

Key Quotes

Hahn: "**First chapters In Serbia's EU accession process will be opened soon**". "**When I was in Serbia in November last year, just a few days after becoming a commissioner, I committed myself to work hard to help your country to become an EU member state,**" Hahn said in an exclusive interview to Tanjug. "**There has been much progress in recent months – I want the negotiation chapters to be opened as soon as possible and I am coming to help to achieve that goal,**" Hahn added (e-typos.com, GR, 4/5).

<http://www.e-typos.com/kosmos/article/128078/epitropos-ee-sudoma-tha-xekinisoun-oi-diapragmateuseis-servias-ee/>

Summary

Future relationships for former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Our party is entirely dedicated to the process for the Euro integration of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, said the party leader and Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, speaking at a party congress in Kumanovo. He said that the government wants dialogue but does not see an interlocutor. "*Relations with Bulgaria are sadly at this level but relations with Serbia provide a good example and we should build this type of relation with Bulgaria and Greece*". Mr Gruevsk went on to say "*Relations with Albania and Kosovo are good and we should continue developing them*" (focus-news.net, BG, 4/5).

- focus-news.net, BG, 4/5, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/05/04/371159/utrinski-vesnik-relations-between-bulgaria-macedonia-unnecessarily-such-says-pm-gruevski.html>

MEPs on the Balkans

Political wrangling has held back the progress of reform in Albania and Bosnia & Herzegovina in 2014 say MEPs in two separate resolutions voted on Thursday. Both countries need to strengthen their democratic processes, tackle corruption and put in place professional and depoliticised public administrations. By cooperating to achieve these aims, their political forces can move them closer to the EU they add. Albania is urged to establish a solid track record for EU-related reforms. MEPs commended Albania for winning EU candidate status and it sees this as an incentive to step up its reform efforts still further. However, they warn that continuing political polarisation there could further jeopardise its EU integration efforts. MEPs are also disturbed by statements made by the Albanian Prime Minister in which he speculated about the unification of Albanians from Albania and Kosovo (Balkans.com, UK, 4/5).

- Balkans.com, UK, 4/5, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=203273>

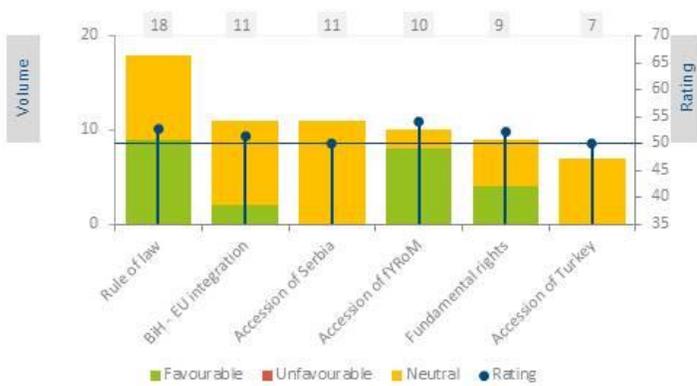
Serbia's economic future

Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić announced that the government will start talks with the International Monetary Fund in August on increasing salaries and pensions and added that it is realistic that this increase be effective from October this year. Vučić told a press conference that in the Serbian government the average salary has remained the same as in April last year. He says that the government will provide conditions for their increase in the public sector as well. He announced that the budget deficit in 2015 will be 4% instead of 4.75%, as planned. Our intention is to implement structural reforms in terms of tax administration and public enterprises. He said that the biggest problem is the privatisation process but also pointed out that nearly 75% of the fiscal demands of the IMF will be filled in the first year of the programme (Balkans.com, UK, 4/5).

- Balkans.com, UK, 4/5, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=203294>

Charts

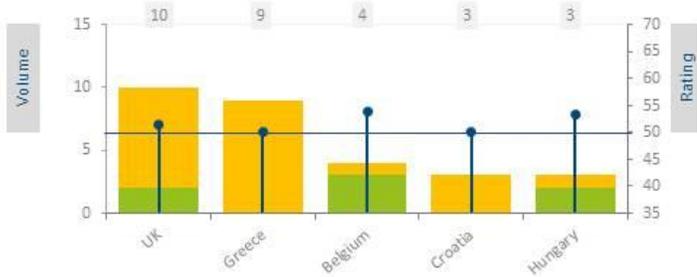
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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - President, Turkey)	4
Aleksandar Vulin - Serbia Minister of Labour Employment and Social Affairs	3
Isa Mustafa - Prime Minister, Kosovo	2
Aleksandar Vučić - Prime Minister, Serbia	2
Ahmet Davutoğlu - Prime Minister, Turkey	1
Edi Rama - Prime Minister, Albania	1

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