



Key Quotes

EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini surprised many in the press room, when she called **'Macedonia'** the country that calls itself Macedonia. The issue is that the Republic of Macedonia, which declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, is called by EU officials **"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"**, because Greece objects to the shorter **"Macedonia"** or "Republic of Macedonia", which is the country's constitutional name. Neighbourhood Commissioner Johannes Hahn, beside Mogherini when she used the "M" word, was not impressed and continued to call the country **"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"**. (euractiv.com, BE, 4/5)

<http://www.euractiv.com/video/iconoclast-mogherini-calls-macedonia-macedonia-312622>

Summary

Croatian territorial integrity

During a recent visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia's President stressed the absolute respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Croatia's president welcomed the efforts of Brussels to address the situation in the country, especially the British-German initiative for institutional reform which is needed to accelerate the development of this country and bring it closer to the EU norm. Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency Chairman Ivanič thanked Croatia for the strong support Bosnia and Herzegovina was receiving on its path to the European Union (Vecer, SI, 4/3). The President added *"the priority of all countries in the region is solving problems of the past"* adding *"Croatia will always be a support to the country on the road to European and Euro-Atlantic integration"* (Jutarnji List, HR, 4/3).

- Vecer, SI, 4/3, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150304/mi/item_237789454.pdf
- Jutarnji List, HR, 4/3, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150304/mi/item_237799216.pdf

Women's rights in Turkey

The murder of 20-year-old Özgecan Aslan, who was stabbed while reportedly resisting a rape attempt, has unleashed a storm of outrage in Turkey. There have been mass street protests, and hundreds of thousands of women have tweeted #sendeandat - tell your story" in Turkish - to share their experiences of abuse. Human rights groups say there has been a dramatic rise in violence against women during the rule of the current president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Leader of the AKP, he was elected as prime minister in 2002 and last year became the country's first elected president. He has called violence against women "a bleeding wound of Turkey" and vowed to launch a new campaign against it. But he has also said that women are not equal to men. So is life getting worse for women in Erdogan's Turkey? (BBC, UK, 4/3).

- BBC, UK, 4/3, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-31709887>

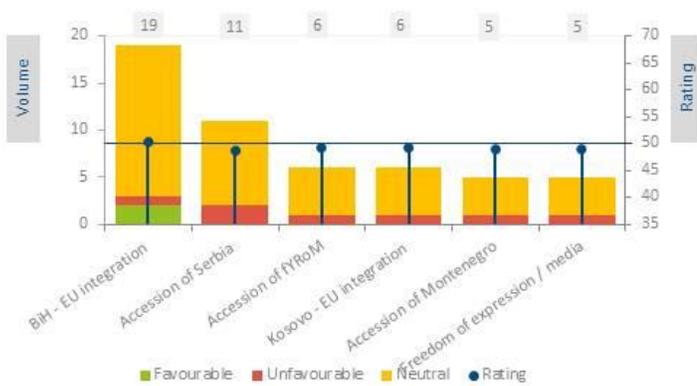
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Marijana Miljkovic in an editorial the Wirtschaftsblatt (DE, 4/3) quotes Balkan expert and diplomat Wolfgang Petritsch who recently wrote that the EU pretends that it actually wants the countries of South-eastern Europe as EU member states and these countries pretend that they actually want to join the club. She then goes on to say that however, there is much room for divergence between these declarations of commitment. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, she says, is of course right when he says that there will be no EU accession during the next legislative period of the European Commission since, realistically speaking, the accession negotiations will take several years. However, saying this officially sends the wrong signal, according to the author.

- Wirtschaftsblatt, DE, 4/3, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150304/mi/item_237792143.pdf

Charts

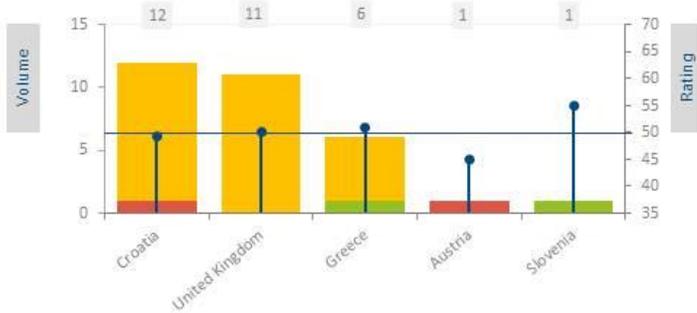
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