

**Central Government Budget Debt Management** 

### Reform's Progress: All Planned Key Reform Adopted

BANK ASSET	SLOVENIAN SOVEREIGN	REFORMED	AUSTERITY BUDGETS	LABOUR MARKET	
MANAGEMENT COMPANY	HOLDING - WEALTH FUND	PENSION SYSTEM	FOR 2013 & 2014	REFORM	$\rightarrow$
(28.12.2012)	(28.12.2012)	(1.1.2013)	(1.1.2013)	(1.3.2013)	/

Slovenia has delivered on key reform agenda in the past twelve months and it is firmly committed to its implementation: all planned key reform measures are approved and are under implementation. In March the latest reform concern the labour market reform. It aims at streamlining employment protection and enhancing labour market flexibility and reducing labour market segmentation.

# Objective of the New Government is to Continue with the Implementation of Reform Projects

The new government is strongly committed to pursue the enhancement of banks' balance sheet as approved in the law and to fiscal consolidation. Work to implementation of the law has proceeded uninterruptedly.

### **BAMC Implementation Track Record**

APPROVED REGULATION ON THE	BAMC FORMALLY	INTERIM EXECUTIVE	OPERATIONALIZATION
IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO	ESTABLISHED BY ENTERING	BOARD NOMINATED	OF BAMC
STRENGTHEN THE STABILITY OF BANKS (13.3.2013)	INTO THE REGISTER (19.3.2013)	(19.3.2013)	(ONGOING)

Government key tasks ahead:

- Making Bank Asset Management Company fully operational.
- Proceed swiftly with bank capitalization and disposal of impaired assets.
- Fiscal Consolidation to continue by reducing structural deficit (i.e. taking into account one-off banking operations).
- Improving corporate governance and privatization processes on the back of the State Sovereign Holding (SSH).
- Pursue order deleveraging of corporate sector.

#### Key Data

Fiscal deficit was reduced in 2012 by means of expenditure reduction to 3.7% of GDP from 6.4% in 2011. The current account balance registered a surplus of 2.5% of GDP. Despite low economic activity (-2.3%) unemployment rate (8.9%) below EMU average (11.4%).

#### **Key Political Events**

A new Slovenian government has been elected with 52 out of 90 MPs. The new Prime Minister Alenka Bratušek from Positive Slovenia (PS) is leading a four-party coalition comprising of Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DESUS), Civic List (DL) and Social Democrats (SD).

#### A New Ministry of Finance Leadership

Uroš Čufer Ph.D., with deep insight on banking issues and ongoing process of banks' balance sheet repair, took over the Ministry of Finance on Thursday 28th of March. New State Secretary is Mateja Vraničar.

After completing his secondary education in the field of natural sciences in Ljubljana, Uroš Čufer studied economics in Paris. In 1999, at the Université Paris IX – Dauphine, he successfully defended his doctoral thesis, entitled 'Monetary Policy in Slovenia'. He began his career at Bank of Slovenia, where he served as director of the Analysis and Research Department from 1999 to 2004. As of 2004 until the position of Finance Minister, he has been director of the Management Centre for Financial Management at NLB.

Mateja Vraničar graduated from the Faculty of Law, University in Ljubljana in 1989. In 1997 she obtained MPA – Master of Public Administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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Vraničar professional career started at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 1993 she has been working at the Ministry of Finance. From 2010 to 2012 she held the position of State Secretary at the Ministry of Finance. As the State Secretary she was primarily responsible for the customs and tax system, central government budget and public accounting. Until her second nomination as State Secretary, she was Head of the department for general tax issues and analysis.

# T-bills Auction Results (Auction Date: 12. 3. 2013)



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