



Key Quotes

In an exclusive interview with RFE/RL, the EU's new neighbourhood and enlargement negotiation commissioner, Johannes Hahn, asked whether EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker's categorical denial that there won't be any enlargement in the next years will hurt the enlargement momentum in countries such as Serbia and Montenegro, replied: **"I think we could clarify and make clear that this sentence was, if you like, an expression about the fact that in technical terms it is rather unlikely to complete the ongoing negotiations. {...} But as I am also commissioner for enlargement negotiations, I think due to the fact that Juncker has chosen somebody from Austria, where we have a certain proximity and empathy towards the Western Balkans, I think this clearly indicates that also President Juncker is in favour of a further enlargement, but not at the cost of quality. That is why I have always said and emphasized it is about quality and not speed"** (rferl.org, CZ, 12/11).
<http://www.rferl.org/content/hahn-interview-full-transcript/26687137.html>

Summary

EU Turkey meeting

Commissioner Johannes Hahn met Turkish Minister for EU Affairs Volkan Bozkir for the first time in his capacity of Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations. The meeting followed the attendance of the Commissioner and the Minister at the bi-annual EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee. The meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere and set a tone of a positive cooperation. Mr Bozkir reaffirmed Turkey's strong determination to enact reforms (Balkans.com, UK, 12/11) while Commissioner Hahn and Minister Bozkir agreed to prepare the way for the launching of a high-level economic dialogue between the Turkey and the EU (europa-nu.nl, NL, 12/11). Meanwhile the Vice President of the Greek government Evangelos Venizelos has asked the international community to clearly condemn "the illegal Turkish activities in the Cypriot EEZ". He also expressed his dissatisfaction over the reaction of the international community and explained that the invocation of international law is not enough (Naftemporiki, GR, 12/11).

- Balkans.com, UK, 12/11, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=198616>
- europa-nu.nl, NL, 12/11, http://www.europa-nu.nl/id/vjosqh3dskzf/nieuws/eu_turkey_commissioner_hahn_committed_to?ctx=vhshnf7snxu9&s0e=vhdubxdwqrzw
- Naftemporiki, GR, 12/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141112/mi/item_222108317.pdf

Eulexgate

EU HR Federica Mogherini announced that a special investigation into the biggest scandal in the EU administration should be commenced. The scandal concerns the EULEX mission to Balkan States. According to information revealed by one newspaper in Kosovo, EU judges and prosecutors were taking bribes from Albanian criminal element and were hushing up corruption-related scandals to protect some prominent politicians. The EULEX case is going to be Ms. Mogherini's very first prestigious challenge. Representatives of the EU who are the scandal's main characters did not want to give explanations (Rzeczpospolita, PL, 12/11). Mogherini has designated as her expert for EULEX, French lawyer Jean Paul Jacqué, who has four months to clarify the accusations of corruption (Le Soir, BE, 12/11).

- Rzeczpospolita, PL, 12/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141112/mi/item_222114390.pdf
- Le Soir, BE, 12/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141112/mi/item_222128771.pdf

Albanian visit to Serbia

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said Tuesday he was confident a historic visit he was making to Serbia would help open a new era of ties despite a very public row with his hosts over Kosovo. *"Despite the difficulties, I am confident that we have opened a new page in the relations with Serbia"* Rama said on a visit to the ethnic-Albanian town of Presevo in southern Serbia, *"I explained we are not in a battle for a Greater Albania but for a greater Europe that should gather all Albanians along with all other nations and countries"* he told the crowd that turned out to greet him in Presevo amid tight security (acq5.com, UK, 12/11).

- acq5.com, UK, 12/11, <http://www.acq5.com/albanian-pm-visits-flashpoint-in-fraught-serbia-trip/>

Charts

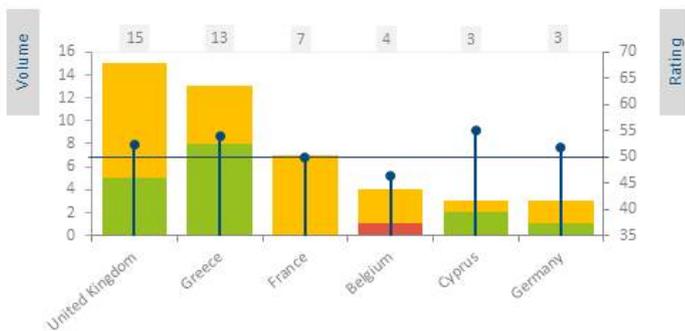
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Johannes Hahn - Neighbourhood Policy & Enlarg	9
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