



## Summary

The accession negotiations of a number of countries were in the news. In Bosnia and Herzegovina the report on the lack of progress put a strain on the relations with the EU Special Representative Valentin Inzko. Head of the Serbian entity in the country Milorad Dodik launched an extensive offensive against Inzko, blaming him for the difficult political situation in the country and demanding that he terminate his mandate. In his latest report, Inzko drew attention to the delay of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the path towards Euro-Atlantic integrations, frequent violations of the Dayton agreement and undermining of state institutions caused by the officials of Republika Srpska (Delo,SI, 19/11).

In Albania privatisation is being pushed by the European Commission, which recommended Albania receive conditional EU candidate status. This was, however, subject to "*judicial and public administration reform measures being completed and parliamentary rules of procedures being revised*" according to EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle (bne.eu, UK, 19/11).

- Delo,SI, 19/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item\\_140391160.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item_140391160.pdf)
- bne.eu, UK, 19/11, [http://www.bne.eu/story4246/Oil\\_on\\_Albanias\\_troubled\\_waters](http://www.bne.eu/story4246/Oil_on_Albanias_troubled_waters)

Belgrade cancelled the visit of the Serbian Deputy Prime Minister responsible for European Integration, Suzana Grubješić to Croatia over the ruling of the Hague-based International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia when Croatian Generals Ante Gotovina and Mladen Markac were released, wrote the Serbian daily Blic. "*What can we possibly talk about after such a decision*" Prime Minister Ivica Dacic said (focus-fen.net, BG, 19/11). Also in Serbia, French media reported that euroscepticism was strengthened by the obligation of dialogue with Kosovo and, recently, the threat of some countries to reintroduce visa requirements for entry into the Schengen area (Croix, FR, 19/11).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 19/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n292679>
- Croix, FR, 19/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item\\_140370803.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item_140370803.pdf)

The use of the word "Slavomacedonians" by the Head of the European Commission Representation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), Orav Aivo, provoked a strong reaction from the Government of the fYRoM which condemns this approach, noting that it does not solve the on-going problem of the country with its southern neighbour according to Naftemporiki, (EL, 19/11).

- Naftemporiki, EL, 19/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item\\_140398482.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item_140398482.pdf)

US Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European Affairs Philip Gordon told the Kurier in an interview that Europe is still a key partner for the US. The US strongly supports the European enlargement process, he said. In the case of Turkey the door should remain open since Turkey could increase the EU's political influence in the Near East and in the Islamic states, Mr Gordon explained but added that the US accepts that this is a European decision (Kurier, AT, 19/11).

- Kurier, AT, 19/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item\\_140391402.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item_140391402.pdf)

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso's warning that should Catalonia gain independence from Spain, it would have to negotiate EU membership from scratch was carried in several media including Nepszava, (HU, 19/11). However, Catalonians when asked how they would feel if an independent Catalonia was excluded from the EU, only 30 per cent were still in favour of going it alone, while 50 per cent said that they would want to remain Spanish (Times, UK, 19/11).

- Nepszava, HU, 19/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item\\_140397548.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item_140397548.pdf)
- Times, UK, 19/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item\\_140383156.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121119/mi/item_140383156.pdf)

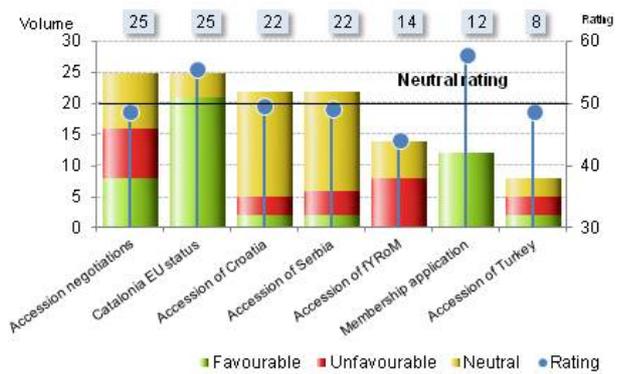
## Key Quotes

***The Chairman of the Albanian Socialist Party, Edi Rama, emphasised that today Kosovo and Albania have an opportunity to establish a national strategy that transcends borders, which will serve to heal the wounds from the past and cope with the challenges that will follow from the unification of the two countries within the EU*** (Focus New, Bulgaria, 20/11).

<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n292742>

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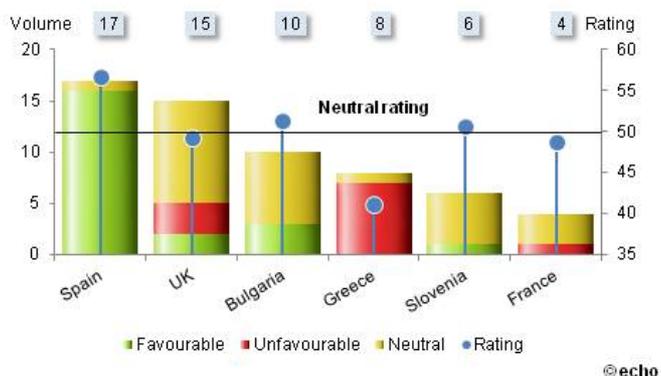


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José Manuel Barroso (President, European Commission)	21
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Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	8
Aivo Orav (Head of the EU Delegation to the FYRoM)	6
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