



Key Quotes

Manolis Kefalogiannis, MEP and Chairman of the EPP Greek Delegation, writes that "**Turkey is a candidate country for EU membership and any move towards this direction is depended on full respect for European democratic values, including the rule of law and fundamental rights, such as the freedom of expression and the freedom of the media**" (neurope.eu, BE, 4/1).

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/turkeys-approach-its-accession-negotiations>

Summary

The constitution of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Constitutional amendments will be the first big issue that the politicians in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will have to face at the beginning of 2015, Dnevnik daily reports. According to the plans, the politicians will need to solve the burning issues of 2014, with reforms in the education sector, the revoking of the opposition MPs' mandates, dealing with the state's coat of arms, as well as all the other issues (focus-news.net, BG, 2/1).

- focus-news.net, BG, 2/1, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/01/02/358829/utrinski-vesnik-macedonia-parliament-should-solve-burning-issues-of-2014.html>

Press freedom in BiH

Press organisations and representatives have strongly condemned a police raid on Bosnia news site Klix.ba that took place on 29 Dec. Authorities are trying to uncover the source of a recording that is said to be of the Republika Srpska Prime Minister Željka Cvijanović. During the recorded conversation a woman's voice can be heard admitting that her party bought two MPs to ensure its majority in the national assembly. Irfan Nefić, a police spokesman, said the raid by about half a dozen police officers was ordered by a Sarajevo court. The incriminating recording was posted online in mid-November, after the Bosnian general election, local media reported. National journalists associations called the raid a dark day for Bosnian journalism. Borka Rudić, secretary general of the Bosnian Journalists Association, said that journalists have the right to protect their sources and that the raid is "unacceptable" adding "This is the most brutal attack on freedom of speech and journalist rights ever recorded in Bosnia" (Index on Censorship, UK, 2/1).

- Index on Censorship, UK, 2/1, <http://www.indexoncensorship.org/2015/01/bosnia-police-raid-in-the-klix-ba-offices-is-attack-on-the-publics-right-to-know-and-to-be-informed/>

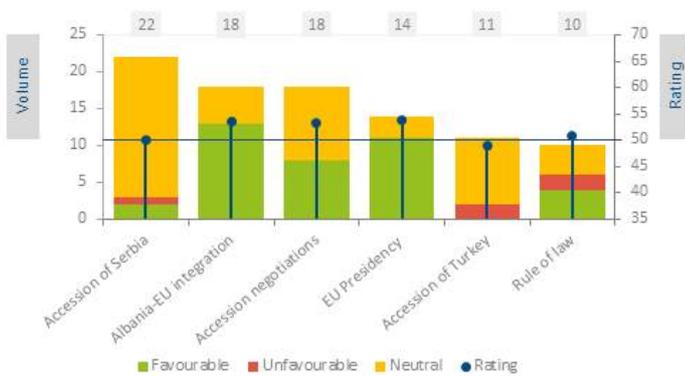
Governance of BiH

Keeping track of Bosnia's presidents is simple compared with remembering its prime ministers. There are 14 of those but what worked to end a war two decades ago seems to be holding the country back now. Average wages are less than €400 a month and those in work may be the lucky ones. Bosnians of all ethnicities know who to blame: the politicians. They stand accused of nepotism, corruption and botching privatisations - while picking up salaries around four times the local average. Every day protesters arrive outside the presidency building in Sarajevo to hang up banners urging the European Union to step in - warning of further civil unrest if action is not taken. "We had been asking them to start with that constitution problem, but now we are looking to focus on urgent areas where there is consensus before going on to the constitution issue" says British ambassador Edward Ferguson (BBC, UK, 2/1).

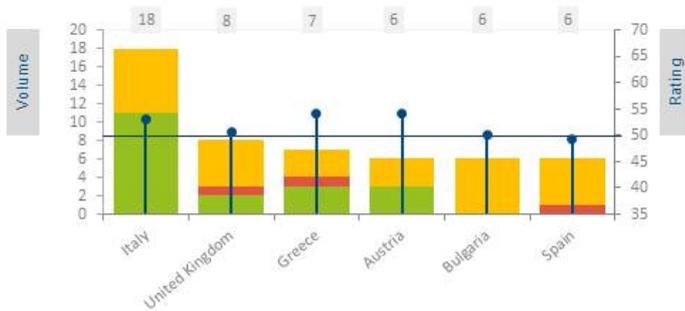
- BBC, UK, 2/1, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-30599338>

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Volume	61 items
Rating	52
Favourable %	32.8%
Unfavourable %	4.9%
Neutral %	62.3%

ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources**
by volume

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Edi Rama – Albania PM	13
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	6
Johannes Hahn - Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement	3
Tomislav Nikolić - Serbia President	3
Vladimir Putin – President Russia	2

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