

Inter-Municipal Cooperation in Croatia

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CROATIA IN BRIEF:



- **POLITICAL SYSTEM:**
Parliamentary Republic

- **POPULATION:** 4,3 mil.

- **CAPITAL:** Zagreb
(population: 779.145)

- **GDP p/c** 14.000\$

- **LANGUAGE:** Croatian

- **RELIGION:**

Catholics (86,3%), Muslims (1,5%), Orthodox (4,4%)

- **EU MEMBERSHIP:** 1.7.2013.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Invention of necktie (**cravat**) is attributed to Croatian mercenaries serving in regiment of King Louis XIII in 1630.



- **Nikola Tesla**, the inventor who invented the alternating current (electricity) was born in 10 July 1856 in Smiljan, Licko senjska County.
- **Slavoljub Penkala**, the inventor who invented solid-ink pen, lived most of his life in Croatia despite his Polish-Dutch origin.



TERRITORIAL DIVISION



20 Counties + City of Zagreb

Each county consists of towns and municipalities. In total:

- 127 towns
- 428 municipalities

Special status: City of Zagreb

Smallest & biggest municipality:

- Civljane – 239 residents
- Viškovo – 14,495 residents

Smallest & biggest town:

- Komiža – 1,650 residents
- Split – 167,121 resident

FEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM

- 30% of the population lives in municipalities**
- average municipality – 3,000 inhabitants**
- average town – 18,000 inhabitants**
- each local unit has elected council and the mayor**
- own sources of revenues**
- areas of special State care (islands, mountain areas, war affected areas)**

ENVIRONMENT FOR IMC

- **Enabling but unsupportive legal framework**
- **In rare cases cooperation is mandatory (IMC is mostly informal, based on initiative of local units)**
- **Lack of financial incentives**
- **Lack of the culture of cooperation (culture of self-sufficiency)**



COMMON AREAS OF IMC

- **Promoting joint interests (LG associations)**
- **Communal Enterprises (waste collection and disposal, delivery of drinking water ...)**
- **Communal Police**
- **Kindergarten**
- **Public transport**



RAREST AREAS OF IMC

- **Administration**
- **Culture and Economics**
- **Social services**
- **Firefighting**
- **Development planning**
- **Education**
- **Health services**

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR IMC

- **Joint Company or other legal entity**
- **Joint Administrative department**
- **Joint body**
- **Other (contract, agreement ...)**

**There are no specific IMC institutions in Croatia.
For that reason established entities have no
their own sources of income**

HOW IT WORKS?

- **IMC is either specifically indicated in the law or it's not**
- **Council decision**
- **Contract/Agreement** (by executives, needs to solve all logistical details including management, financing ...)
- **Implementation**
- **Monitoring & evaluation**

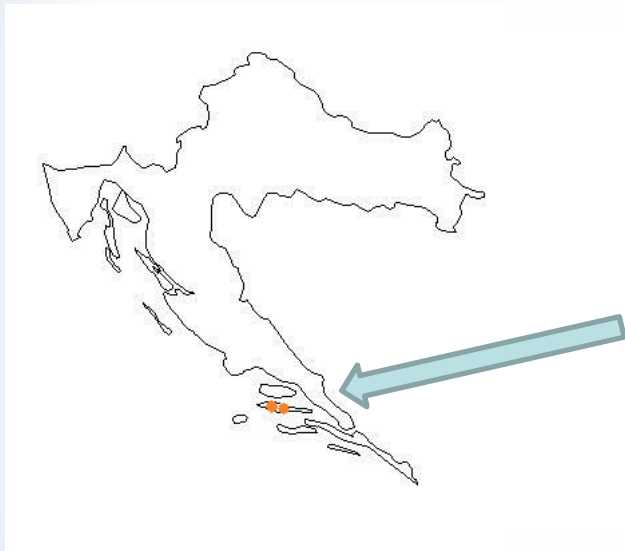
EXAMPLES OF MANDATORY IMC

JOINT COMMUNAL COMPANY (*If the system of communal infrastructure extends to the territory of several local governments ...*)

COOPERATION ON ISLANDS (*Waste collection – transport and disposal, public transport ...*)

DRAFTING OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PROGRAMMES (*Mandatory cooperation between regional and local units*)

EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICE



- **Location: island of Hvar**
- **Joint institution for management of the archeological site (UNESCO Cultural Heritage)**
- **City of Stari Grad (2/3) and Municipality Jelsa (1/3)**
- **Managing body: 5 members (3 from local units 2 from ministries)**
- **Director is appointed jointly**
- **Financing: by founders and from the State budget**



EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICE



- **Collection and communal waste disposal**
- **1 town and 8 municipalities (%):** Beli Manastir (75.07); Bilje (1); Čeminac (1); Darda (17.93); Draž (1); Jagodnjak (1); Kneževi Vinogradi (1); Petlovac (1); Popovac (1)
- **40,000 inhabitants, 1,200 km², 28 employees**
- **Assembly:** all founders are represented, meets once a year
- **Supervisory Board:** all founders are represented, meets 5-6 times a year
- **Managing Body:** director, 4 year mandate, management and legal representation of the company

INNOVATIVE APPROACH



- Office for international cooperation (4 municip.) in the form of association
- Development and implementation of joint projects
- Joint payment of overhead costs
- 4 employees
- In 2008 projects worth 7 mil. €

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

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