



Key Quotes

Turkish EU minister: **"It is time for the EU to stop being prisoner of the Cyprus question"**. The Cyprus issue should not take over on EU-Turkish relations. The EU should **"look at the forest"** where there are **"huge benefits"**, Turkey's EU affairs minister Volkan Bozkır said (euractiv.com, UK, 13/11).

<http://www.euractiv.com/video/turkish-eu-minister-it-time-eu-stop-being-prisoner-cyprus-question-309980>

Summary

Serbian-Albanian tension

The first visit by an Albanian prime minister to Belgrade in 68 years was designed to mark a new phase in Serbian-Albanian relations, and send an important signal to the European Union on the readiness of the two countries to cooperate. But, in fact, it opened old wounds. From the very start of Edi Rama's visit, it became clear that even with the good will expressed, and encouragement from the EU, it would not be easy for Belgrade and Tirana to put aside their differences regarding the status of Kosovo and focus on the areas in which they can make progress (EurActiv.com, BE, 13/11). For example, Serbian Economy Minister Željko Sertić, speaking at the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, said that Albania had passed a law at the beginning of September limiting imports of drugs and medications of all types from Serbia into Albania, a move ignoring all protocols and agreements signed between the two countries. He said that Serbia would not allow Albania to introduce rules aimed at destroying part of the Serbian economy (Balkans.com, UK, 13/11).

- EurActiv.com, BE, 13/11, <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/enlargement/historic-albanian-visit-serbia-leaves-bitter-aftertaste-309965>
- Balkans.com, UK, 13/11, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=198681>

New vision for Hahn

European Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn, is planning to reform his areas of responsibility based on the same principles he used during his term in charge of regional policy; with a focus on economic support measures and clear reform goals in return for EU subsidies. Mr Hahn is planning to open two new chapters - justice and fundamental rights - in the accession negotiations with Turkey and says that he sees the negotiations as a contribution towards change (Kurier, AT, 13/11).

- Kurier, AT, 13/11, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141113/mi/item_222252926.pdf

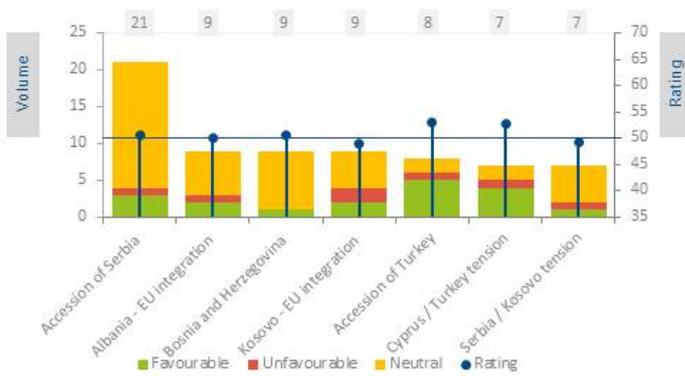
Name Dispute

On Wednesday a fresh round of talks to find a solution to the name dispute between Skopje and Athens was held in New York, but without any results. Following talks with the Foreign Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Popovski, a message was sent to the talks from the new EU commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn who said *"We have UN impetus for the solution of this contest but after 20 years without it is without any results, perhaps it might be fruitful to examine another approach"*. According to him, this issue is having an impact in the process of the integration of Western Balkans into the European Union and that the delays in this process are not in the EU's interest (balkaneu.com, GR, 13/11).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 13/11, <http://www.balkaneu.com/theres-progress-contest-reactions-comments-fyrom/>

Charts

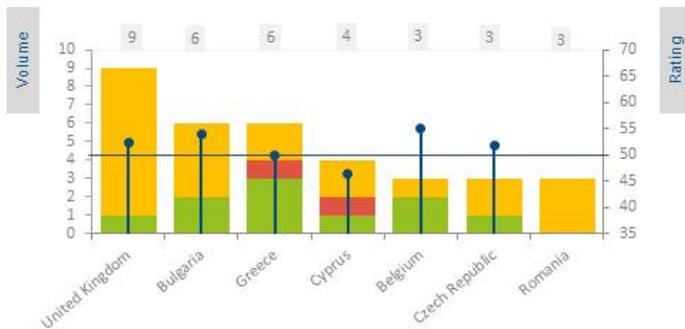
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