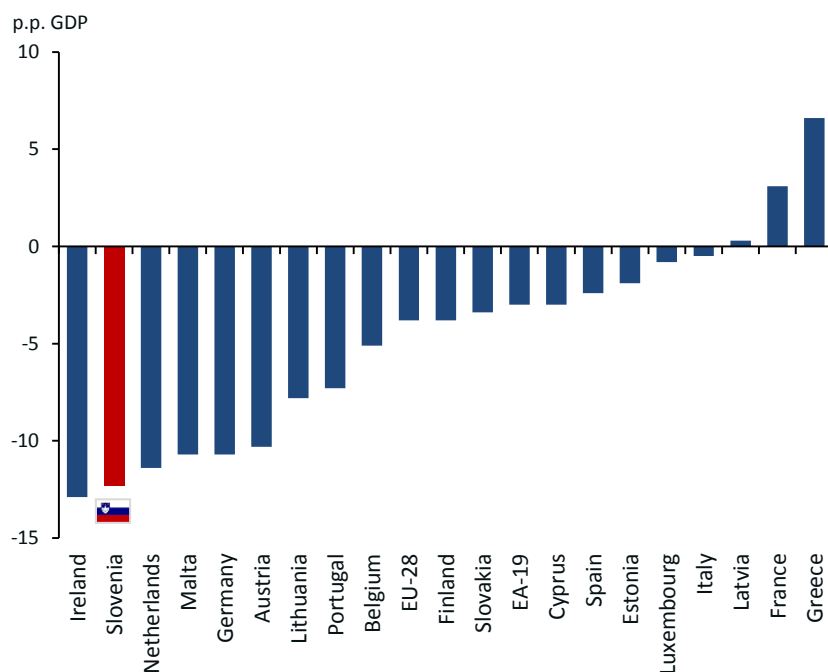




1 ONE OF THE HIGHEST GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEBT TO GDP RATIO REDUCTIONS AMONG EA-19 COUNTRIES

In the period 2015-2018 Republic of Slovenia has proven to be one of the top euro area performers which has reduced its general government debt to GDP ratio at fastest pace, i.e. -12.3 percentage points of GDP. The general government debt to GDP ratio for Slovenia end of 2018 is estimated at 70.3% (decrease from 82.6% of GDP in peak year 2015).

Figure: General Government Debt Dynamics in the period 2015-E2018



Source: Eurostat data for 2015-2017, EC Ameco Database estimate for 2018, 3.1.2019

2 GOVERNMENT ADOPTED THE FINANCING PROGRAMME FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019

The programme setting the funding needs of the central government budget and debt management operations for the fiscal year 2019 and prefinancing for years 2020-2021 was adopted by the Government on the 20 December 2018. The borrowing target for the fiscal year 2019 including budget execution is EUR 2.14 billion. This takes into account prefinancing and proceeds from the sale of capital assets (NLB Bank) executed in 2018.

The key figures of the financing programme are broadly summarized in the following table:

2019 Central Government Budget Financing Needs (-I.+II.-III.+IV.-V. = VI.)		EUR 2.14 bn
I.	Surplus of Balance A (Current surplus)	0.05
II.	Deficit of Balance B (Lending and Repayment Account)	0.34
III.	Change (reduction) of the state budget cash position	0.00
IV.	Debt redemption	2.96
V.	Prefinancing executed in 2018 and proceeds from the sale of capital assets (NLB d.d. bank)	1.11
VI. Central Government Budget Financing Needs for 2019		2.14

According to the Public Finance Act, financing of a portion of the central government budget requirements for the next two years is permitted in addition to the 2019 budget financing. The maximal funding size permitted in 2019 for this purpose is the sum of 2020 and 2021 debt principal repayments.

The financing operations of the central government shall take into account the Growth and Stability Pact's debt rule. The Republic is aiming at approximately 66% for the general government debt as a percentage of GDP at the end of 2019.

*The detailed 2019 Financing Programme is available at the Ministry of Finance website:

http://www.mf.gov.si/fileadmin/mf.gov.si/pageuploads/vrednostni_papirji/Program_financiranja/PF2019_eng.pdf

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