



Key Quotes

The EU says that it has brokered an agreement between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's politicians to end months of unrest with an early election by April 2016. EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn said any final deal would allow the country's leaders to **"use this current crisis as an opportunity to modernise the country"** (BBC Online, UK, 3/6).

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-32985554>

Summary

Hahn visit to Skopje

European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn visited Skopje to take part in the negotiations between the Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski and leader of the opposition, Social Democratic Union of Macedonia, Zoran Zaev, Vest daily reported. The meeting will also be attended by the leaders of the two Albanian parties in the parliament – Ali Ahmeti and Menduh Thaçi. This will be the third leaders' meeting after the start of the political dialogue in Strasbourg under the mediation of representatives of the European Parliament (focus-news.net, BG, 2/6). Over 80 NGOs have addressed a public letter to the international community to call for a solution to the political crisis. This letter was made public ahead of the start of the next round of talks between the four political parties for a solution to the political crisis *"The negotiations must be decisive. This government must leave in order to let the country breathe freely. There is no time for delays because the crisis is ruining the country, it is spending all state assets and is leading young people down a path with no return"* reads the demand of the 80 NGOs (balkaneu.com, GR, 2/6).

- focus-news.net, BG, 2/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/06/01/374080/vest-macedonia-eu-commissioner-hahn-to-visit-skopje-on-tuesday.html>
- balkaneu.com, GR, 2/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/ngos-call-solution-political-crisis-fyrom/>

Bosnia and Herzegovina Now Potential EU Member State (Finanzen.net, DE, 2/6)

The EU Memorandum on Stabilization and Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina has come into power. The portion regarding trade relations and the Western Balkan country, however, started back in 2008. Meanwhile, EU Foreign Ministers passed a motion on the activation of the agreement. It had been postponed on account of the internal turmoil and the inability of politicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina to comply with all conditions required by Brussels authorities. The implementation of the agreement practically means that the country now has a statute of a prospective Member State to the European Union (Novinite.com, BG, 2/6).

- Finanzen.net, DE, 2/6, <http://www.finanzen.net/nachricht/aktien/Bosnia-and-Herzegovina-Now-Potential-EU-Member-State-4366304>
- Novinite.com, BG, 2/6, <http://www.novinite.com/articles/168969/Bosnia+and+Herzegovina+Now+Potential+EU+Member+State>

Kosovo Negotiations: Re-opened but not Restarted

Negotiations between Belgrade and Pristina are to resume on June 23rd in Brussels according to Danas, a Serbian newspaper. According to Serbian government sources, the Prime Minister of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić and Kosovo's Isa Mustafa, will initiate technical talks focusing on telecommunications and energy, as well as on Serbian populated municipalities. Technical talks are never technical talks in Kosovo, since they always entail the negotiation of Kosovar independence and its (non) recognition by Serbia (New Europe, BE, 2/6).

- New Europe, BE, 2/6, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/kosovo-negotiations-re-open-but-never-restart/>

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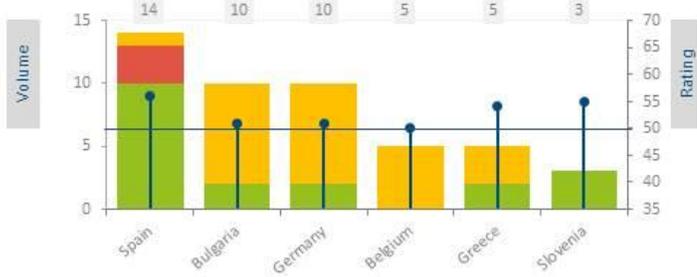
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