



Key Quotes

David Cameron has said that he still **"very much supports"** Turkey joining the European Union, despite his Government's inability to control numbers of EU migrants coming to the UK. He added that he wanted to **"pave the road"** for Turkey to join the EU, saying the country was **"vital for our economy, vital for our security and vital for our diplomacy". A European Union without Turkey at its heart was "not stronger but weaker... not more secure but less... not richer but poorer"** (The Telegraph, UK, 9/12).

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/david-cameron/11283924/David-Cameron-I-still-want-Turkey-to-join-EU-despite-migrant-fears.html>

Summary

European... landing in Ankara

Vice-President and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides, visited Ankara yesterday. The European officials met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Turkish PM Ahmet Davutoğlu while they gave a joint press conference with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs. Even though the object of the meetings were the Turkish-EU relations, the situation in the neighbouring Syria and the tackling of the Islamic State, it is not accidental that these contacts took place a week after the visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin (Imerisia, GR, 9/12). Federica Mogherini during her visit sent a strong signal about the strategic importance of the relationship between the EU and Turkey and the desire of Europeans to step up their engagement with Ankara (L'opinion, FR, 9/12).

- Imerisia, GR, 9/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141209/mi/item_226047544.pdf
- L'opinion, FR, 9/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141209/mi/item_226022189.pdf

Conditions for Serbia

Brussels' conditions for the opening of negotiating chapters with Serbia, which are connected with the normalisation of relations with Kosovo and were imposed at Germany's insistence, are impossible for Belgrade to meet, Serbian online news edition Večernje Novosti writes. They say a lot of the conditions concern Kosovo's status. According to unofficial information, there are 11 conditions that concern the implementation of the Brussels Agreement with Pristina and, through some of them, in practice, Kosovo's independence is recognised. Among them is the formation of an Association of Serbian Municipalities in line with Kosovo's laws, participation of the Pristina authorities in all regional forums, recognising Kosovo's passports at the Serbian border, the construction of sites at the administrative borders. Meanwhile, Večernje Novosti comments that Belgrade has launched a diplomatic offensive to soften the conditions (focus-news.net, BG, 9/12).

- focus-news.net, BG, 9/12, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/12/09/356766/veernje-novosti-berlin-sends-belgrade-11-conditions-to-open-eu-negotiating-chapters.html>

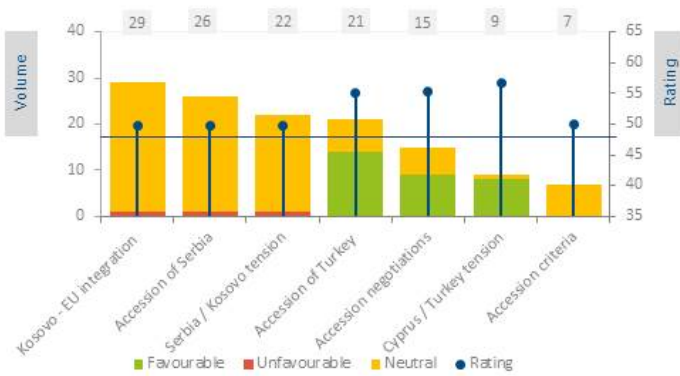
Kosovo must continue with fragile coalition

The trust of many Kosovars is exhausted and that is reflected in criticism of both its own politicians and international help. Taçi and Mustafa promise to tackle everything. In presenting their agreement, under the watchful eye of Jacobson and other foreign representatives, they called growth, combating corruption and European integration as their main tasks. For this integration, the dialogue with Serbia should be taken up again. That country, also EU candidate, still refuses to recognize the independence of Kosovo. Brussels wants Serbia and Kosovo first enter into a working relationship for some serious work can be made by joining the EU (Trouw, NL, 9/12).

- Trouw, NL, 9/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141209/mi/item_226031877.pdf

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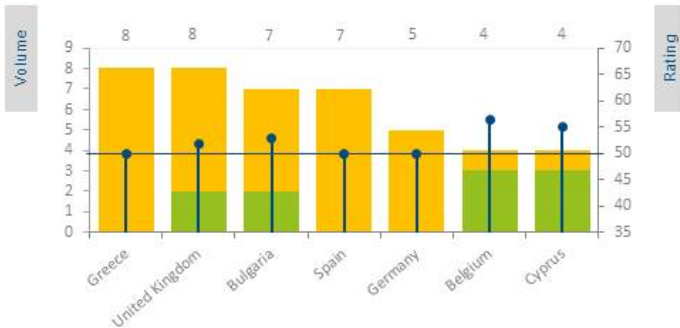
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