



Key Quotes

Kosovo's Interior Minister Skënder Hyseni on Thursday urged the European Union to expel thousands of Kosovan nationals, who have quit their homeland in search of a better life in EU countries. Speaking after talks with his Austrian counterpart Johanna Mikl-Leitner in Vienna, Hyseni said: **"We've always been told that the vast majority of the illegal migrants have no status rights and will be sent back. I hope that happens quickly."** Hyseni added the EU should act to dispel the **"illusion"** among migrants, nurtured by the smugglers, that they can obtain asylum in EU countries. (eubusiness.com, UK, 12/2)

<http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/kosovo-immigration.zuf/>

Summary

Press freedom

Although European countries still rank top of Reporters without Borders' annual press freedom index published on 12 February, the organisation found that press freedom in Europe has been declining in absolute terms. This general decline reinforces concern about the sustainability of the European model says the organisation. Scores vary across Europe, even across the EU, Europe's best and worst performers are over a hundred spots apart. Non-EU countries such as the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (117) and Montenegro (114) did worst on the continent. Bulgaria, an EU member since 2007, is ranked at 106, down six places from last year. Another regular recipient of EU criticism on media freedom is Turkey, which performed slightly better than last year, but still lingers in the bottom quarter at 149 (euobserver.com, BE, 12/2).

- euobserver.com, BE, 12/2, <https://euobserver.com/news/127604>

Serbian Prime Minister to attend inauguration of Croatian President

After several controversial claims by the newly elected Croatian president and speculation that Serbia would be represented by a low-ranking officer at her inauguration, Serbian media revealed today that the ceremony in Zagreb would be attended by Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić. The visit will also be an occasion for Vučić to meet Serbian Orthodox Church Metropolitan Porfirije as well as representatives of Serb communities in Croatia and the leader of the Serb National Council Milorad Pupovac who was recently the target of a hate campaign by Branimir Glavas, a Croat politician convicted for crimes against Serbs in 1991 (balkaneu.com, GR, 12/2).

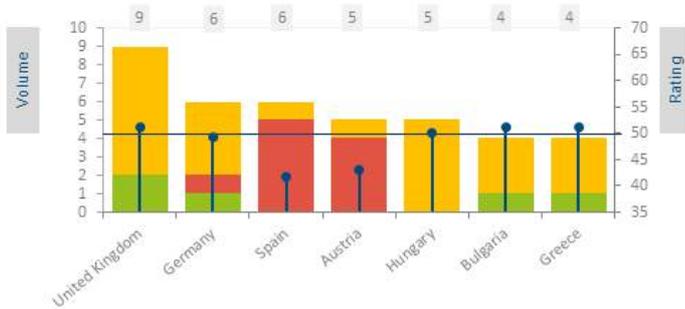
- balkaneu.com, GR, 12/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/vucic-attend-grabar-kitarovics-inauguration/>

Charts

ELARG: **Leading Daily Issues**
by volume, favourability & rating



ELARG: **Leading Daily Countries**
by volume, favourability & rating



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ELARG: **Highlights**
by volume, overall rating and percentage favourability

Volume	49 items
Rating	49
Favourable %	14.3%
Unfavourable %	20.4%
Neutral %	65.3%

ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources**
by volume

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Hashim Thaçi - FM Kosovo	11
Federica Mogherini	5
Aleksandar Vučić - PM Serbia	5
Ivica Dačić – FM Serbia	5
Denis Zvizdic - PM Bosnia	4
Isa Mustafa – PM Kosovo	3

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