

**Visit of Alenka Bratušek, Slovenian Prime Minister, to José Manuel Barroso: extracts from the joint press briefing**

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On 9 April 2013, Alenka Bratušek, Slovenian Prime Minister, paid a visit to José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, in Brussels. The two Officials mainly discussed about the current economic and financial situation in the European Union. This video shows the press conference given by the two Leaders following their meeting.



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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	EU and Slovenian flags	00:00:04
00:00:09	Joint arrival of Alenka Bratušek, Slovenian Prime Minister, and José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, at the press conference	00:00:07
00:00:16	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): Slovenia is facing a very demanding task: not only setting up and launching the necessary reforms but also building the indispensable national consensus regarding the need for these reforms. What is true for Slovenia is also true for the whole EU: the deepest ever economic crisis requires the deepest ever reforms which will deliver growth, jobs and prosperity.	00:00:33

00:00:49	Cutaway of a cameraman	00:00:04
00:00:52	<p>Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): In Slovenia, like in any other Member State, it is crucial to make a distinction between the crisis management, on one hand and the steady process of building the new financial architecture and laying the sound foundations of our economy on the other. We need both. We need immediate, urgent measures to prevent a future crisis; we also need a rapid consolidation of public finances that will not create difficulties for sustainable economic growth.</p>	00:00:35
00:01:27	<p>Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): I want to tell you that the Slovenian Prime Minister also expressed her clear commitment to structural reforms that address macro-economic imbalances and improve the growth potential of the Slovenian economy, addressing also some difficulties that have been identified in the banking sector. We are looking forward to see the concrete proposals already in the national reform program and the stability program to be submitted in the context of this year's European semester. I am confident that an ambitious reform</p>	00:00:44

	<p>that an ambitious reform agenda if agreed and implemented quickly will pave the way to a rapid and sustainable economic recovery and that is for this objective that we are working with the Slovenian authorities.</p>	
00:02:12	<p>Soundbite by Alenka Bratušek (in SLOVENIAN) saying that she would like to stress that lately in the recent months, Slovenia took many important measures; They have achieved broad support for 2 key reforms: The pension reform and the labour reform; They are also trying to decrease their budget deficit, they have adopted a law to help their banking system and to manage state assets.</p>	00:00:36
00:02:48	<p>General view of the press conference</p>	00:00:04
00:02:52	<p>Soundbite by Alenka Bratušek (in SLOVENIAN) saying that they will continue with saving and consolidating public finances but in a way that this consolidation will not lower their economic growth or even provide for dropping economic growth; Saying that they will certainly continue with a good consolidation of public finances; this is a priority for their government.</p>	00:00:28
00:03:20	<p>Cutaway of a cameraman</p>	00:00:04

00:03:24	Soundbite by Alenka Bratušek (in SLOVENIAN) saying that in the recent days, there has been a lot of media pressure on Slovenia; So, she would like to state that they are not a tax haven, they are export oriented; They are one of the countries with the least leverage in the EU, they are far below the EU average, their unemployment is lower than the EU average and they have a positive balance sheet total; The new government is determined to do everything in its power to solve their problems by themselves (5 shots)	00:00:40
00:04:04	Departure of the two Leaders	00:00:09