



## Summary

According to Euromonitor.net (22/11) socialists and democrats in the European Parliament welcomed the adoption of MEP Marilena Koppa's report on 'Enlargement: policies, criteria and the EU's strategic interests', which confirms the European Parliament's commitment to the enlargement process. The adopted resolution underlines the need to reinforce the credibility of enlargement policy and introduces innovative approaches for improving accession procedures. Ms Koppa claimed that the enlargement process remained *"the most successful external policy of the EU"*. Ta Nea (EL, 23/11) comments that Stefan Füle is battling to ensure that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM) will get the green light for accession negotiations without first resolving the name issue, but that the Greek side scored a victory with the European Parliament voting in favour of Marilena Koppa's report. The report text states that resolving bilateral disputes must precede the start of accession negotiations. Mr Füle said to MEPs in Strasbourg *"We should ensure that the unsolved issue do not turn into "mines" that explode during the accession procedure"* (focus-fen.net, BG, 23/11). In a joint article in Die Welt, widely reported across Greece, the German and Hungarian Foreign Ministers pointed out that the European Union will only be completed with the accession of the Western Balkans (mediasoup.gr, EL, 23/11).

- eumonitor.net, UK, 22/11, <http://www.eumonitor.net/news/159808>
- Ta-Nea, EL, 23/11, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121123/mi/item\\_140818127.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121123/mi/item_140818127.pdf)
- focus-fen.net, BG, 23/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n293054>
- mediasoup.gr, EL, 23/11, <http://www.mediasoup.gr/node/62748>

Politis-Cyprus, (CY 23/11) reported on the European Commission's approval of new financial assistance for the Turkish Cypriot community. The €27.2 million programme will focus on promoting the economic integration of the island, with the overall objective to help prepare for its reunification. The funds will support a wide range of sectors, including eradication of animal diseases, protection of the environment, road safety, cultural heritage and civil society. Students, teachers and NGOs will be among the main beneficiaries of the programme. Enlargement Commissioner Füle commented *"This new funding reflects the firm commitment of the European Union to the economic integration of the Turkish Cypriot community; through dialogue and mutual enrichment between the two communities, we are continuing the support for the future reunification of the island"* (real.gr, 22/11).

- Politis-Cyprus, CY, 23/11 [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121123/mi/item\\_140809945.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121123/mi/item_140809945.pdf)
- real.gr, EL, 22/11, <http://www.real.gr/DefaultArthro.aspx?page=arthro&id=189718&catID=4>

Bosnian lawmakers on Thursday backed a reshuffled government composed of ministers from a new multi-ethnic coalition pledging to implement reforms sought by the European Union. *"Bosnia faces a very difficult (economic) situation ... Such situation forces us to rapidly undertake reforms needed on the Euro-Atlantic path,"* Vjekoslav Bevanda, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, said ahead of the vote (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 22/11).

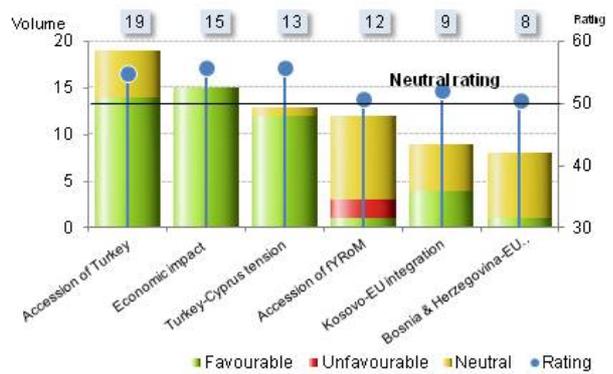
- uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 22/11, <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/bosnia-reshuffles-cabinet-pledging-eu-sought-reforms-185516967.html>

## Key Quotes

***It was Mr Blair who opened the door in 2004 to workers from accession states, insisting that the impact on our jobs market and social infrastructure would be minimal. Those who challenged this orthodoxy were condemned as racists and bigots.*** (Yahoo! UK and Ireland, UK, 26/11) <http://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/del-boy-blair-peddles-immigration-063440987.html>

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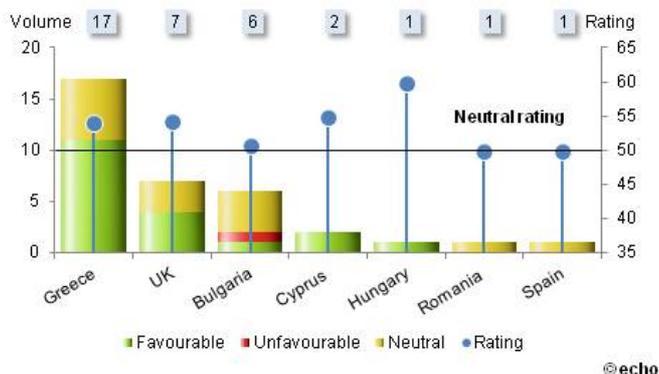


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Unfavourable %	2.9%
Neutral %	42.9%

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ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources**  
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ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Štefan Füle (Commissioner for Enlargement, EC)	16
Guido Westerwelle (Foreign Minister, Germany)	6
János Martonyi (Foreign Minister, Hungary)	5
Philip Ruecker (American Ambassador to fYRoM)	5
Nikola Gruevski (Prime Minister, fYRoM)	4
Vjekoslav Bevanda (Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina)	2
Maria Eleni Koppa (MEP)	2
Artur Mas (President of the Generalitat de Catalunya)	2

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