



## Key Quotes

During a joint press conference with his Turkish counterpart, Péter Szijjartó, Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, confirmed Hungary's support for Turkey's EU accession: **"I would like to stress that we look to Turkey as an important partner of the EU and Hungary. We support all kinds of negotiations and talks between Turkey and the EU."** Turkey's foreign minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu thanked the Hungarian government for its **"unconditional"** support for Turkey's membership of the EU. (Hungary Today, HU, 27/01)

<http://hungarytoday.hu/cikk/hungary-turkey-expand-cooperation-energy-security-23022>

## Summary

### Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina

The European Council and the European Commission prepared a decision on the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina, but the problem could be that Bosnia and Herzegovina's politicians cannot agree on a joint statement which presents a list of reforms. The foreign ministers of Germany and the UK, Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Philip Hammond, asked during last week's visit to Sarajevo, for a written statement of commitment to the reforms proposed by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and signed by leaders of the 14 most influential political parties with whom they discussed them. In return, they promised to help the country get closer to the EU (tportal.hr, HR, 25/1).

- tportal.hr, HR, 26/7, <http://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/svijet/367076/EU-spreman-za-sporazum-s-BiH-politicari-podijeljeni-zbog-reformi.html>

### Serbian reform

Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić and World Bank Country Director for South East Europe Ellen Goldstein, concluded that Serbia, if it implements all the planned reform measures, will become the economic leader in the region in two years. Goldstein pointed out that Serbia is at a crossroads ahead of a final decision that will determine the future of the reform process. She said that this is a crucial time for Serbia, which has to start with the immediate restructuring of public enterprises and to complete the process of privatisation and liquidation of the companies that suck money out of the Serbian budget but have not actually existed for years. Vučić accepted all of the key proposals of the World Bank, and reiterated that Serbia will courageously continue its reform course, regardless of political cost, because the most important task and the result of the government must be a secure future of our country, reports the Serbian Government (Balkans.com, UK, 26/1).

- Balkans.com, UK, 26/1, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=200666>

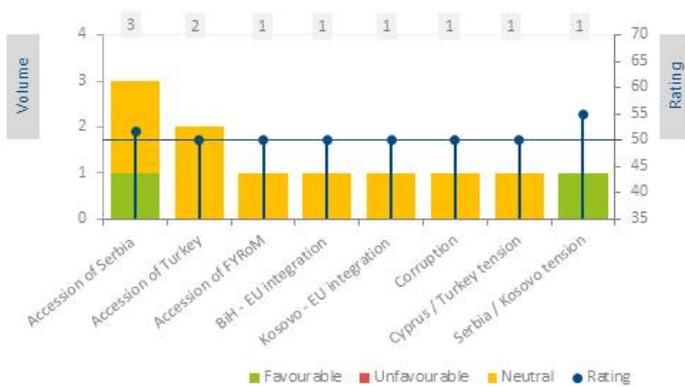
### Education in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The chairperson of the European Trade Union Committee for Education Martin Romer is on a visit to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Romer is expected to meet with the head of the EU Delegation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Aivo Orav. The visit is inspired by the strike declared by the teachers in the country, which has been underway for a second week and which has been ignored by the government. It is not clear whether Mr Romer will meet the Ministers of Education and Labour and Social Policy (focus-fen.net, BG, 26/1).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 26/1, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/01/26/361368/chairperson-of-european-trade-union-committee-for-education-to-visit-macedonia.html>

# Charts

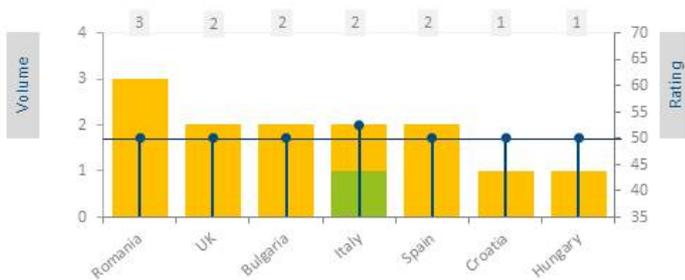
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