



# German Policy and Southeast Europe

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**“Over the years, Bavaria and Germany have [welcomed] countless Americans -- including generations of our service members and students from the George Marshall Center.”**





- “It is clear that agreements are made in Brussels but that Berlin makes decisions.”

- *Suzana Grubjesic, Serbian Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Feb. 2013*





July 1992



**Berlin, 28 August 2014**



# Zwei Tage, drei Länder:

## Die Reiseroute der Kanzlerin



8 – 9 July 2015



# Russia

“This isn't just about Ukraine. This is about Moldova, this is about Georgia, and if this continues then one will have to ask about...the countries of the Western Balkans.”

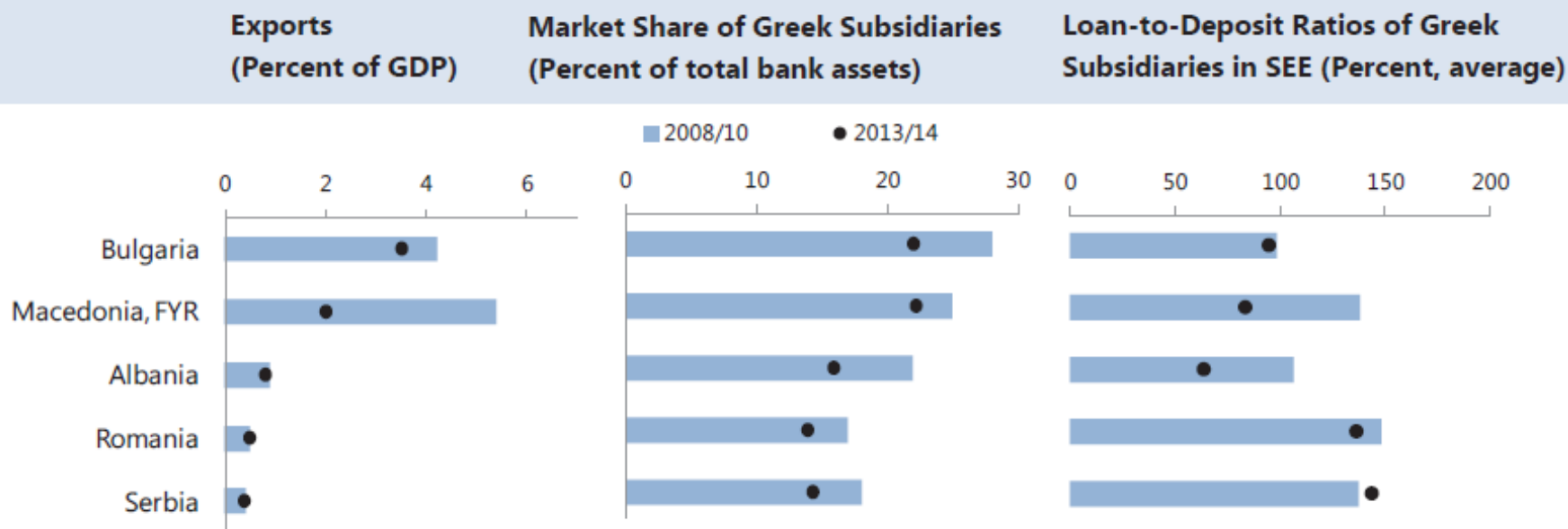
- *Chancellor Angela Merkel,*  
*Nov. 2014*





# Greece

If the situation in Greece gets worse, it could cause spillovers to the financial sectors of some SEE countries through a loss of confidence, deposit outflows, and possibly pressure on the currencies—particularly in countries with pegged exchange rate regimes and high euroization.



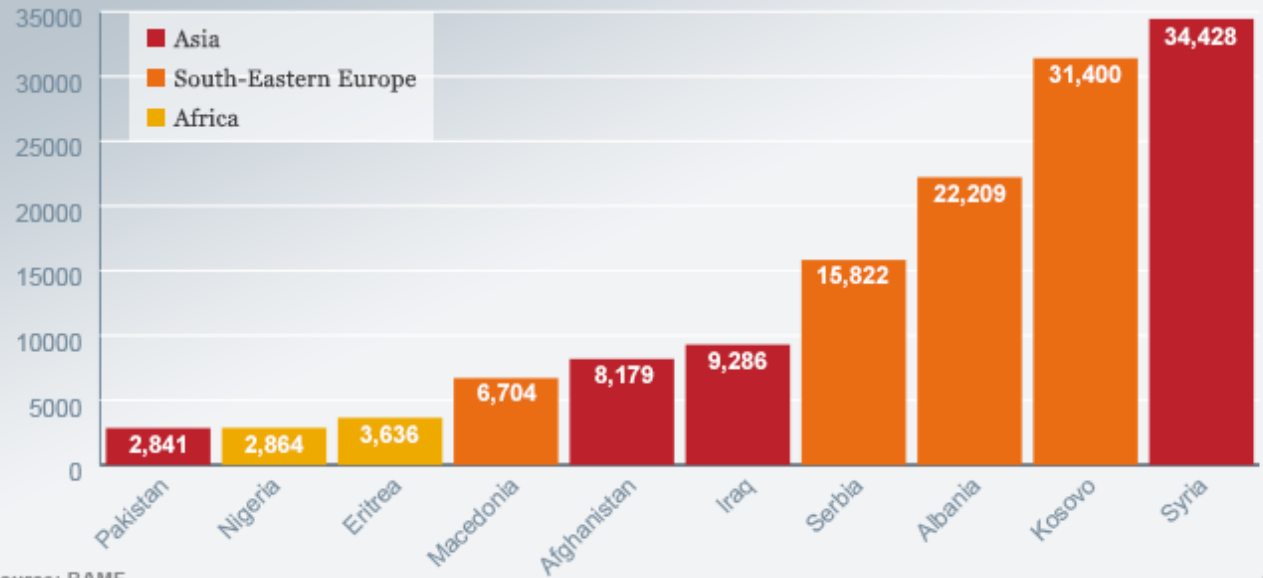
Sources: Bankscope; and IMF staff estimates.





# Asylum applications in Germany in the 1st half of 2015

Top 10 countries of origin



Source: BAMF

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# Bulgaria and Romania



**Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha**



**Klaus Werner Iohannis**



# Serbia - Kosovo



“One of the preconditions for Serbia is Kosovo, that relations between those states get normalized.”

22 August 2011



# Albania

“It’s very important for the elections to be held successfully and in accordance with European principles...Nationalist emotions should be treated very carefully, especially in an electoral campaign.”

- *Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle*  
*Feb. 2013*





# Croatia: *Lex Perkovic*





# BiH



“There is one country at the heart of Europe still beset by the terrible consequences of a war which ended two decades ago.”

*- German Foreign Minister Franz-Walter Steinmeier and British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, Nov. 2014.*



# Montenegro



**May 2015**



# Macedonia

“Political consequences...are unavoidable ...for instance, resignations as a pre-condition to get the necessary transparent and impartial investigation started.”

- *German Ambassador to Macedonia  
Christine Althausen, May 2015*







# Conclusion: “The German Moment”

*- Thomas Bagger, Head of Policy Planning, MFA, TWQ Winter 2015*

