



Key Quotes

Bosnia's parliament approved Denis Zvizdic as prime minister on Wednesday after he promised to unblock the Balkan country's stalled bid to join the European Union and push through reforms sought by the bloc. **"The period ahead of us is one that should bring about change, reforms and economic development and I will do my best to make a shift from daily politicking to real economic and social issues,"** Zvizdic, a Muslim Bosniak, told lawmakers (uk.reuters.com, UK, 11/2).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/02/11/uk-bosnia-primeminister-idUKKBNOLF1U320150211>

Summary

Normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina

The Brussels justice agreement, initialled yesterday by the Prime Ministers of Serbia and Kosovo, will allow Pristina to establish a uniform judicial system throughout Kosovo. Belgrade will have Serbian judges and prosecutors appointed in the northern part of the country. Serbian PM Aleksandar Vučić believes that the successful dialogue with Pristina translates into a new impetus for Serbia's European path. (Delo, SI, 11/2). The agreement was considered as very important by members of the government of Kosovo. Minister of Justice, Hajredin Kuçi, says that the agreement preserves a unique justice system in Kosovo. He says *"the agreement aims to integrate the north in the framework of our justice system, which has been outside of our system for some time. This agreement preserves a unique system of justice, with an applicable law throughout the country and with full authority of the central government present even there"* (balkaneu.com, GR, 11/2).

- Delo, SI, 11/2, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150211/mi/item_234746546.pdf
- balkaneu.com, GR, 11/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/agreement-serbia-risk-unique-system-kosovo/>

Reactions to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia eavesdropping scandal

The international community, political parties, NGOs and citizens are demanding explanations over the affair that was made public by the opposition leader, Zoran Zaev. The EU office in Skopje has expressed its concern about the content of the published materials and it has stressed that it is basing its concern on the declaration issued by the spokeswoman of the EU head of diplomacy, Maja Kocijancic. *"We have no comments on the content of the published materials, but we have expressed our concern about developments in the country and the impact of these developments on the general political climate. It's time for political actors to show that they are responsible and for them to engage in a constructive dialogue on the strategic priorities of the country and the citizens"* declared Kocijancic (balkaneu.com, GR, 11/2).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 11/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/debates-reactions-continue-fyrom-eavesdropping-affair/>

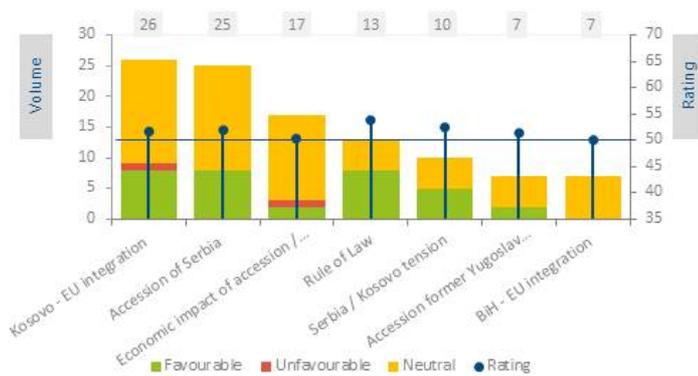
Project Turkey

In a guest commentary, Volker Perthes, Director of Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik and Soli Özel, lecturer at the Kadir-Has-Universität in Istanbul, criticise the wavering European course and the questioning of EU membership for Turkey. The authors argue that although the Turkish government seems to be facing away from Europe, the majority of Turkish citizens welcome orientation towards the EU. Mr Perthes and Mr Özel conclude that Turkey plays an important role as a strategic partner of the West and thus needs to be taken into consideration as a political partner more thoroughly (Handelsblatt, DE, 11/2).

- Handelsblatt, DE, 11/2, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150211/mi/item_234727530.pdf

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