



Summary

Media in Skopje commented on European Parliament President Martin Schulz' suggestion in a lecture at the John Hopkins University that EU enlargement would not stop, but the possibility for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM) to kick off the accession talks remained an open issue (focus-fen.net, BG, 29/11). In Bulgaria the Foreign Minister, Nikolay Mladenov, sent a letter to Nikola Poposki, the Foreign Minister for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, outlining three conditions for Bulgaria's support for fYRoM integration: a path comprised of three consecutive steps: first the signing an agreement about good neighbour relations and cooperation, which should be in accordance with the highest European standards and based on the 1999 declaration; second, construction of the necessary infrastructure for the enhanced cooperation by setting up joint working groups to strengthen the ties in key areas; third, Bulgaria suggests establishing a high-level council in the form of annual intergovernmental meetings (24-Chasa-Daily, BG, 29/11).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 29/11, <http://www.focus-news.net/index.php?id=n1723179>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 29/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n293569>
- 24-Chasa-Daily, BG, 29/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121129/mi/item_141319817.pdf

The US Secretary of State Philip Reeker and Serbian PM Ivica Dačić agreed that the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue is stabilizing the current situation and is bringing Serbia closer to the European Union. The agreement between the two officials was reached on Wednesday when both agreed that dialogue is the only way to set up lasting stability, aiming to find fair solutions together (focus-fen.net, BG, 28/11). Serbian Vice President and Minister for European Integration, Suzana Grubjesic, added

"Membership is a strategic option.....because we believe that EU membership is the only way for political and economic progress" (Trouw, NL, 29/11). Karpainfo.net (HU, 29/11) reported that Kosovo and Serbia, under pressure from the European Union, have agreed to jointly monitor the boundary between the two countries.

- focus-fen.net, BG, 28/11, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n293486>
- Trouw, NL, 29/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121129/mi/item_141319742.pdf
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Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev met with Turkish President Abdullah Gul and discussed the good relations between the two countries, construction of high-speed roads, and the Bulgaria-Turkey gas interconnector. Bulgaria's support for Turkey's EU bid also was on the agenda (Trud-Daily-Bulgaria, BG, 29/11). Bulgarian Foreign Minister Nikolay Mladenov said "Our moral, historical and political obligation is to reverse current negative trends, to bring your country closer to the EU membership that it desires" (Sega-Daily, BG, 29/11). In the Netherlands the VVD is questioning the possible accession of Turkey, with politician Mark Verheijen stating "There has been no progress in the accession file of Turkey for a long time." He is also unhappy about the money that Turkey receives from the EU in order to meet the accession requirements (nu.nl, NL, 29/11).

- Trud-Daily-Bulgaria, BG, 29/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121129/mi/item_141319855.pdf
- Sega-Daily, BG, 29/11, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20121129/mi/item_141346523.pdf
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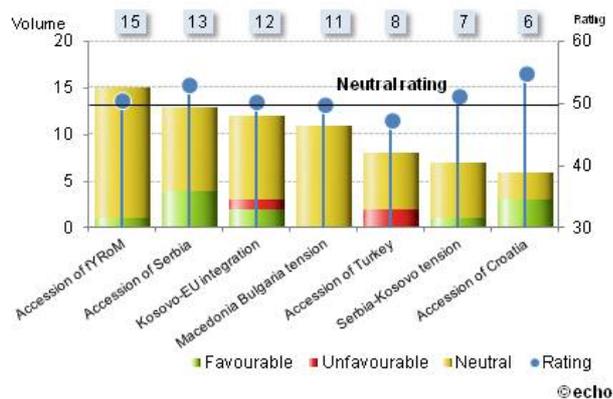
Key Quotes

The letter that Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs Nikolay Mladenov sent to his Macedonian counterpart Nikola Poposki is not related to Bulgaria's support of Macedonian EU membership, Trud daily informs. (Focus News, Bulgaria, 30/11)

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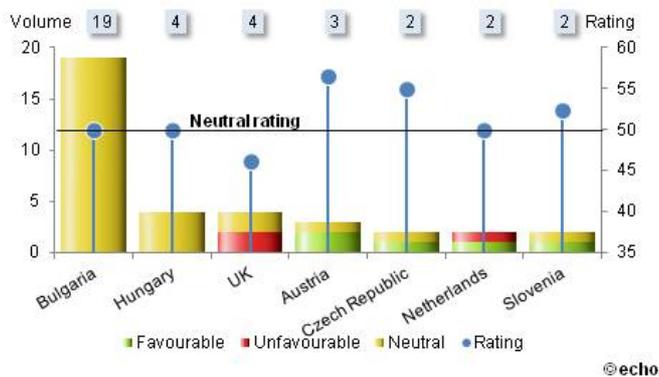


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Nikola Poposki (Foreign Minister, FYRoM)	9
Nikolay Mladenov (Foreign Minister, Bulgaria)	9
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	5
Rosen Plevneliev (President, Bulgaria)	5
Abdullah Gül (President, Turkey)	5
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	4
Štefan Füle (Commissioner for Enlargement, EC)	3

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