



Key Quotes

Erdoğan says Turkey wants closer cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina, adding: **"Turkey will continue supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's accession to NATO and the EU and on the economic front, we will work to strengthen investments"** (dalje.com, HR, 20/5)

<http://dalje.com/en-world/erdogan-says-turkey-wants-closer-cooperation-with-bosnia-and-herzegovina/544582>

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said the crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has been orchestrated from the outside. **"This really alarms us,"** Lavrov said. **"The events in Macedonia are blatantly controlled from the outside."** He said these events were connected to Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski's refusal to join the sanctions against Russia over the Ukraine conflict (rferl.org, CZ, 20/5).

<http://www.rferl.org/content/lavrov-says-macedonia-protests-orchestrated-from-outside/27026904.html>

Summary

Albanian veto on former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

After Greece, Albania too has used its veto on Skopje's request for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to become a NATO member. This was announced today by Prime Minister Edi Rama in Tirana. For the first time, Rama talked about "revenge" by the Albanian government against its neighbour when he said that Albania doesn't intend accepting the country's accession in the NATO if the Ohrid Agreement is not fully complied with. Mr. Rama said *"Unfortunately, in Kumanovo the word terrorism and Albanian were joined together in an effort to name this ethnic group as terrorist. This is unacceptable not only for us, but also for the Macedonian state. It must be clear for this country that Albanians remain a state forming player in the country. Nothing more dangerous can occur to us in the fight against terrorism than the inclusion of the term terrorist in the handling of the events. The mixing up of these terms will be unacceptable for us, the same as the terror that was experienced by the innocent residents of Kumanovo"* (balkaneu.com, GR, 20/5).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 20/5, <http://www.balkaneu.com/albanian-government-veto-skopjes-accession-nato/>

Meeting between two sides in crisis talks

The meeting between the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski, and leader of the major oppositional party Social Democratic Union of Macedonia, Zoran Zaev, which was held in Strasbourg, lasted for ten hours, Radio Free Europe reported. The talks were also attended by three MEPs – Richard Howitt, Ivo Vajgl and Eduard Kukan, as well as by European Commissioner Johannes Hahn. The two delegations agreed to give a press release to announce the content and the topics of the talks aiming at solving the political crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (focus-news.net, BG, 20/5). Vajgl said in a short statement for the media that the meeting was valuable and, according to him, both sides will come out with a joint declaration on the content of the talks and what can be done to find a solution to the political crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (sofiaglobe.com, BG, 20/5).

- focus-news.net, BG, 20/5, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/05/20/372822/radio-free-europe-gruevski-zaev-meeting-in-strasbourg-lasts-for-10-hours.html>
- sofiaglobe.com, BG, 20/5, <http://sofiaglobe.com/2015/05/20/10-hour-talks-in-strasbourg-between-macedonias-vmro-dpmne-and-sdsm/>

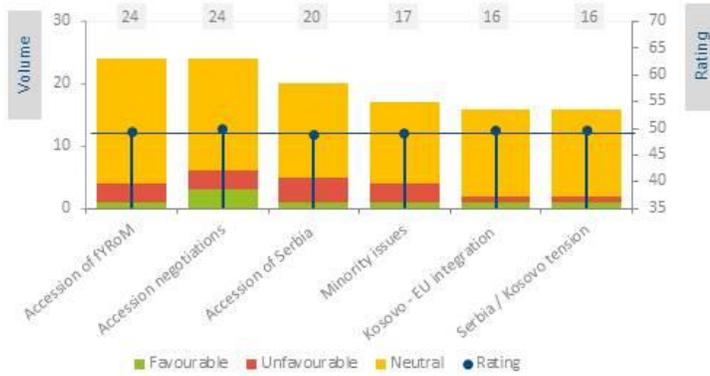
Serbian attitudes toward the EU and Kosovo

The majority of citizens – 59 percent are in support of Serbia's EU membership, show the results of the latest public opinion poll conducted by Medium Gallup. The survey also shows that two thirds of the citizens are against recognizing Kosovo's independence for the sake of joining the EU (Vecernji List, HR, 20/5).

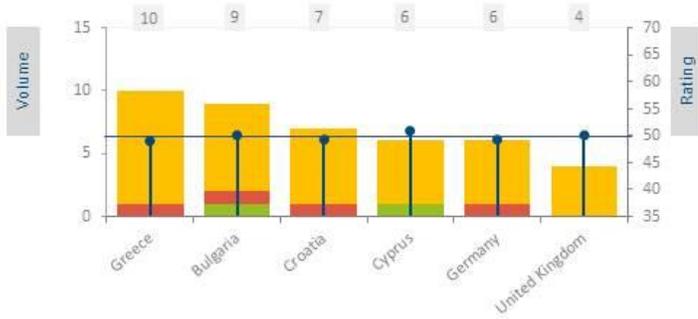
- Vecernji List, HR, 20/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150520/mi/item_249182085.pdf

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Volume	50 items
Rating	49.9
Favourable %	10%
Unfavourable %	10%
Neutral %	80%

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by volume

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Nikola Gruevski - PM former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20
Zoran Zaev - opposition leader former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	18
Aleksandar Vučić - PM Serbia	6
Johannes Hahn - Neighbourhood Policy & Enlarg	6
Tomislav Nikolić - Serbia President	5
Eduard Kukan - MEP	5
Ivo Vajgl - MEP	5
Richard Howitt - MEP	5

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