



## ***RISK OF BALKAN BEING AFFECTED BY CURRENT TENSIONS IN UKRAINE***

*At Kompas we are deeply saddened by current tensions and tragic situation in Ukraine and we wish that the situation will resolve quickly. This week we will take a look into risk level for Balkan are being affected by geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine.*



### **HOW FAR AWAY ARE RUSSIA AND UKRAINE?**

Most Balkan countries are relatively far from Ukraine and have at least a couple of countries between them. Ukrainian capital Kyiv is 1600 km away from Ljubljana, where our Headquarters are. And over 2000 km away from Dubrovnik in Croatia.



## WHY IS RISK FOR BALKAN LOW?

Even the closest two countries to Ukraine from Kompas network, Hungary and Poland, are part of NATO and EU. And most of Balkan countries are members of NATO as well, which minimizes the risk.

## DOES RUSSIA HAVE INTEREST IN BALKAN COUNTRIES?

Ukraine was one of Administrative regions of Soviet Union and had always had strong ties with Russia. But on the other hand, most Balkan countries belonged to Yugoslavia, which parted ways with Soviet Union as early as 1948. Therefore situation is completely different and Russia has no political or economical interest in countries like Slovenia and Croatia.



## HOW LONG TILL THINGS WILL RESOLVE?

It is hard to predict, but as Western World is taking more and more sanctions against Russia most sources predict that the War should be resolved quickly in the matter of the following weeks.

**Life in Europe is as usual. There are no military patrols visible, alerts from governments and other visible signs of unrest. Travel runs as usual and visitors are warmly welcomed.**

