



## **BALANCED EXECUTION OF THE STATE BUDGET**

According to preliminary data, expenditure and revenue of the state budget almost balanced each other out in the first five months, as both amounted to around 5.7 billion euros. The budget deficit in the period January to May 2024 amounted to 30 million euros. Compared to the same period last year, revenue increased by 9.9% and expenditure by 6.0%.

424 million was made available from the budget for investments, which is 9.1% more than in the same period of the previous year. The government invested in the military, railroad infrastructure, rural development and research facilities. Tax revenue, which accounts for 89% of budget revenue, was 15.6% higher than in the same period of the previous year. The growth in Corporate income tax indicates a much better performance of companies, especially in the banking sector, and a temporary increase in the corporate income tax rate from 19 to 22 percent, which was introduced by the Act on Reconstruction, Development and Provision of Financial Resources following last year's disastrous floods.



## SLOVENIAN INFLATION RATE SLIPS BELOW THE EA AVERAGE

Measured by the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, the annual increase in consumer prices in Slovenia was 2.5% in May 2024 (8.1% in May 2023), which is the lowest level since September 2021. Inflation in Slovenia continues to be driven by service prices, which rose by an annual average of 4.8%. Prices for goods rose by 1.3%, for non-durable goods by 2.2% and for semi-durable goods by 0.8%, while prices for durable goods fell by 1.9%.

According to Eurostat Flash Estimate, the HICP inflation rate in the EA was stable at 2.6% in May 2024.

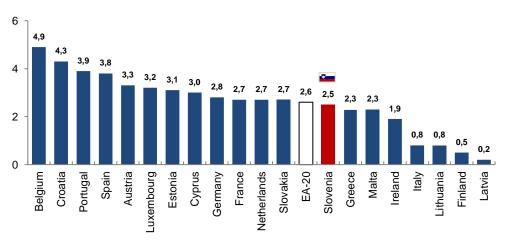


Figure 1: HICP inflation rates in EA countries, May 2024 (% chg. m/m-12)

Source: Source: Eurostat, 17.6.2024



## RATING AGENCIES AFFIRMED SLOVENIA'S RATINGS WITH STABLE OUTLOOK

Rating Agency: S&P (AA-, Stable Outlook)

On Friday, June 7, 2024, S&P Global reaffirmed Slovenia's credit. The rating for Slovenia remains unchanged AA-. The trend on the rating remains stable. The full reports can be found on the S&P website: <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/ratings/en">https://www.spglobal.com/ratings/en</a>

Rating Agency: DBRS Morningstar (A (high), Stable Trend)

On Friday, June 7, 2024, DBRS Morningstar confirmed the Republic of Slovenia's Long-term Foreign and Local Currency ratings at A (high). The trend on all ratings is stable. The full report can be found on the DBRS Morningstar website: <a href="https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com">https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com</a>

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