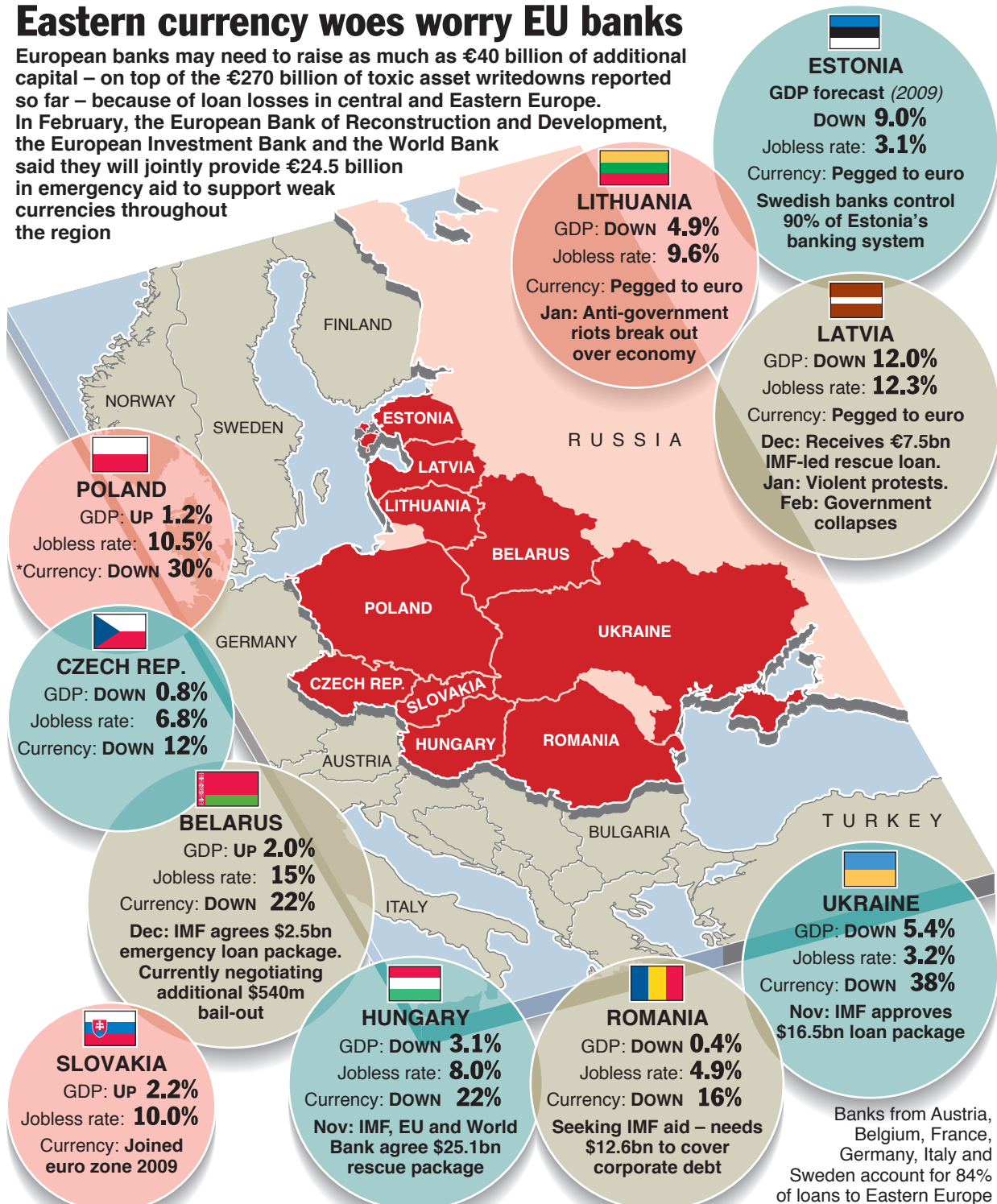


# Eastern currency woes worry EU banks

European banks may need to raise as much as €40 billion of additional capital – on top of the €270 billion of toxic asset writedowns reported so far – because of loan losses in central and Eastern Europe. In February, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank and the World Bank said they will jointly provide €24.5 billion in emergency aid to support weak currencies throughout the region



Banks from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Sweden account for 84% of loans to Eastern Europe