

## Summary

Concerning Croatia it was reported that the French Parliament had adopted the Croatian Treaty of Accession and that the negotiation process had been more demanding for Croatia previously for other countries and had included an increase in the number and severity of the criteria (bfmtv.com, FR, 17/1). Bernard Cazeneuve, the French Minister for Europe, welcomed the efforts made by Croatia on its path to democracy, human rights and respect for minorities (Echos, FR, 18/1). In Slovenia, Karl Erjavec the Foreign Minister suggested that a solution enabling ratification of Croatia's EU Accession Treaty could be ready by the end of February and pledged that the issue of the defunct Slovenian Ljubljanska banka would be his priority even as an outgoing minister (sta.si, SI, 18/1).

- bfmtv.com, FR, 17/1, <http://www.bfmtv.com/politique/parlement-francais-adopte-traite-dadhesion-croatie-a-lue-426828.html>
- Echos, FR, 18/1, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130118/mi/item\\_145638374.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130118/mi/item_145638374.pdf)
- sta.si, SI, 18/1, <http://www.sta.si/en/vest.php?s=a&id=1843759>

In respect of relations with Serbia, the Croatian Prime Minister, Zoran Milanović said that the reason for his visit to Belgrade was to tear down the walls of silence between Croatia and Serbia, as this was in the best interests of peace, stability and entrepreneurship. After the Hague verdict which freed two Croatian generals, bilateral relations between the two countries had suffered a severe new blow. The Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dačić said that Serbia wished to be the motor of good cooperation between all the countries in the region and also that the relationship between Serbia and Croatia needed to be put back on track (Vecer, SI, 18/1).

- Vecer, SI, 18/1, [http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130118/mi/item\\_145684433.pdf](http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130118/mi/item_145684433.pdf)

The Prime Ministers of Kosovo and Serbia, Hashim Thaçi and Ivica Dačić reached a customs agreement during the meeting organised under the auspices of High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton. In a short communiqué Ashton said that the two countries had agreed to continue the intensive dialogue for achieving progress and agreement in several key areas in February. In a statement for the Kosovar media Thaçi stated that the customs fees would be paid according to the laws and regulations current in Kosovo (focus-fen.net, BG, 18/1). The Serbian Prime Minister, Ivica Dačić said "We agreed that the money from customs would go to a special fund formed under the auspices of the EU, which would be used for the development of municipalities in northern Kosovo" (dnevnik.bg, BG, 18/1).

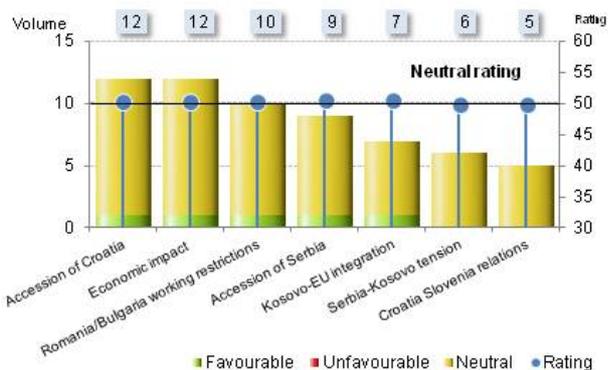
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## Key Quotes

**It is logical to expect the international pressure to be stronger, if the talks with Greece on the name issue are heading for a solution. According to knowledgeable sources, the meeting between UN Mediator Matthew Nimetz and the negotiators of the two countries may be the reason for the rapprochement between the VMRO-DPMNE and the Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM)** (Focus News, Bulgaria, 21/1) <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n297439>

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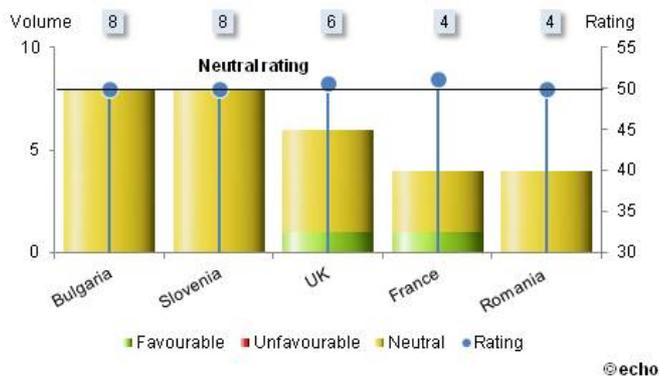
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Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	7
Hashim Thaçi (Prime Minister, Kosovo)	6
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	5
Bernard Cazeneuve (Junior Minister for European Affairs, France)	4
Zoran Milanović (Prime Minister, Croatia)	3
Tomislav Nikolić (President, Serbia)	3
Ion Jînga (Romanian Ambassador to London)	3
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