



Key Quotes

“Serbia is Hungary’s priority partner in the Western Balkan region with regard to agricultural relations”, Hungarian Minister of Agriculture Sándor Fazekas told on Monday in Budapest after having met with his Serbian counterpart, Minister of Agriculture and Environment Snežana Bogosavljević Bošković. Minister Fazekas stressed that Serbian accession to the EU was one of the most important topics of the meeting. Serbia’s accession to the European Union is in the preparation phase with relation to which Serbia has cooperated with Hungary on several concrete programmes within the field of agriculture. (Hungary Today, HU, 20/01/15)

<http://hungarytoday.hu/cikk/cooperation-agriculture-key-factor-hungarian-serbian-relations-25458>

Summary

Serbia’s future

MEP Tonino Picula said that among the obligations of Serbia is to confirm a clear and positive attitude towards national minorities, especially in the field of education in their native languages. Picula suggested that Serbian government should be encouraged to actively participate in the talks on demarcation with neighbours, and that as a candidate country it should align its foreign policy with that of the EU. Picula said that Serbia's progress on the European path is extremely important because it is a country that has particular responsibility for the quality of relations between countries in the Western Balkans, the candidate and potential candidate countries for EU membership. 'Progress in the implementation of the Brussels Treaty and dialogue with Pristina is important for Serbia's European perspective and I believe that the current presidency of Belgrade OSCE may be a stimulus to internal transformation of Serbia itself, concluded Picula (tportal.hr, HR, 20/1). Serbia has long hesitated whether it should be oriented to Russia or Europe. And they decided for Europe against the eternal lure of the community of all Slavs. Why? Because of their most loyal allies and closest economic partner Greece is in the EU (Der Standard, AT, 20/1).

- tportal.hr, HR, 20/1, <http://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/svijet/366457/Picula-u-EP-u-stisnuo-Srbiju-i-zbog-granicnih-sporova.html>
- Der Standard, AT, 20/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150120/mi/item_231451677.pdf

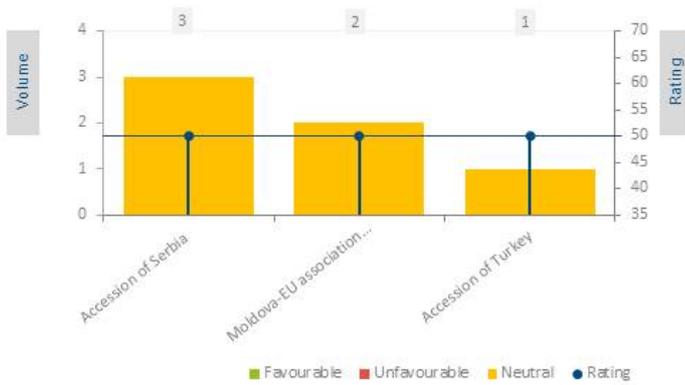
Turkey Netherlands relations

Dutch MP Pieter Omtzigt can count on solid interest from the Turkish media. He is in possession of secret documents about Turkish arms supplies to jihadists in Syria. With his colleague Raymond Knops he has long been a critic of President Erdogan, and his next target is Turkish EU accession and human rights in the country. But with the documents issue, comes a problem for Minister of Foreign Affairs Bert Koenders. Attempts to publish or report on the documents in Turkey have been meet with censorship, and now the Turkish government has declared the documents a state secret, making the prospect of raising the issue with Ankara even more sensitive. (Telegraaf.nl, NL, 20/1)

- Telegraaf.nl, NL, 20/1, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150120/mi/item_231479326.pdf

Charts

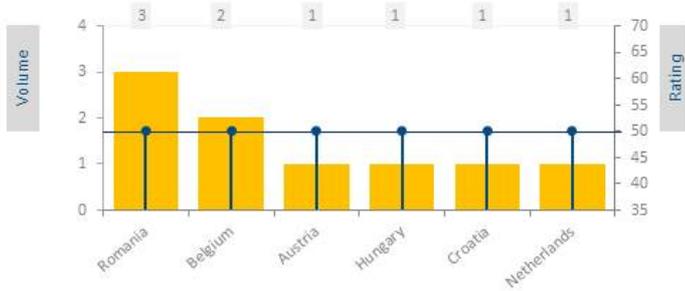
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