



Key Quotes

Bosnia will start talks this week on a new loan deal with the IMF as its current loan arrangement, put on hold last September, has effectively been concluded, central bank governor Kemal Kozaric said. **"Everybody is aware that structural reforms must be implemented with or without the IMF, and perhaps it's better with the IMF because that is accompanied with funds, also from the World Bank and the European Commission,"** he said. Kozaric said the European Union has supported a new loan deal with the IMF, hoping it would ease the implementation of economic reforms the bloc seeks from Bosnia. **"We were clearly told the IMF is a key player, but that the World Bank and the European Commission will also be included to support the reform process."** (uk.reuters.com, UK, 27/4)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/04/27/bosnia-cenbank-imf-idUKL8N0XO2PM20150427>

Summary

New constitution for Turkey

The newly appointed president of Turkey's highest court, Zühtü Arslan, said on Monday the country needed a new constitution and called on political parties to reach what has long proved an elusive consensus on the issue. Turkey's current constitution was born of a 1980 coup and, though revised, still bears the stamp of its military authors. Past efforts to agree a new text have failed amid disagreement over issues including shifting Turkey to a presidential system. Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu this month put a new constitution at the heart of his AK Party's manifesto for a June election, making clear he backed moving towards the executive presidency coveted by President Tayyip Erdoğan. Opposition parties also want a new constitution but fear an executive presidency would accumulate too much power in the hands of a leader with autocratic instincts (Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 27/4). All parties involved in drawing it up need to reconsider their demands and reach consensus, the president of the constitutional court said on Monday. *"At the level of economic and political development that our country has reached, a new constitution emerges as an inevitable necessity"* said Zühtü Arslan, addressing court members as well as President Tayyip Erdoğan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu (Euronews, FR, 27/4).

- Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 27/4, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3057242/Turkeys-judge-backs-new-constitution-calls-consensus.html>
- Euronews, FR, 27/4, <http://www.euronews.com/newswires/3010907-new-constitution-for-turkey-an-inevitable-necessity-top-judge/>

New hope for Cyprus

A left leaning moderate promising to press for a peace deal in ethnically-split Cyprus swept to victory in a Turkish Cypriot presidential election runoff on Sunday. His rival was incumbent president, Derviş Eroğlu, a conservative elected five years ago. Mustafa Akinci has said he would work with fresh urgency to find a peace deal on Cyprus. Speaking to Reuters on Saturday, Akinci said natural gas finds in the eastern Mediterranean represented a *"new dynamic"* that could benefit countries in the region and that confidence-building measures were needed between the two sides (euronews.com, FR, 27/4).

- euronews.com, FR, 27/4, <http://www.euronews.com/newswires/3010702-turkish-cypriots-pick-new-leader-ahead-of-planned-peace-talks/>

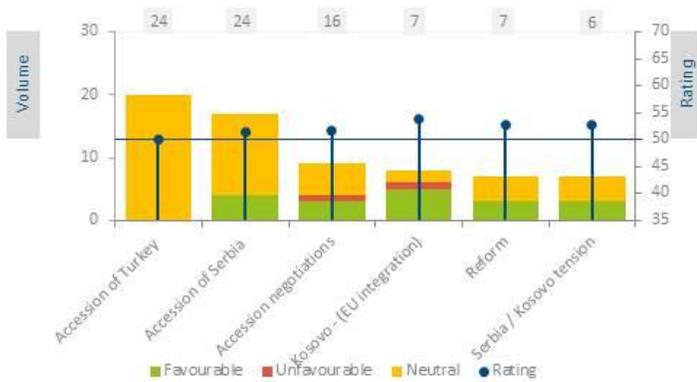
Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia must accelerate energy infrastructure projects

The Romanian and Bulgarian governments met in Craiova for talks on collaborative projects in the field of energy, transport, regional development, tourism, as well as on the European Union's Strategy for the Danube Region. The meeting was preceded by a trilateral reunion of the Prime Ministers from Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia. Present at the event, Prime Minister of Romania, Victor Ponta stated that energy is the most efficient *"weapon"* and the most important development instrument and that Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia must accelerate vital energy infrastructure projects (Bursa, RO, 27/4).

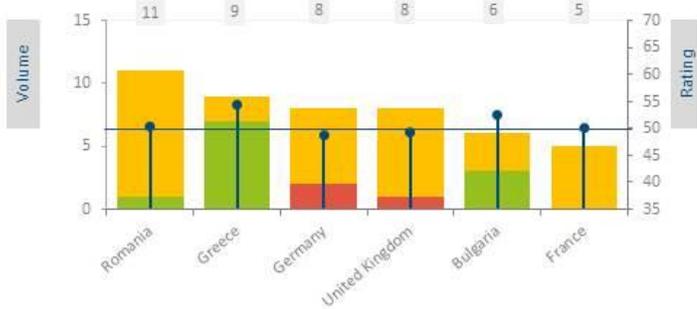
- Bursa, RO, 27/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150427/mi/item_245801848.pdf

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