



Key Quotes

Slovenian MEP Ivo Vajgl: "***We Need a "Big Bang" Enlargement to the Western Balkans***". The idea for a new big enlargement toward South-Eastern Europe should be considered seriously. According to him, "***this was a very bold idea which has to be applied for the Balkans as well, although they are still at various stages of progress and achievements***" (euinside.eu, BG, 1/12).

<http://www.euinside.eu/en/faces/ivo-vajgl-we-need-a-big-bang-enlargement-for-the-balkans>

Summary

Reforms in Montenegro

Montenegro's Cabinet approved the Bill Amending the Law on Internal Affairs. The amendments are proposed as part of the overall activities towards implementing reform of the activities of the Ministry of the Interior and the Police Directorate within European and Euro-Atlantic accession process. The proposed amendments define specific powers of police officers and harmonise them with the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Government also adopted the Bill Amending the Law on Public Broadcasting Services of Montenegro aimed at complying with the EU acquis. The session also endorsed the Bill Amending the Law on Accreditation, which continues harmonisation with European legislation in this field and allows a higher level of cooperation with accreditation bodies of other countries and completes the set of obligations arising from the full membership of the European Cooperation for Accreditation (Balkans.com, UK, 1/12).

- Balkans.com, UK, 1/12, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=199306>

Vučić at the centre of power

Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić appears in the political space in Serbia as a person who deals with everything – International Monetary Fund, European Union, disputed privatization, fighting against organized crime. On the other hand on the ministerial and director's posts were appointed people who are unable to do anything alone, Serbian Blic daily commented. According to the edition there isn't a sphere where the final decision is not taken by Vučić (focus-news.net, BG, 1/12).

- focus-news.net, BG, 1/12, [Link not available]

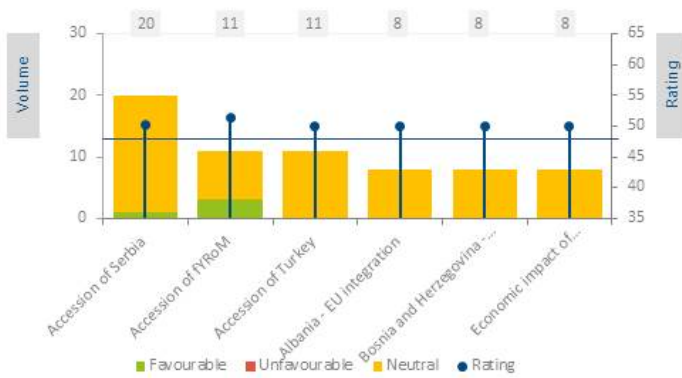
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In De Standaard (BE, 1/12) philosopher Tinneke Beeckman compares Herman Van Rompuy and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Mr Van Rompuy notes that no politician is irreplaceable and feels the European project is ruled by a sense of realism. Mr Erdoğan has entirely different conceptions. He lacks no ambition and even claims it was Turkish explorers who first discovered the US first without much regard for science. This is a dangerous road when a politician abuses science for his ideology. Mr Erdogan's statements prove that Turkey and the EU are miles apart from each other. Christiantoday.com (UK, 1/12) notes that Erdoğan's critics in mostly Muslim but constitutionally secular Turkey have regularly accused him of puritanical intrusiveness into private life, from his advice to women on the number of children they should have to his views on abortion. Economists cite the low numbers of women in the workforce as an obstacle to Turkey's development, while the European Union - which Turkey has been negotiating to join for over a decade - has urged the country to do more to improve gender equality.

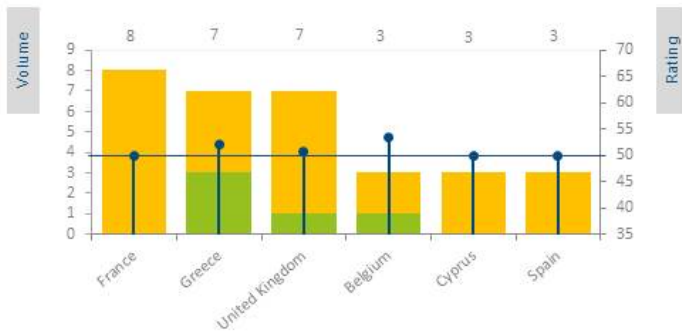
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