



Key Quotes

EU foreign policy head Mogherini set for key Turkey talks. ***"The visit... is a strong indication of the strategic importance of the EU-Turkey relationship and our desire to step up engagement,"*** Ms Mogherini said in a statement. Negotiations over Turkish membership of the EU have been going on since 2005, but have been held up because of disagreements over the divided island of Cyprus and resistance to Turkish EU membership from some member countries (BBC Online, UK, 8/12).

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-30373261>

Summary

Turkish economic reforms

The Turkish government is set to complete a detailed reform package to increase economic transparency in Turkey, Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan has told a group of economic correspondents ahead of his visit to the United States. *"Transparency really matters. It is one of the main priorities of the G-20 countries as well. We have taken many steps to improve transparency in Turkey since 2002 and we have recently completed around 80-90 percent of a new detailed reform to further enhance transparency."*

Babacan said. He also noted that the government is now working a series of reforms aimed at encouraging Turkish banks to offer longer term loans. *"When we look at foreign debt distribution we see some 60% of debts are short-term and the remaining 40% are for longer terms. We are now working of a number of measures to encourage banks to offer more long term loans, as the shorter-term loans are increasing cost perceptions of Turkey"* Babacan said. The Minister will attend a special roundtable in NYC with 29 other representatives from leading economic actors, including the European Central Bank (Balkans.com, UK, 5/12).

- Balkans.com, UK, 5/12, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=199463>

Talks with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

European Enlargement Commissioner, Johannes Hahn has called for the political crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to be solved. He issued this message after the meeting he held in Brussels with the Minister for European Integration, Fatmir Besimi. *"I'd like to ask that political parties be involved in a political dialogue in parliament and not outside it. I would like to see the opposition in parliament and if I can contribute to its return, I will do it. I will visit the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in January, in order to talk to all political parties and achieve progress"* declared the Enlargement Commissioner. Fatmir Besimi reported on the reforms and priorities of the government in delivering the obligations for EU accession (balkaneu.com, GR, 5/12).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 5/12, <http://www.balkaneu.com/european-commissioner-hahn-demands-political-dialogue-fyrom/>

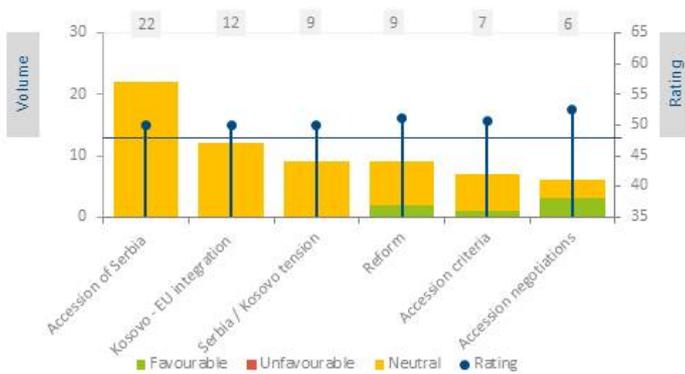
Plea for unity in Kosovo

The U.N. envoy for Kosovo is urging the parties to a power-sharing agreement to speedily form a new government, saying six months of political squabbling following elections in June has damaged the country. Farid Zarif told the U.N. Security Council on Thursday that the standoff has also led to increased public dissatisfaction with political leaders and further delays in achieving needed reforms and resuming a European Union-facilitated dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia (New Europe, BE, 5/12).

- New Europe, BE, 5/12, <http://www.neurope.eu/news/wire/un-envoy-urges-speedy-formation-kosovo-government-saying-squabbling-damaged-country>

Charts

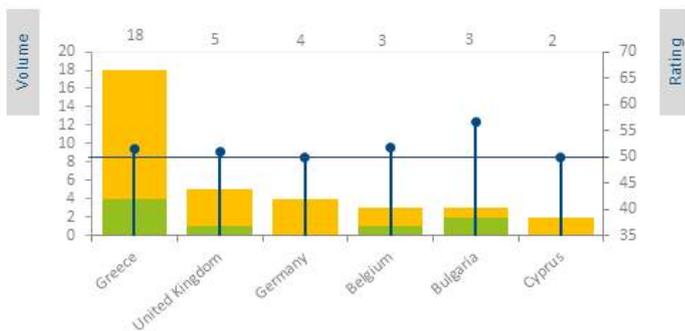
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