



## Key Quotes

The Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina enters into force today. **"New chapter begins. Political clarity, decisive action and a real, coordinated effort by institutions at all levels are now needed to develop and implement the reform agenda,"** said Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission in a statement. **"The SAA also brings new responsibilities stemming from its implementation and for BiH authorities to deliver upon. The Commission will spare no effort assisting the country's authorities in the implementation of the necessary reform agenda,"** added Johannes Hahn (index.hr, HR, 1/6) <http://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/bih-stupanje-sporazuma-o-stabilizaciji-i-pridruzivanju-na-snagu-je-povijesna-prilika-za-zemlju/823223.aspx>

## Summary

### Kosovar involvement in Kumanovo incident

The armed incident in Kumanovo may damage relations between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Kosovo because the armed group in Kumanovo was being led and was made up of citizens of Kosovo, 9 of which were killed, while 16 out of 28 have been arrested on charges of terrorism. Analysts and politicians in Skopje are discussing whether the presence of this group implies intervention by Kosovo. The leader of Albanian Democratic Party, Menduh Thaci, declared that Kosovo is not implicated and said that those who participated must not be judged by their country of origin, but on their political convictions. *"They come from Kosovo, but politically they are people who fought in 2001 under the symbol of UÇK. They continue to be Macedonia's problem"* (balkaneu.com, GR, 25/5).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 25/5, <http://www.balkaneu.com/case-kumanovo-reflected-relations-skopje-pristina/>

### World Bank help for Albania

The World Bank Group's Board of Executive Directors endorsed the 2015-19 Country Partnership Framework for Albania, which proposes a lending program of up to US\$1.2 billion over a five-year period aimed at supporting Albania's aspirations to achieve equitable growth and integration into the European Union. The Directors welcomed Albania's recent progress in implementing macro-fiscal and structural reforms and they noted the Government of Albania's strong commitment to these long-overdue reforms. The CPF presents a strategy aligned with the World Bank Group's twin goals of reducing poverty and increasing shared prosperity. The World Bank Group will increase and deepen its support for Albania's reforms aimed at restoring macro-fiscal sustainability, stimulating private sector growth and creating an accountable government. It is Albania's drive for reforms and the encouraging results which provide the impetus for an increased level of WBG support for the country (etribuna.com, IT, 25/5).

- etribuna.com, IT, 25/5, <http://www.etribuna.com/eportale/it/2014-03-20-23-48-00/23577-world-bank-group-s-new-country-partnership-framework-to-provide-albania-unprecedented-support-for-growth-and-eu-accession>

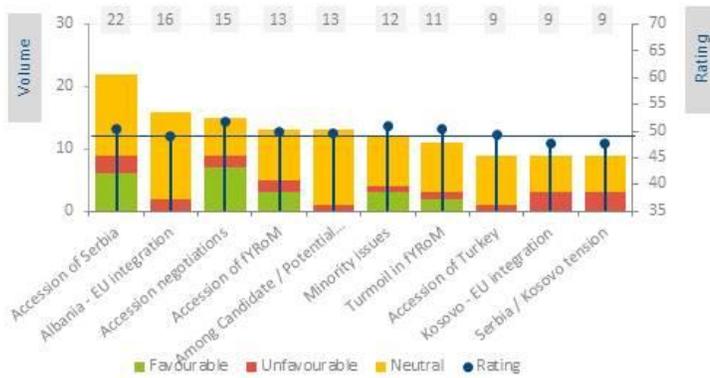
### Quarrels in Montenegro

As the two governing parties in Montenegro quarrel ever more openly, the opposition Democratic Front is busily wooing the junior ruling Social Democrats (SDP) to help them form a *"crisis government"* to replace the government led by the Democratic Party of Socialists for the last 25 years. The alliance said it was also counting on the support of the Social Democrats in the organisation of anti-government protests this summer. The opposition has called on the SDP to join the initiative to organise the *'first fair general election'* after the party, led by speaker of the parliament, Ranko Krivokapić, slated the government's performance in reforming the judiciary and electoral regulations and over the state of media freedom (Balkans.com, UK, 25/5).

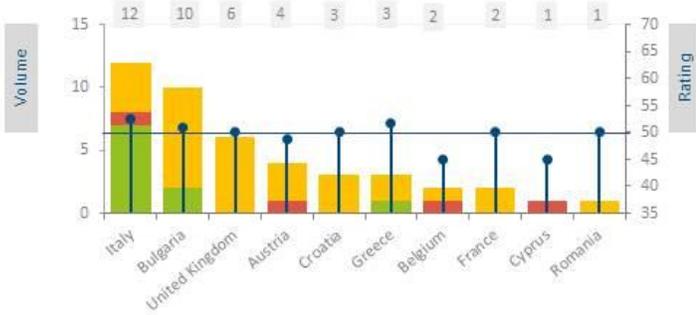
- Balkans.com, UK, 25/5, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=203890>

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