



Key Quotes

The High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Federica Mogherini, has officially apologised over her misuse of the name 'Macedonia' instead of 'former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia' in a press conference last week. Mogherini also explained that she has also discussed the matter with the Greek government. **"I always refer to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. It happens sometimes especially when you deal 24/7 with crises and jetlag that you make a mistake and I apologise for that because I always stick to the officially recognised name and I discussed that with the Greek authorities as well,"** Federica Mogherini (neurope.eu, BE, 11/3).

<http://www.neurope.eu/article/mogherini-apologises-using-macedonia-instead-fyrom-video>

Summary

Turkey and the EU

If the Cyprus issue is solved, a lot could be done for the Eastern Mediterranean, for Turkish-Greek relations and for new sources of gas for the EU. But the EU unfortunately lacks a visionary perspective, Yonel Selim, Turkey's Ambassador to the EU, told EurActiv in an exclusive interview. He said human rights is a recurrent issue in the Commission's progress reports and what we want from the Commission is to open chapters 23 and 24 which deal directly with these issues, but they are blocked because of the Greek Cypriots. We are doing our best, but it would be better to do it with the help of the Commission. Nevertheless, we have found a way in which we can talk to the Commission and in our latest legislation on human rights we have borrowed as much as possible from the legislation of the EU member states. (EurActiv.com, BE, 11/3)

- EurActiv.com, BE, 11/3, <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/global-europe/turkish-ambassador-eu-lacks-vision-cyprus-reunification-312800>

Murder plots in Albania

Over the past ten days, the main political and social topic in Albania has been the alleged plan for the murder of the majority MP, Tom Doshi and that of the opposition, Mhill Fufi. This situation has set the European Union in motion as its representatives express the need to implement the December agreement between the government and opposition for the decriminalization of parliament, an incentive launched by the Democratic Party. The EU is also focusing on the "Doshi" case, demanding an international investigation. A recent conference in Strasbourg on *"The dissolution of democratic standards and challenges of Albania in the European integration"* saw Lulzim Basha, the leader of the Albanian opposition speaking about the necessity of the process of decriminalization. Mr. Basha also used this as the main argument in the talks that he had with the EU Enlargement Commissioner, Johannes Hahn and others (balkaneu.com, GR, 11/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 11/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/alleged-plan-murder-albanian-mps-brings-brussels-game/>

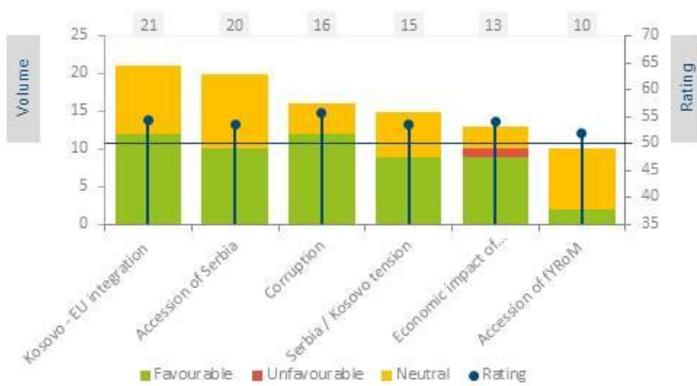
Vote rigging in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The main opposition party in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has published what it says is fresh evidence of government vote-manipulation in three recent elections. The Social Democrats released what they said were recorded conversations between conservative government officials and the country's intelligence chief and repeated calls for conservative Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski to hand over power to an interim government that would ensure free and fair elections. The party claimed the officials discussed vote-buying and intimidation ahead of 2011 and 2014 parliamentary elections and 2013 local elections (rferl.org, CZ, 11/3).

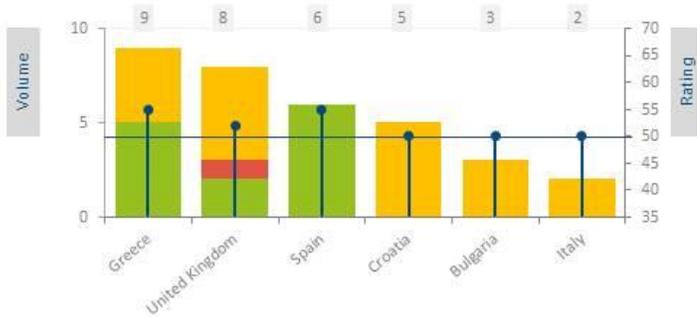
- rferl.org, CZ, 11/3, <http://www.rferl.org/content/macedonia-elections-/26892892.html>

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