



Key Quotes

Poland and EU partners support European aspirations of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. ***“Polish experience of the EU accession process could prove very valuable for Macedonia, and our participation in the project speaks to Poland’s commitment to the enlargement of the European Union,”*** said Marta Przeniosła, a Polish Embassy in Skopje representative.

(msz.gov.pl, PL, 5/3)

http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/news/poland_and_eu_partners_support_european_aspirations_of_the_republic_of_macedonia;jsessionid=4F37B0EE6F621E12A014F5F094EBE8AE.cmsap5p

Summary

EU help to solve the crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The European Union has issued clear signals that it will be involved in the process of finding a solution to the crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Sources from Brussels have said that prominent MEPs will be starting their mission backed by the Commission. Federica Mogherini declared that she’s ready to offer her support to try and find a solution to the political crisis and that along with EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn, she is working for the Balkans. Hahn said that he is in contact with political leaders in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and that they have accepted the offer of the European Parliament to negotiate a solution to the crisis. But, according to him, the main responsibility falls on the country’s politicians, political parties and judicial system. He warned that the country may lose its recommendation for the start of negotiations for EU accession, if it doesn’t solve this situation in a democratic way (balkaneu.com, GR, 5/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 5/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/european-union-signals-intervention-fyr-macedonia/>

Romanian help for Albania

Romanian Prime Minister, Victor Ponta is offering Albania Romania’s surplus energy. He said *“Romania wants to keep playing a significant regional role, to continue its excellent relations both with countries that are already members of the European Union and with all the countries that follow the path of European integration. Just like Albania’s integration into NATO represented a strong support for the whole region, the integration of all the Western Balkans countries into the European Union will represent a great support and advantage for Romania”* (actmedia.eu, RO, 5/3). Meanwhile Serbian Parliament Speaker, Maja Gojković and Albanian Prime Minister, Edi Rama say both countries are willing to improve cooperation in a new stage of their relations. Gojković said *“Relations between Serbia and Albania are of utmost significance to the overall relations and stability in the region”* adding *“the EU will be complete only when the Western Balkans is integrated into it”* (Balkans.com, UK, 5/3).

- actmedia.eu, RO, 5/3, <http://actmedia.eu/energy-and-environment/pm-ponta-offers-albania-the-surplus-energy-of-romania/56814>
- Balkans.com, UK, 5/3, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=201658>

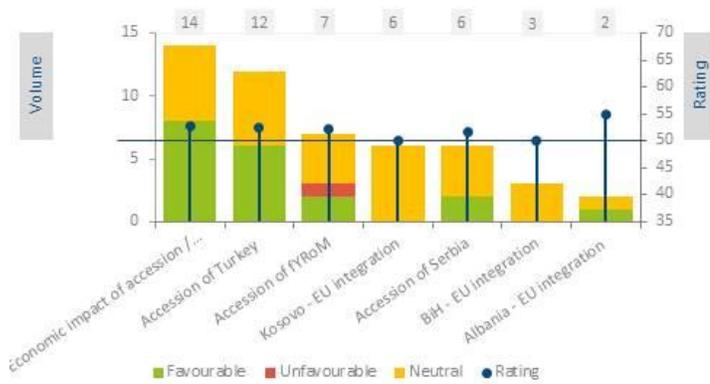
Free speech in Turkey

Turkish investigative journalist Mehmet Baransu has been arrested and charged with obtaining secret state documents. The allegations against him are extraordinary. They relate to articles published under his by-line by his newspaper, Taraf, in 2010. Baransu was given documents by an anonymous source which revealed that army officers had plotted a coup against Turkey’s government in 2003. Baransu later provided prosecutors with the classified documents and CDs, but did not name his source (Guardian, UK, 5/4).

- Guardian, UK, 5/4, <http://www.theguardian.com/media/greenslade/2015/mar/05/turkish-journalist-arrested-over-military-coup-scoop-he-wrote-in-2010>

Charts

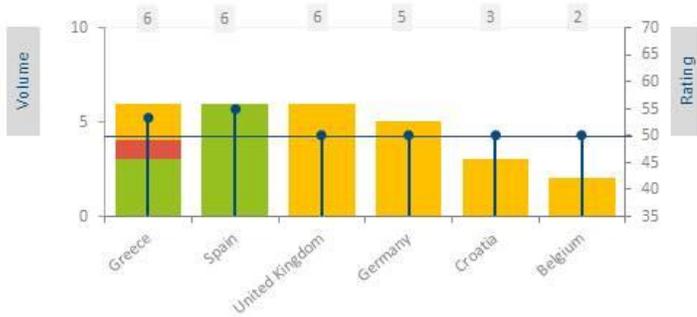
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Federica Mogherini	6
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	4
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović - President Croatia	3
Edi Rama - Albania PM	2

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