



Summary

Serbia and Kosovo are slowly finding common ground, which is of vital importance if Belgrade wishes to maintain its EU perspective according to the *Suddeutsche Zeitung* (DE, 29/1). It reports that High Representative Catherine Ashton is mediating a compromise between Pristina and Belgrade and that the latest customs arrangement forces Serbia's Premier Ivica Dačić to recognise Kosovo as an independent state. The number of Serbian citizens who support their country's EU accession has dropped to the lowest level for the last decade - 41% reported *nevnik.bg* (BG, 29/1). According to Predrag Simić, President of the Forum for International Relations, Serbia, the weak support is due the situation concerning Kosovo and the uncertain date of accession talks (*kerdos.gr*, EL, 29/1).

- *Suddeutsche-Zeitung*, DE, 29/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130129/mi/item_147072806.pdf
- *dnevnik.bg*, BG, 29/1, http://www.dnevnik.bg/evropa/razshirivane/2013/01/29/1992930_podkrepat_a_na_surbite_za_chlenstvoto_v_es_e_rekordno/?ref=rss
- *kerdos.gr*, EL, 29/1, <http://www.kerdos.gr/default.aspx?id=1869476&nt=103>

Slovenian Foreign Minister Kari Erjavec and his Croatian counterpart Vesna Pusić will again talk about resolving the issue of the Ljubljanska Bank (LB), crucial for the Slovenian ratification of Croatia's accession to the European Union (*Zurnal24*, SI, 29/1). A spokesman for Štefan Füle, Enlargement Commissioner said "*It is really vital for both sides, and I stress both sides, to immediately find a mutually acceptable solution to the Ljubljanska Banka issue*" (E15, CZ, 29/1). Karl Erjavec reiterated that an agreement was close. "*A solution will be very close once the authorisation is withdrawn for lawsuits against the LB in Croatian courts*" (*sta.si* SI, 28/1).

- *Zurnal24*, SI, 29/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130129/mi/item_147101456.pdf
- E15, CZ, 29/1, http://194.250.231.110/delivery/20130129/mi/item_147084828.pdf
- *sta.si* SI, 28/1, <http://sta.si/vest.php?s=s&id=1847667>

The UN envoy in the Greek-Macedonian name dispute, Matthew Nimetz, is to hold a new meeting in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday with the negotiators of Greece and the former Yugoslave Republic of Macedonia – Zoran Jolevski and Adamantios Vassilakis according *Vecer daily* (*focus-fen.net*, BG, 29/1).

- *focus-fen.net*, BG, 29/1, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n298111>

Key Quotes

Transitional restrictions on immigration were imposed by the previous Labour government when Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU in 2007. Ministers wanted to avoid a repeat of the immigration chaos when Poland, Latvia and other former Eastern bloc states joined the EU three years earlier (*Scottish Daily Express*, UK, 30/1)

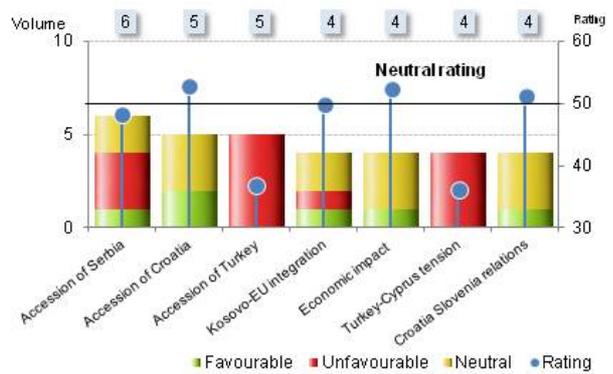
<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/374313/79-say-we-must-ban-EU-migrants/>

European Commission presents Romania's progress under the CVM (*Evenimentul Zilei*, Romania, 30/1)

<http://www.evz.ro/detalii/stiri/comisia-europeana-prezinta-progresele-inregistrate-de-romania-in-cadrul-mcv-1021476.html>

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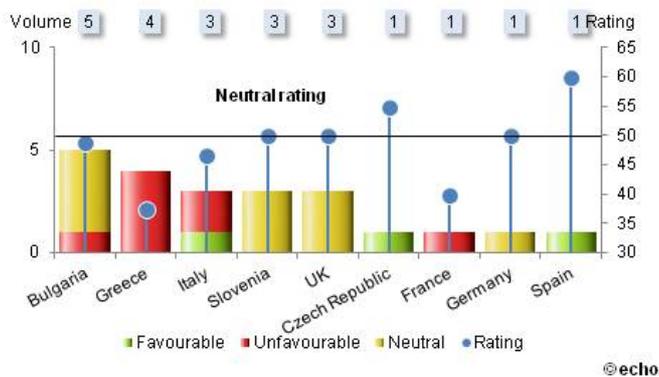
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Recep Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2
Hashim Thaçi, Prime Minister, Kosovo)	2
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Karl Erjavec (Foreign Minister, Slovenia)	2
Vladimir Putin (President, Russia)	2
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