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## RATING AGENCY FITCH RATINGS RAISED SLOVENIA'S RATING TO A (STABLE) FROM A- (STABLE)

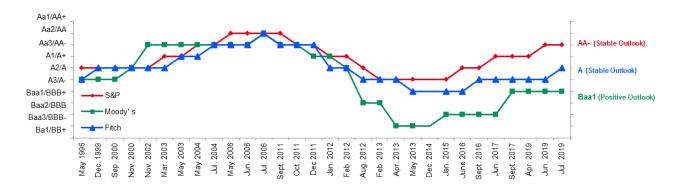
On 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 Fitch Ratings raised Slovenia's long-term rating for one notch to A (stable) from A- (stable). According to Fitch Ratings the rationale for the upgrade is evidenced by:

- Improved public debt sustainability, due to combination of primary surpluses, strong growth dynamics and asset sales.
- Robust, above-trend growth in the Slovenian economy led to a substantial improvement in the general government balance.
- Improvement in external finances the current account surplus remained positive in 2018 for the eight consecutive year.
- A substantial decline in unemployment.

Followed by Moody's revision of the outlook to positive (Baa1) in April and S&P's upgrade to AA- (stable) in June, Fitch Ratings' upgrade is a third positive change in a row in the sovereign ratings this year.

The full rating action report can be found on the website: <u>https://www.fitchratings.com/site/home</u>

The Credit rating information of the Republic of Slovenia is presented in the below Figure.



## Figure: Credit Rating of the Republic of Slovenia Over Time

## Source: S&P, Fitch and Moody's, 23.7.2019

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