



Key Quotes

Kosovo's Foreign Minister Hashim Thaçi urged the European Union and NATO to speed up the integration of Balkan states or risk the spreading influence of both Russia and Islamist extremists. Thaçi, the first prime minister of independent Kosovo until last year, told Reuters he hoped for tangible results in the coming months, such as a new EU visa regime for Kosovo. **"It is the moment when Brussels should move from rhetoric and nice words about Kosovo to concrete measures,"** Thaçi said. (uk.reuters.com, UK, 3/3)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/03/03/uk-kosovo-europe-idUKKBN0LZ1GN20150303>

Summary

Croatian relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia

The president of Croatia, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović has made an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, her first abroad trip since taking office. The Croatian President said that she chose to first visit the neighboring Bosnia and Herzegovina because Zagreb is interested in the stability of the country and this can be furthered by Bosnia and Herzegovina joining the European Union and NATO. She added that she would insist on the equality of Bosnia's three constitutive peoples, that is, on Croat equality (Capital.gr, GR, 3/3). Einspieler Vili writing in Delo (SI, 3/3) analyses relations between Serbia and Croatia. He writes that although the European Parliament did not accept the first Croatian bid to make the resolution of bilateral issues conditional on Serbia's European path, Croatian MPs will not throw in the towel. Since the country is still not ready to put an end to the circle of conflict the relationship between Croatia and Serbia will remain on the agenda.

- Capital.gr, GR, 3/3, <http://www.capital.gr/News.asp?id=2244196>
- Delo, SI, 3/3, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150303/mi/item_237626016.pdf

Zaev demands a political solution and not a legal one to the wiretapping scandal

Leader of the opposition party in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Zoran Zaev, is demanding a political solution of the crisis as he doesn't have faith on the current justice institutions which, according to him, are influenced by politics. One politician, Ziadin Sela, who is also mayor of Struga and leader of a new political movement, told the Balkan News Agency that there must be a European justice mission in the country similar to EULEX in Kosovo. *"I believe that only a European mission for the rule of law may bring back trust on the justice system. That's when trust will be restored and the justice system will function. At the same time the faith of the citizens will also be restored and government or the justice system cannot take outrageous decisions"* Sela declared (balkaneu.com, GR, 3/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 3/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/opposition-demands-political-legal-solution-crisis-fyr-macedonia/>

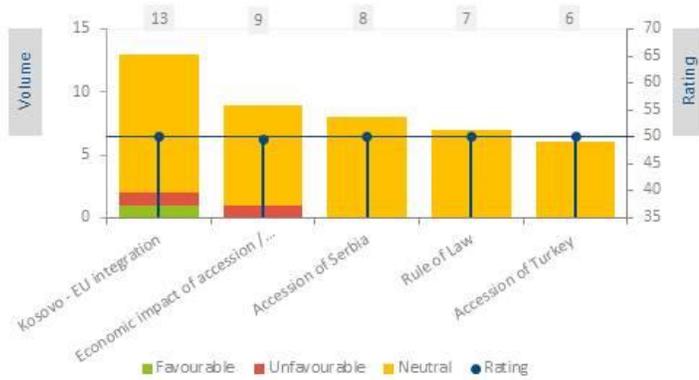
EU sets barriers to Turkish trout

To make up for damage to European fisheries Brussels has approved new anti-subsidy measures for Turkish imports of rainbow trout and set a customs duty levy on the product which is exported into the EU by a series of Turkish companies. The move by European authorities comes after a showdown between EU producers and Turkish exporters over allegations of unfair competition being carried out by the latter (La Voz De Galicia, ES, 3/3).

- La Voz De Galicia, ES, 3/3, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150303/mi/item_237668338.pdf

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