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Key Quotes

Russia broke with the West on Wednesday on an initiative to encourage reform in Bosnia with the carrot of European Union membership, saying that integration with the West was not the Balkan country's only option. "The Russian Federation is of the opinion that Euro-Atlantic integration is not the sole perspective for Bosnia...," Valentin Inzko, an Austrian diplomat, said. "They had a different opinion and I respect that," Inzko said. "You are aware of what is happening on the global scene ... that European politics has its direction and that Russians, who are not there... They thought they should not support it" (uk.reuters.com, UK, 10/12).

http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/12/10/uk-bosnia-russia-eu-idUKKBN0JO1ZR20141210

Summary

Sending the wrong messages to Ankara

Speaking at the Conference on "New Turkey, the EU and Cyprus" organized by the EPIO in Cyprus in cooperation with the University of Cyprus Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Government Spokesperson Nicos Christodoulides stated that many EU member states are hiding behind the Cyprus Republic and the Cyprus problem and are not speaking honestly to Turkey. He noted that the fact that Turkey has not made any progress in its EU accession for nine consecutive years and does not show any signs of implementing its accession obligations, which is something that should strongly concern the European Commission, as well as the member states (Phileleftheros, CY, 10/12). European Commission Vice-President and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini noted that it is necessary to harmonise more foreign policy and security issues between the EU and Turkey, as coordination has never been at such a low level. She noted that while in past the Turkish side used to co-sign some 80% of the EU positions on international policy issues, now it only supports the one third. (Imerisia, GR, 10/12). Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said on Tuesday that Turkey makes very important contributions to the EU's security and defence policies. But until now Turkey was not included in any decision mechanisms related to security and defence (L'Humanité, FR, 10/12).

- Phileleftheros, CY, 10/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141210/mi/item_226213928.pdf
- Imerisia, GR, 10/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141210/mi/item-226210429.pdf
- L'Humanité, FR, 10/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141210/mi/item_226184815.pdf

New government for Kosovo

The Kosovo assembly has elected a new Kosovo government led by the president of the Democratic League of Kosovo, Isa Mustafa. EU High Representative for Foreign Policy Federica Mogherini and European Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn have welcomed the creation of the new Kosovo government and called for swift continuation of dialogue on the normalization of relations between Belgrade and Pristina (Delo, SI, 10/12). The government will include former Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi of the Democratic Party of Kosovo, who will serve as Mustafa's deputy and Kosovo's foreign minister. Mustafa's government will face high unemployment and the soaring social discontent fuelled by an absence of foreign investors, some of whom claim Kosovo officials seek kickbacks for allowing foreign companies to do business in the new country (New Europe, BE, 10/12).

- Delo, SI, 10/12, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20141210/mi/item 226223814.pdf
- New Europe, BE, 10/12, http://www.neurope.eu/article/parliament-approves-new-govt-kosovo

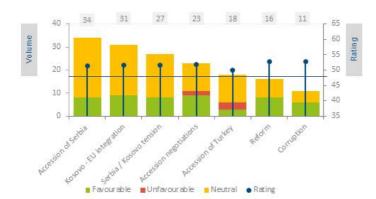
Serbia will not give up the EU or Kosovo

Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić adding "at the moment no one is forcing us to make a choice". Neighbourhood policy Commissioner Johannes Hann said, however, that candidate countries should resolve their territorial disputes before joining EU (Evenimentul Zilei, RO, 10/12).

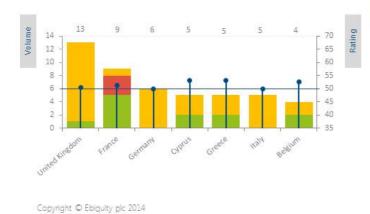
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Rating	51
Favourable %	21%
Unfavourable %	4.9%
Neutral %	74.1%

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ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Hashim Thaçi - Kosovo FM	22
Isa Mustafa - Kosovo PM	18
Johannes Hahn - Neighbourhood Policy & Enlarg	11
Federica Mogherini	11
Ahmet Davutoğlu - Turkey PM	9
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Vladimir Putin - Russian President	5

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