



Key Quotes

Erdogan lashes out at the EU and leaders calling the Armenian massacre '**genocide**'. Erdogan accused the EU - whose parliament voted to call the events a genocide on April 15th - of "**not telling the truth**" and said: "**Hey European Union! Don't offer us any thoughts, keep them to yourself.**" "**They have ears that do not hear, eyes that do not see, and tongues that do not speak the truth.**" "**Have no concern, should there be a situation where the incidents of the past were accounted for today, Turkey would be the most comfortable on this aspect.**" (eubusiness.com, UK, 25/4)

<http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/turkey-armenia.10wq/>

Summary

Foreign ministers in the Brdo Process

Foreign ministers of countries participating in the Brdo Process have met in Brdo pri Kranju. The meeting was attended by the Slovenian and the French Foreign Ministers, Karl Erjavec and Laurent Fabius, as well as Commissioner Johannes Hahn. The main topics of the session, hosted by Karl Erjavec, were security and political stability in the European neighbourhood and prospects for the youth of the Western Balkans. They addressed the recent events in the Mediterranean and it was for this reason HR/VP Federica Mogherini could not attend the meeting in Brdo as she was attending the EU extraordinary summit on migration (Dnevnik, SI, 24/4).

- Dnevnik, SI, 24/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150424/mi/item_245450130.pdf

Declaration of solidarity with Serbia

"Bulgaria and Romania are firmly behind Serbia and we support it for its EU accession" is what Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov said after his meeting with Serbian and Romanian counterparts - Victor Ponta and Alexandar Vučić, "Together we are stronger and we should unite and arrive at common political decisions and declarations on issues that are important for our countries – energy, gas infrastructure and transport. We need to finance big infrastructure projects together and work together" the Bulgarian Prime Minister remarked (focus-news.net, BG, 24/4). "It was the most important decision that Bulgaria and Romania took and I think that EU membership is certainly not perfect, not easy, but it is the best political project for Romania and Bulgaria" Ponta argued (Agerpres.ro, RO, 24/4).

- focus-news.net, BG, 24/4, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/04/24/370317/bulgaria-pm-i-called-to-back-serbia-for-eu.html>
- Agerpres.ro, RO, 24/4, <http://www.agerpres.ro/politica/2015/04/24/ponta-e-in-interesul-romaniei-si-bulgariei-ca-serbia-sa-devina-membra-a-ue-13-33-24>

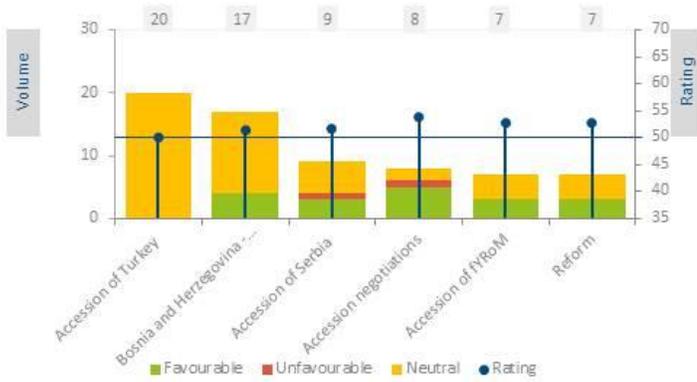
Turkey threatens Vienna with sanctions

The dispute between Turkey and Austria about recognising the genocide of the Armenian people continues to escalate. Die Presse (AT, 24/4) has learned that the Turkish government is considering economic sanctions and other punitive measures. The Foreign Ministry in Vienna is already preparing for sanctions. 650 Austrian companies are currently active in Turkey. Austrian Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz on Thursday stressed in a phone call with his Turkish counterpart Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu that the declaration was supported by all Austrian parties. (UK.reuters.com, UK, 24/4). The German parliament overwhelmingly approved on Friday a resolution branding the mass killings of up to 1.5 million Armenians by Ottoman Turkish forces a century ago as "**genocide**" risking a diplomatic rupture with Ankara. The vote marks a significant change of stance for Germany, Turkey's biggest trade partner in the European Union and home to a large ethnic Turkish diaspora. Unlike France and some two dozen other countries, Berlin has long resisted using the word.

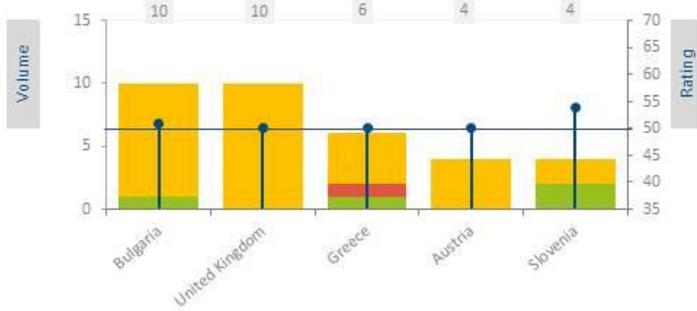
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