-debts>

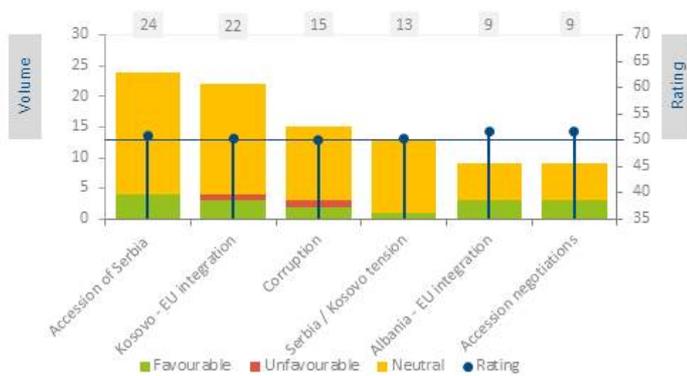
Reform the key for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Speeding up the process of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's European integration may happen only with speeding up the reforms. This is what the British Ambassador to Skopje Charles Garrett has said, as cited by Vecer daily. Garrett said he was convinced that the process of the country's European integration would continue. *"There is already a new line-up of the European Commission – new members that are fully qualified for the tasks they have been assigned and I believe that Macedonia's European integration process will continue"* Mr Garrett said (focus-news.net, BG, 4/11).

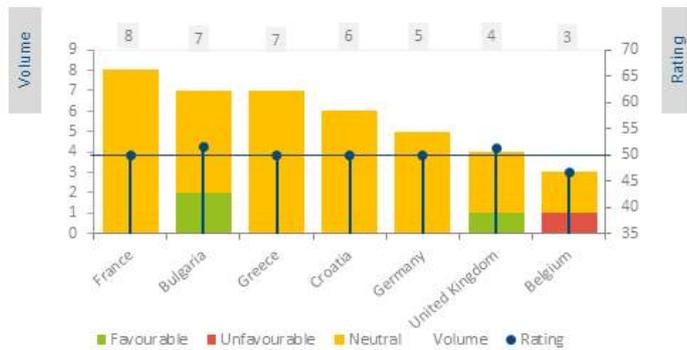
- focus-news.net, BG, 4/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/11/04/353431/vecer-macedonias-eu-integration-to-continue-says-british-ambassador.html>

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