



Key Quotes

An agreement has been reached in Brussels between Serbian Prime Minister Aleksander Vučić and Prime Minister of Kosovo Isa Mustafa, "**on justice and judiciary in Kosovo**", and they have also decided "**to work together**" to address the regional problem of illegal immigration from Kosovo. (ansa.it, IT, 10/2)

http://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/mondo/europa/2015/02/10/kosovo-uece-accordo-pristina-belgrado_c25c7ada-8272-4e59-b115-3d4325720e93.html

Summary

New round of dialogue - Belgrade and Pristina in Brussels

After a break of 10 months the Belgrade – Pristina dialogue restarts in order to normalize relations between the two sides, with mediation for the first time by the new head of European diplomacy, Federica Mogherini (newsbomb.gr, GR, 9/2). Relations between the two capitals have recently strained due to recent dismissal of the Serbian minister in the Kosovo government. This will be the first meeting between Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić and his Kosovo colleague Isa Mustafa in Brussels. According to the European diplomatic service the progress made during the previous rounds of dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina will be assessed (Vecer, SI, 9/2). Meanwhile the former Prime Minister and now Kosovar Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hashim Thaçi, said he was optimistic about the finalization of the agreement on the justice system. "*Normalization of relations between the two countries is necessary to speed up the Euro-Atlantic process*" he said (balkaneu.com, GR, 9/2).

- newsbomb.gr, GR, 9/2, <http://www.newsbomb.gr/kosmos/news/story/554178/neos-gyros-toy-dialogoy-veligradioy-pristinas-stis-vryxelles>
- Vecer, SI, 9/2, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150209/mi/item_234449402.pdf
- balkaneu.com, GR, 9/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/fresh-talks-kosovo-serbia-starts-today-brussels/>

Record breaking number of amendments

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia breaks the record in terms of number of amendments filed to the European Parliament's report on the country's progress. There are a total of 296 amendments, some 150 of which have been filed by Bulgarian and Greek MEPs to the report written by EP Rapporteur Ivo Vajgl. All these amendments are negative towards the country. Ultrnationalist MEP Dzhambazki wants the claim that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has the highest progress among the EU member state candidates in terms of the adoption of the European law to be removed from the report. He is also against the proposal to open negotiation chapters 23 and 24 (focus-news.net, BG, 9/2).

- focus-news.net, BG, 9/2, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/02/09/362770/bulgaria-greece-with-biggest-number-of-amendments-to-ep-report-on-macedonia.html>

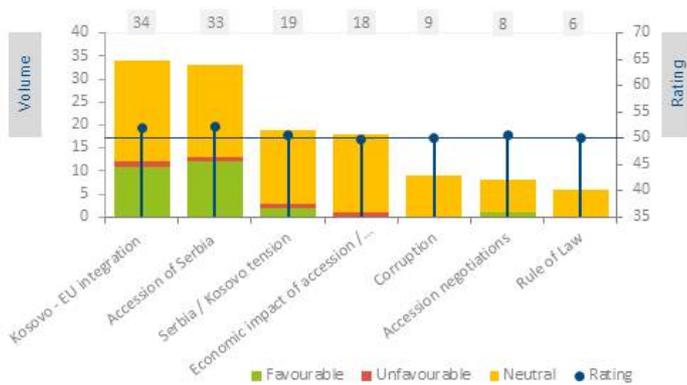
Strong relationship between Montenegro and the US

Montenegro and the United States have established a strong relationship based on mutual trust and shared values, Montenegro's Prime Minister Milo Đukanović and US Vice President Joseph Biden agreed at the meeting which was held on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. Prime Minister Đukanović voiced his pleasure with the dynamic dialogue developed between Montenegro and the United States, as well as the attention the US administration and Vice President Biden have been paying to the Western Balkans issue. He also referred to stable democratic and economic development of Montenegro and its full commitment to European and Euro-Atlantic integration (Balkans.com, UK, 9/2).

- Balkans.com, UK, 9/2, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=201037>

Charts

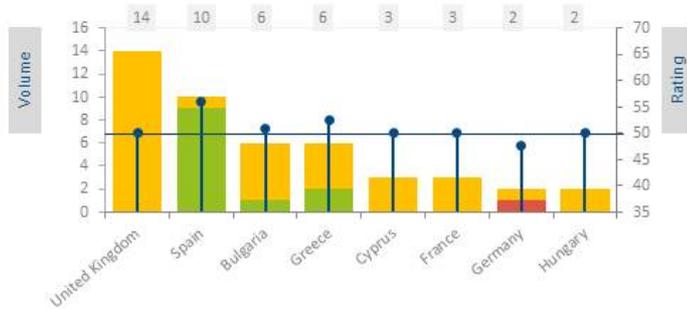
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Federica Mogherini – HR Foreign Affairs	33
Aleksandar Vučić - PM Serbia	15
Isa Mustafa – PM Kosovo	14
Zoran Zaev - Opposition leader former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4
Nikola Gruevski - PM former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4

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