



## Key Quotes

Serbia says it will arrest Kosovo minister if he goes to Belgrade conference. Hashim Thaçi, who led a guerrilla insurgency against Serbia in the late 1990s, has been invited to the conference on reconciliation in the Serbian capital on April 24 and is **"ready to go,"** an adviser said earlier. **"If he turns up in Belgrade, the Ministry of Interior will act according to the law and bring him to justice,"** Serbia's Tanjug state news agency quoted Interior Minister Nebojša Stefanović as saying. His arrest in Belgrade would represent a major diplomatic incident and anger the EU, which has invested much capital in trying to improve relations between Serbia and Kosovo, both of which want to join the bloc. (uk.reuters.com, UK, 16/4)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/04/16/uk-serbia-kosovo-thaci-idUKKBNON71FI20150416>

## Summary

### Future for Montenegro

The European Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations has urged Montenegro to start implementing legislation already passed in the country in order to move closer to both EU and NATO membership. Speaking after talks in Brussels on April 15th with Montenegro's Prime Minister Milo Đukanović, Commissioner Johannes Hahn said the two shared the view that a lot in terms of legal provisions has been done in Montenegro. But Hahn said Podgorica must now show *"concrete and sustainable" progress on implementing reforms* (Balkans.com, UK, 16/4).

- Balkans.com, UK, 16/4, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=202814>

### EU Parliament reflects on Armenian Genocide

Turkey warned of a setback in relations with the EU after the European parliament called on the Ankara government to recognise the 1915 mass killing of 1.5m Ottoman Armenians as genocide. In a resolution adopted late on Wednesday, the parliament urged Turkey to use the centenary of the massacre to be commemorated on April 24th as *"an important opportunity... to come to terms with its past to recognise the Armenian genocide and thus to pave the way for a genuine reconciliation between the Turkish and Armenian peoples"*. In a strongly worded statement released shortly after the motion was passed, the Turkish ministry of foreign affairs accused the EU Assembly of succumbing to *"Armenian propaganda"* *"mutilating history and law"* and discriminating against Turkey, a Muslim country. Although negotiations over EU membership have ground to a halt, Turkey insists that joining the bloc remains a strategic goal (ft.com, UK, 16/4).

- Trouw, NL, 16/4, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150416/mi/item\\_244202191.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150416/mi/item_244202191.pdf)
- ft.com, UK, 16/4, <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/67e33d10-e406-11e4-9e89-00144feab7de.html#axzz3XSVpq2lP>

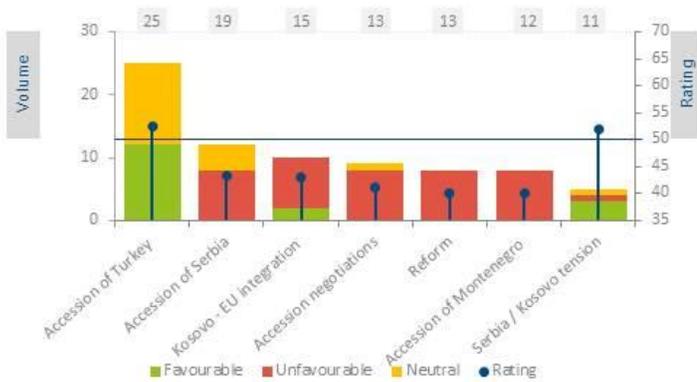
### Constructive talks in Brussels for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Round two of talks between majority and opposition of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to find a solution for the political crisis, was held in Brussels. The negotiations continued until late in the evening, while the three mediating MEPs issued a press statement to say that the negotiations will continue. *"The participants agreed on continuing the discussions in order to solve the political crisis and intensify political dialogue"* reads the declaration of MEPs Eduard Kukan, Richard Howitt and Ivo Vajgl who are brokering negotiations between the parties in power. Sources close to the three MEPs said that the second round offers hope that things have moved in a positive direction and that sides negotiated all day in a constructive way, in contrast to the previous negotiations held two weeks ago, which were very short (balkaneu.com, GR, 16/4).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 16/4, <http://www.balkaneu.com/talks-majority-macedonian-opposition-held-brussels/>

# Charts

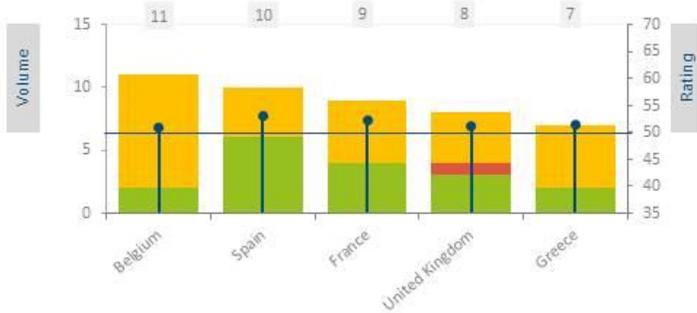
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