

Slovenia takes on EU presidency



As the European Union's rotating presidency passes to Slovenia, a major task will involve overseeing what could be the final chapter of Yugoslavia's break-up – the issue of Kosovo's independence from Serbia



Country area	20,273 sq km
Population	2 million
Life expectancy	73 (m), 80 (w)
Ethnicity	83% Slovene
Religion	58% Catholic
GDP per capita	\$23,400
Unemployment	9.6%
Exports	Machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food
Currency	Euro

1991 Slovenia declares independence from *Yugoslavia*

2004 Joins EU and NATO.
Janez Jansa (pictured above) becomes prime minister

2005 Parliament ratifies EU constitution

2007 Becomes first former communist state to adopt euro

Jan 2008 Takes over EU presidency with Jansa pledging to tackle Kosovo crisis

