



Key Quotes

Ankara is clear that the natural resources offshore Cyprus belong to the whole island, Turkey's European Union Affairs minister Volkan Bozkir said. On Turkey's EU accession bid, Bozkir said it was being blocked by Nicosia. **"The EU is responsible for opening the [accession] chapters. If they open, we will be pleased. If not, we shall continue on our course,"** he said (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 4/12).

<http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/12/04/bozkir-says-prospecting-violates-turkish-cypriots-right/>

Summary

Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić compares MEP Ruža Tomašić to Vojislav Šešelj during his visit to the EP

Following an EP resolution which aimed at forcing the Serbian government to condemn Vojislav Šešelj's rhetoric, the result was a condemnation of a Croatian MEPs behaviour in the middle of the European Parliament from the Serbian Minister of foreign Affairs, Ivica Dačić. He compared MEP Ruža Tomašić to Vojislav Šešelj, and accused MEP Andrej Plenković of *'leading an anti-Cyrillic campaign'*. At a meeting of the EP Foreign Affairs Committee Dačić explained that the statement that Croatia should be left to Croatians was also worth condemning in the EP. *"I cannot accept lectures on Serbia from her"* the Minister said. Mr Dačić also added that Serbia had nothing to do with Mr Šešelj's release and was not informed of it ahead of time. MEP Andrej Plenković told Večernji list (HR, 3/12) that he was disappointed that Mr Dačić failed to officially denounce Mr Šešelj.

- Večernji list, HR, 3/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141203/mi/item_225164993.pdf

EU directly asks Serbia to recognize Kosovo and to impose sanctions against Russia

The president of Serbia, Tomislav Nikolić expanded on remarks made by Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Negotiations during a visit to Belgrade in November. Nikolić explained that since most EU countries recognized Kosovo's independence, Hahn told him that with the unresolved problem of Kosovo the EU would not want us. The Serbian leader at the same time reiterated that Serbia will never recognize Kosovo's independence. The president also said that during Hahn's visit to Belgrade he talked about sanctions against Russia, which Serbia has not joined. *"He told me that you have some time when you can behave as you like because you are not a member of the EU but later, deviations from the European Union foreign policy will not be possible"* said Nikolic (ziare.com, RO, 3/12).

- ziare.com, RO, 3/12, <http://m.ziare.com/international/ue-cere-serbiei-sa-recunoasca-kosovo-si-sa-adopte-sanctiuni-impotriva-rusiei-1336662>

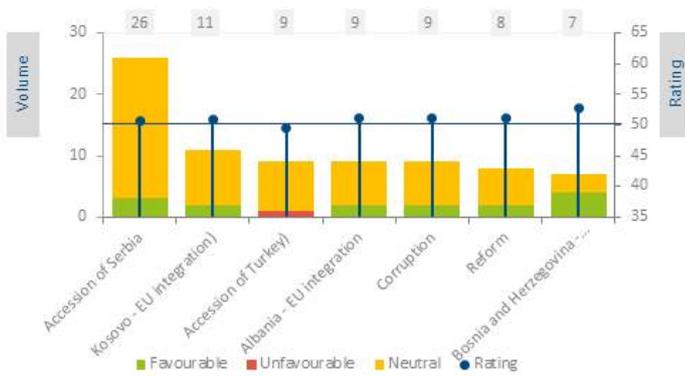
Perceived corruption in Turkey

Turkey's rating on perceived corruption has fallen steeply, according to Transparency International (TI) and the global watchdog called for closer international cooperation to root out graft and abuses of power. The 2014 Corruption Perceptions Index of 175 countries showed Turkey's record had worsened the most precipitously in 2014, dropping by five points to 45. TI also urged the EU, United States and G20 countries to follow Denmark's lead and create a public register that includes beneficial ownership information for all incorporated companies (uk.reuters.com, UK, 3/12).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 3/12, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/12/03/uk-corruption-transparency-report-idUKKCN0JH08Y20141203>

Charts

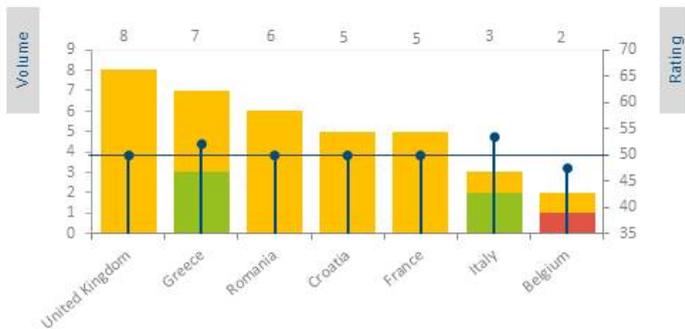
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