

New Slovak language version of EurActiv

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The new service is part of the CrossLingual network of policy portals localising EurActiv news in Central Europe.

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