



## Key Quotes

Speaking during one of the highest-ranking EU visits to Turkey in years, Federica Mogherini said the EU candidate nation had signed up to less than a third of the bloc's recent foreign policy positions, compared to some 80 percent in the past. **"We need to improve on the alignment on foreign policy and security policy, it's never been so low and this is a problem for the European Union, but it is mainly a problem for Turkey,"** she told a news conference in the Turkish capital (france24.com, FR, 9/12).

<http://www.france24.com/en/20141209-eu-calls-greater-turkey-alignment-IS/>

## Summary

### New government for Kosovo

This will be led by former Pristina mayor Isa Mustafa, with outgoing Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi becoming Foreign Minister, a senior aide to Thaçi said. The deal ends six months of wrangling between Kosovo's two biggest parties, Mustafa's Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) and Thaçi's Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) following an inconclusive election in the young Balkan state. Mustafa and Thaçi agreed the framework of a coalition deal several weeks ago, but Thaçi's role was unclear. Mustafa was finance minister-in-exile in the 1990s, when majority-Albanian Kosovo was a southern province of Serbia. (uk.reuters.com, UK, 8/12).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 8/12, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/12/08/uk-kosovo-government-idUKKBN0JM0U720141208>

### Ankara can now use gas in EU accession negotiations

Turkey has gained with the Blue Stream pipeline what Bulgaria had lost with the South Stream; €3bn in investment and €18bn in income a year, Večernji list (HR, 8/12) writes. The "Purchase point" of the pipeline will be stationed on the border between Greece and Turkey. Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller explained that the capacity of the Blue Stream will be exactly like that South Stream. Mr Miller also said that this is something Turkey can now use in its bilateral negotiations with the EU, while Gazprom gains a new strategic partner. He also explained that with the end of the South Stream project, the end has also come for the way Gazprom provided gas for Europe. Now it will be sold at the EU border.

- Večernji list, HR, 8/12, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141208/mi/item\\_225888508.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141208/mi/item_225888508.pdf)

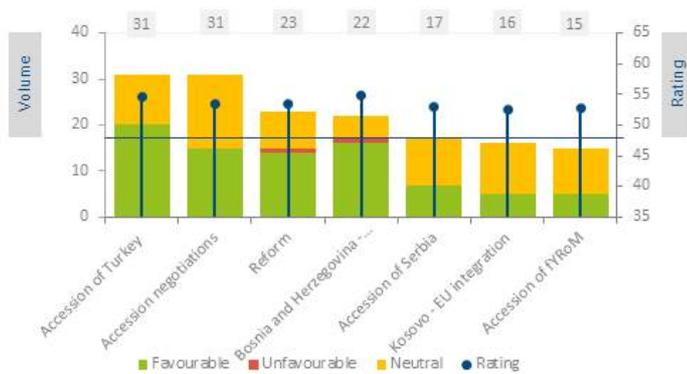
### Montenegro asks for more EU investment

Montenegro's Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Igor Lukšić, said that his country is confident that the rule of law, economic governance and improvement of administrative capacities, represent the key to political stability, security and economic development in the Western Balkans. On the occasion of the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, the Minister underlined the importance of the recent visit by Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy Commissioner, Johannes Hahn, noting that it offered encouragement and an additional impulse to continue meeting European agenda priorities. Lukšić added that *"Montenegro expects stronger EU economic support of the region, particularly in terms of increased infrastructure investment, as there is clear mutual interest"*. He noted Montenegro is currently revising its Programme of Accession and adapting Action Plans for Chapters 23 and 24 in order to make a strategic redefinition of priorities and potentials for the next stage of the negotiation process. He underlined that Montenegro is fully aligned with the EU when it comes to Foreign, Security and Defence Policy (New Europe, BE, 7/12).

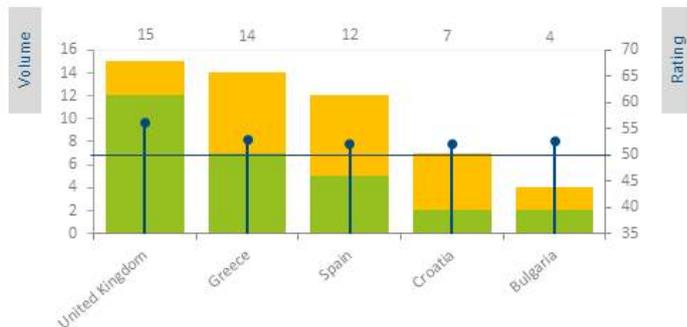
- New Europe, BE, 7/12, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/montenegro-expects-stronger-economic-support-eu>

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