



## **REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN IN OFFICE (23 November – 29 November)**

### **OSCE Ministerial Confirmation of Slovenia's International Role, Chairman-in-Office Says**

LJUBLJANA - The OSCE Ministerial Council meeting will be a confirmation to Slovenia's role as an active and responsible member of the international community, OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel told the press on 23 November in Ljubljana. The preparations for the biggest political event in the history of independent Slovenia are in their final stages.

### **Chairman-in-Office Calls for Close Dialogue with the Central European Initiative**

PIEŠTANY - The OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel said on 25 November that the Central European Initiative (CEI) would continue to play an important role as a facilitator of European unity. Chairman-in-Office, who spoke at the annual CEI summit in Slovakia, called the OSCE a "natural partner" of the CEI. "Co-operation between our organisations has been fruitful in the past, and we need to continue our close dialogue on the situation in the region, new developments in the process of EU integration and the construction of a stable and prosperous Europe," he said.

### **Chairman-in-Office Welcomes Start of EU Talks with Bosnia-Herzegovina**

LJUBLJANA - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel welcomed the decision of EU foreign ministers on 21 November to give the go-ahead to the launch of stabilisation and association agreement talks with Bosnia-Herzegovina. There is great symbolism in the fact that the decision was made on the tenth anniversary of the Dayton peace accord which ended the tragic war in the country, Chairman-in-Office said.

### **OSCE Envoy Discusses Political Issues with Kyrgyz Leadership**

BISHKEK - The personal representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office for Central Asia Alojz Peterle met on 25 November key members of the government in Kyrgyzstan to discuss current political developments in the country. He underlined the need to continue the constructive debate on constitutional reform, which is a prerequisite of political stability and the economic development of the country.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SARAJEVO, 29 November - OSCE Chairman-in-Office Dimitrij Rupel is attending the international conference "Dayton: 10 years later" co-organised by the Slovenian Chairmanship

LJUBLJANA, 5 & 6 December - Slovenian capital will host the 13th OSCE Ministerial Council.