



Key Quotes

Serbia-Albania row over Kosovo mars historic Rama visit. Edi Rama's historic trip to Belgrade was seen as an attempt to put differences aside after a football international was abandoned last month. But tempers flared when Mr Rama said that **"Independent Kosovo is an undeniable regional and European reality, and it must be respected"**, provoking an angry response from Mr Vucic. **"I did not expect this provocation,"** the Serbian PM said. **"What does Albania have to do with Kosovo? Kosovo is not part of Albania and it will never be."** Serbian PM Aleksandar Vucic hit back accusing him of a **"provocation"** (BBC Online, UK, 10/11).

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-29985048>

Summary

Hahn visit to Montenegro

On 21 November 2014, Johannes Hahn, the European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations will pay an official visit to Montenegro. The visit at the very beginning of Mr Hahn's mandate is a sign that enlargement negotiations have the same priority as before and that the European perspective of the Western Balkan countries is real. This clear sign was also given in Commissioner Hahn's tweet of 1 November: EU stronger with close partners: looking forward to working with neighbours in South and East & enlargement countries starting today!" Commissioner Hahn believes that negotiations and reforms are not just a bureaucratic process – it is important that their implementation does have a positive and tangible impact on citizens' daily lives. To this end, the Commissioner considers that, in addition to the alignment of national legislation of candidate countries with the *acquis communautaire*, the strengthening the rule of law and economic reform are equally important. During his visit, the Commissioner will meet the government officials and other key partners to encourage them to continue the reform process through the enlargement negotiations. European Union (Balkans.com, UK, 10/11).

- Balkans.com, UK, 10/11, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=198560>

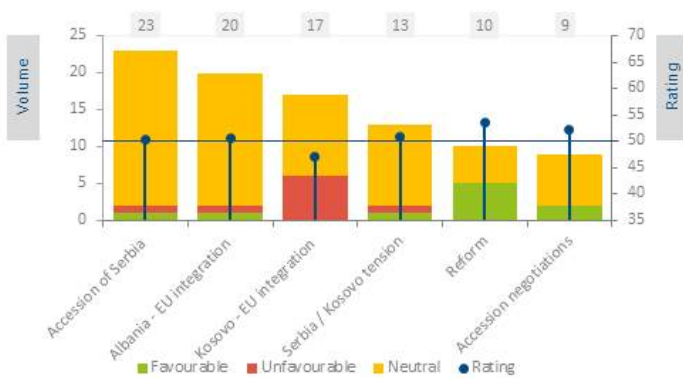
British proposal to the EU Presidency for the unblocking of Turkish chapters

The Phileleftheros (CY, 10/11) correspondent in Brussels reported that the United Kingdom has called on the Italian EU Presidency to include particular references in the draft Conclusions of the December General Affairs Council for the opening of Turkish accession chapters 23 and 24 on Fundamental Rights and Justice. The British are aiming to build on former Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle's Progress Report on Turkey which noted that it is in the interest of both Turkey and the EU to clarify the benchmarks for the opening of the chapters as soon as possible.

- Phileleftheros, CY, 10/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141109/mi/item_221850132.pdf

Charts

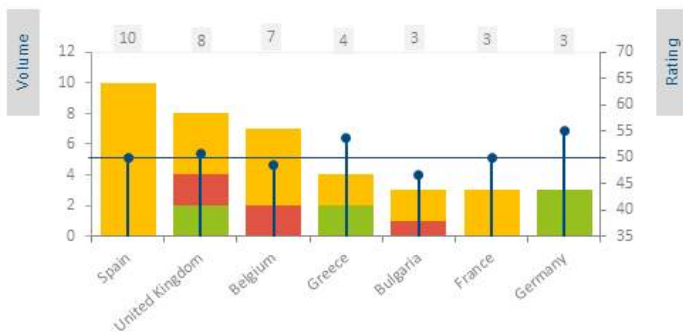
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