



Key Quotes

EU urges Kosovo to create the Special War Crimes Court. Maja Kocijančič, spokesperson for the head of European diplomacy Federica Mogherini, said that the formation of the Special Court to handle the alleged crimes by the former member of Kosovo Liberation Army is an important task for the future of Kosovo. **"We are encouraged to see that the process is moving forward and we consider it as a sign of maturity. Although it is clear that it is a sensitive matter, this process is very important for the future of Kosovo, for the functioning of the rule of law, but also in respect to sending a message that impunity will not be tolerated and every crime must be addressed,"** she said. (newsbeast.gr, GR, 5/5)

<http://www.newsbeast.gr/world/arthro/817443/ee-kai-oie-askoun-pieseis-gia-tin-idrusi-eidikou-dikastiriou-gia-to-kosovo/>

Summary

Celebrating Europe in Kosovo

In spite of the lack of a clear perspective for integration in the European family, Kosovo is the only country in the region and Europe that celebrates May 9th, the day in 1950 when the foundations of the present EU were laid. The day is an official holiday in Kosovo, and although its citizens are the most isolated country in the region, for them, Europe continues to be a synonym of freedom, democracy, humanism and classical, cultural and political values. *"It's the dream of every citizens in Kosovo to become part of the European family one day. Europe is the country of wellbeing, freedom, democracy and this is why we want to join these universal values"* declared Petrit H, student of European integration in Pristina. However others say that Kosovo institutions are not doing as much as they should in meeting the EU accession criteria and that Kosovo remains isolated and without a clear perspective for EU accession. On May 9th, Kosovo will celebrate to demonstrate that they see no other alternatives to European integration (balkaneu.com, GR, 5/5).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 5/5, <http://www.balkaneu.com/isolated-citizens-kosovo-celebrate-european-day/>

Turkish accession and Cyprus

Ankara Anatolia news agency reported that Turkey's EU Minister Volkan Bozkir stated that Turkey's EU membership bid has been at a standstill because of the Cyprus problem. *"If we had wanted to sacrifice the Turkish Cypriots, we would now probably have become an EU member"* Bozkir said in a TV interview. He took the opportunity to say that he had congratulated the new Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci. Bozkir said that some of Akinci's remarks were *"unfortunate"* adding that he hoped Akinci would come to Turkey. *"Here we can develop a common strategy"* he said. *"He can sit at the negotiation table with powerful backing from Turkey. Hopefully, the Cyprus problem can be solved"* (Hellenic Resources Network, CY, 4/5).

- Hellenic Resources Network, CY, 4/5, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2015/15-05-04.tcpr.html>

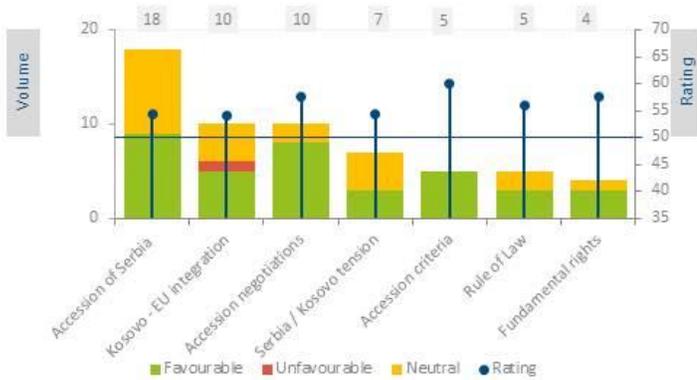
Serbia and Russia

Serbian Prime Minister does not plan to visit Moscow at present, his cabinet confirmed to the newspaper Danas. On the other hand, Vučić said earlier this month that he would visit Washington in June. Dmitry Medvedev, the Russian Prime Minister, has invited his Serbian counterpart to visit Moscow, the Russian ambassador to Serbia, Alexander Chepurin, delivered the invitation to Vučić on April 23rd. Vučić and Chepurin have said that the visit would significantly improve bilateral relations between Serbia and Russia. The paper recalled that Vučić has not commented President's Tomislav Nikolić decision to send Serbian soldiers to the military parade in Moscow on May 9 (balkaneu.com, GR, 5/5).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 5/5, <http://www.balkaneu.com/vucic-us-visit-moscow-not-planned-yet/>

Charts

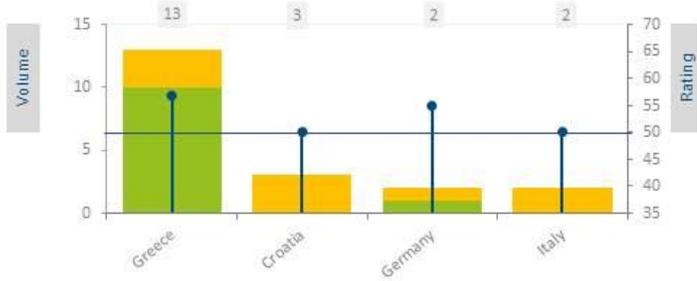
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