



Key Quotes

Bosnia and Herzegovina's lawmakers endorsed a commitment to reform the economy and address political divisions, potentially unblocking a stalled bid to join the European Union in a step the bloc's top diplomat called "**historic**". "**Today's endorsement of the written commitment in this parliament enables Bosnia-Herzegovina to finally take a step towards joining the European Union**," High Representative, Federica Mogherini said in a speech to lawmakers. "**This could be an historic turning point for all of us - not only here in Sarajevo but for all of Europe.**" (uk.reuters.com, UK, 23/2).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/02/23/uk-bosnia-eu-idUKKBN0LR17F20150223>

Summary

Hahn intervention in former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

European Commissioner for Enlargement, Johannes Hahn speaking about the eavesdropping affair in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia said "*this affair must be solved by responsible institutions, but if necessary, a parliamentary committee must be appointed in order to handle this issue. But this will depend on the presence of all political parliamentary parties*". Hahn called on all sides to solve this problem, while adding that those who possess evidence must publish all of it adding "*their handling must be made based on European standards. This affair is a very serious issue*" (balkaneu.com, GR, 23/2). Hahn went on to say "*I think this is necessary and is part of the way a mature democracy works – holding a dialogue and open talks. No one wants everyone to reach agreement on everything but there should be understanding of arriving at compromises in a well-developed democracy*" (focus-news.net, BG, 23/2).

- [balkaneu.com](http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-enlargement-commissioner-hahn-demands-investigation-eavesdropping-scandal-fyrom/), GR, 23/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/eu-enlargement-commissioner-hahn-demands-investigation-eavesdropping-scandal-fyrom/>
- [focus-news.net](http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/02/23/364087/vecer-macedonia-parliamentary-committee-should-be-established-over-wiretapping-scandal-eu-commissioner-hahn-says.html), BG, 23/2, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/02/23/364087/vecer-macedonia-parliamentary-committee-should-be-established-over-wiretapping-scandal-eu-commissioner-hahn-says.html>

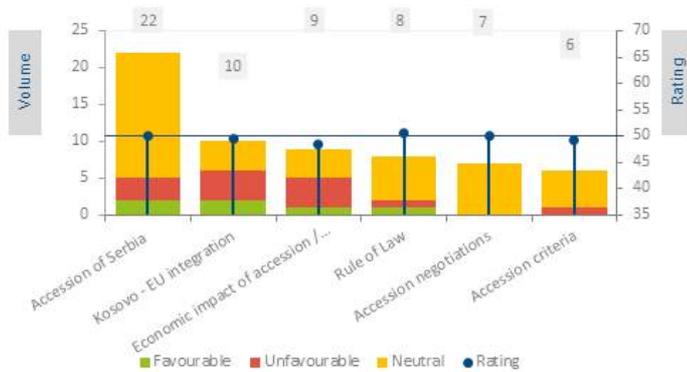
Will rising Islamophobia in Europe provide Turkey with its entry ticket to the EU?

In an opinion piece Sinan Ülgen, a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe, says Recep Tayyip Erdoğan seems to think so. And the president of Turkey may be right but for the wrong reasons. Turkey's ability to help Europe find greater harmony with its Muslim population will be determined by what it becomes. To inspire the citizens of other liberal democracies, Turkey must show it can establish its own version of a liberal democracy based on rule of law with a clear separation of faith from the state. For its part, Europe will be seen to have failed a test of the sincerity of its founding principles by turning its back on the only functioning effort to marry western and Islamic values. And sincerity is what Europe needs most today if it is to fight the ills of radicalisation and embrace its own Muslim citizens (Financial Times, UK, 23/2).

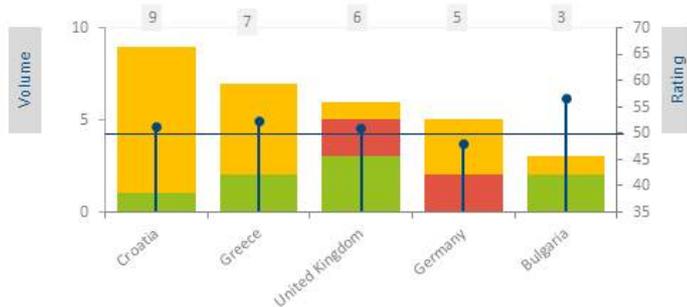
- Financial Times, UK, 23/2 (no link available)

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