



Key Quotes

The Foreign Minister of Turkey who supports the country's entry to the EU and wants to be able to remove the objections of European States, said: "**Turkey is an integral part of the cultural geography of Europe. History has clearly shown that the core values of European culture are rooted in Anatolia**" (ElZoni.gr, 13/1).

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Summary

Serbian disagreement with EU

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić accused the European Union of leading a media campaign aimed at discrediting the government of the country. Analysts suggest that actions of Brussels are an attempt to put pressure on Belgrade following its refusal to accede to Western sanctions against Russia (Presa, BG, 12/1). The latest controversy pitches European Commission spokeswoman Maja Kotsiyanchich against Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksandar Vučić and shows that unfortunately members of the Serbian Government are not entitled to their own opinion, even when they want to protect the interests of Serbian citizens. This was announced by Minister of Internal Affairs of Serbia, Nebojša Stefanović. Stefanović explained the nature of the controversy between the government and the EC. He said that Serbia was not allowed to award a contract to pump water from the Tamnava mine to a Serbian company but were required to award it to a European company whose offer was three times more expensive than others. "*We did not want to throw away 23 million of Euro citizens' money*" said Stefanović (focus-news.net, BG, 12/1).

- Presa, BG, 12/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150112/mi/item_230216218.pdf
- focus-news.net, BG, 12/1, <http://www.focus-news.net/news/2015/01/12/2010889/blic-es-smyata-che-srabskoto-pravitelstvo-nyama-pravo-na-sobstveno-mnenie-zayavi-vatreshniyat-ministar-neboyscha-stefanovich.html>

Prospects for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

After elections in Greece on 25/01/2015, there could be a new government in Greece, which would be led by the Coalition of the Radical Left SYRIZA. While no fundamental change in the Greek attitude towards the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is to be expected, bilateral relations could improve significantly. So possibly the accession talks between the EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia could at least get started. In parallel, there could be talks between the two countries to overcome the so-called name dispute within the EU. So far, the start of EU accession talks have been blocked by Greece until there is a solution to the name dispute. Current Prime Minister Antonis Samaras been a hardliner as concerns the name dispute but this may change if there was electoral success for the left in Greece. (Pelagon.de, DE, 12/1).

- Pelagon.de, DE, 12/1, <http://pelagon.de/?p=5092>

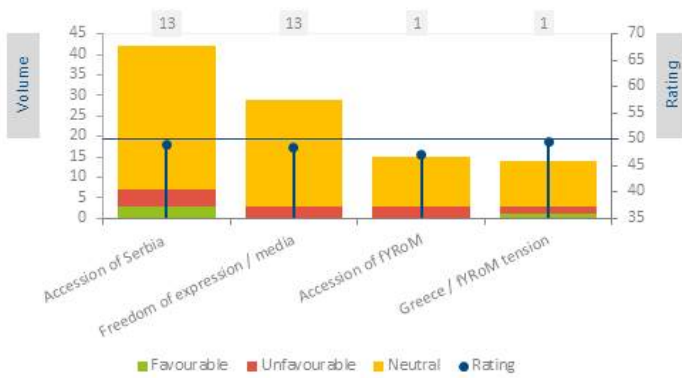
Turkish visit to Germany

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu started an official visit to Germany on Monday. He was welcomed with military honours at the Federal Chancellery where Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed with Davutoğlu issues of bilateral relations and international, European political and economic issues. In the evening Davutoğlu gave a speech on current issues of Turkish foreign policy at a meeting of the Körber Foundation (Die Welt, DE, 12/1).

- Die Welt, DE, 12/1, <http://www.welt.de/newsticker/news1/article136270530/Tuerkischer-Ministerpraesident-Davutoglu-zu-Gast-in-Berlin.html>

Charts

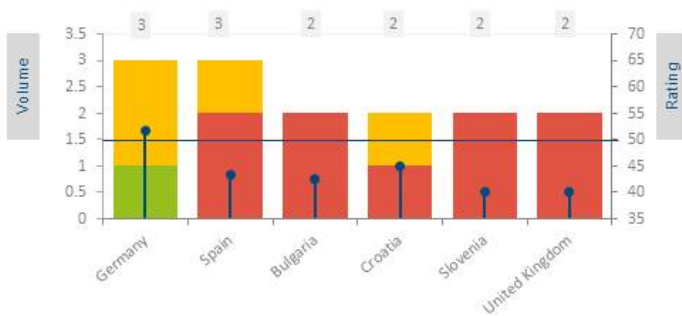
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