

Voluntary National Review of the UN 2030 Agenda
For Sustainable Development Implementation

CROATIA

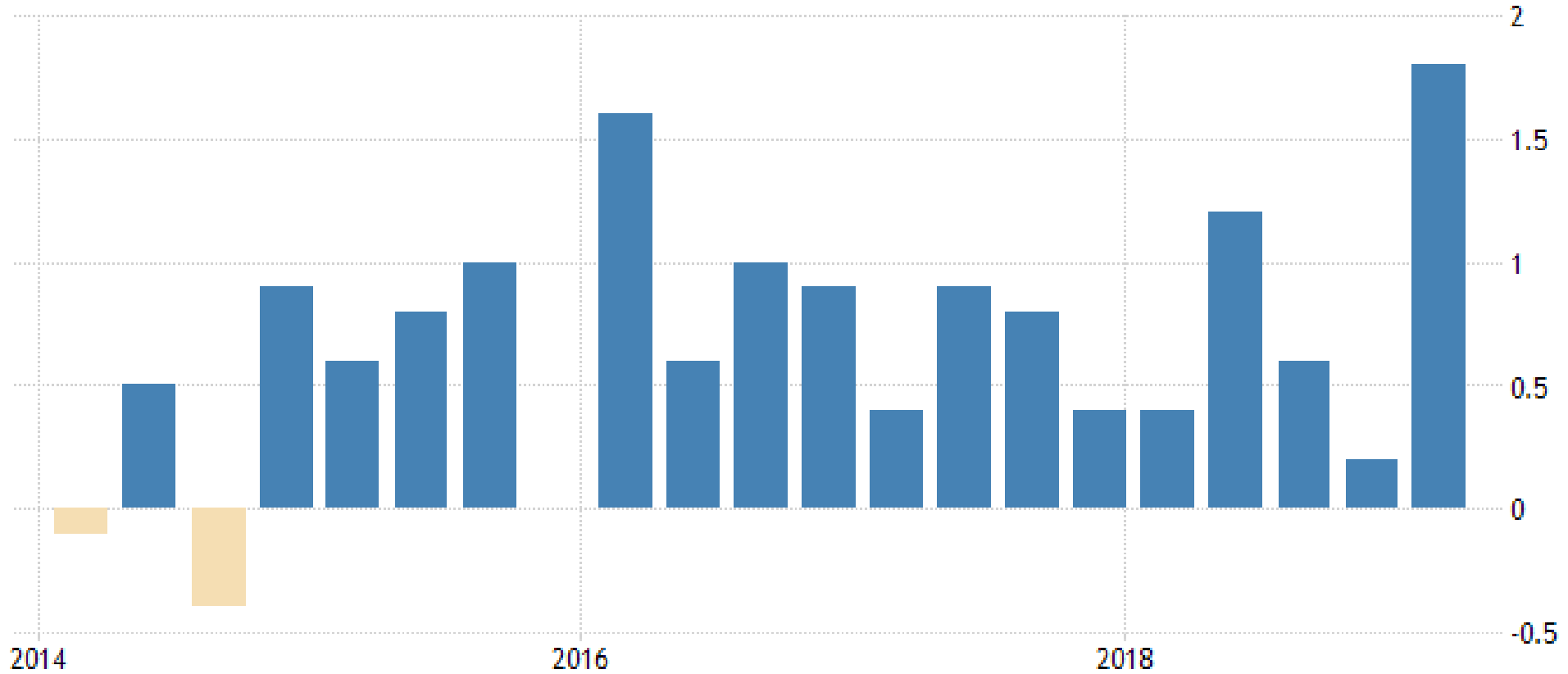


Republic of Croatia

- ▣ Inhabitants – 4.1 million
- ▣ Land area – 56,500 square kilometers
(size-wise 124th in the world)
- ▣ Maritime area – 31,500 square kilometers
- ▣ since 2013 – MS of the European Union
- ▣ three biogeographical regions
(out of nine recognized in the European Union)



Croatian GDP growth in last 5 years



SOURCE: [TRADINGECONOMICS.COM](https://tradingeconomics.com) | CROATIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

An Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development and the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



CONNECTED CROATIA



GREEN CROATIA



INCLUSIVE CROATIA



CROATIA - LAND OF ADVANCED REGIONS



2019 SDG Index



Rank Country Score

1. Denmark 85.2
2. Sweden 85.0
3. Finland 82.8
4. France 81.5
5. Austria 81.1
6. Germany 81.1
7. Czech Republic 80.7
8. Norway 80.7
9. Netherlands 80.4
10. Estonia 80.2
11. New Zealand 79.5
12. Slovenia 79.4
13. United Kingdom 79.4
14. Iceland 79.2
15. Japan 78.9
16. Belgium 78.9
17. Switzerland 78.8
18. Korea, Rep. 78.3
19. Ireland 78.2
20. Canada 77.9
21. Spain 77.8
22. Croatia 77.8
23. Belarus 77.4
24. Latvia 77.1
25. Hungary 76.9
26. Portugal 76.4
27. Slovak Republic 76.2
28. Malta 76.1
29. Poland 75.9
30. Italy 75.8
31. Chile 75.6
32. Lithuania 75.1
33. Costa Rica 75.0
34. Luxembourg 74.8
35. United States 74.5
36. Bulgaria 74.5
37. Moldova 74.4
38. Australia 73.9
39. China 73.2
40. Thailand 73.0
41. Ukraine 72.8

- ▣ Right to healthcare and healthy life for all citizens
- ▣ Maternal mortality in 2017 and 2018 - zero
- ▣ The Healthy Living programme
- ▣ In organ donation rates – second in the world

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



- ▣ Children up to age of 18 – average 13.3 years in educational system
- ▣ Rate of early leavers – around 3%
- ▣ 70% of secondary students – vocational programmes
- ▣ School for Life

4 **QUALITY
EDUCATION**



- ▣ Number of employed women (24 – 64 years of age)
 - increased up to 81.7%
- ▣ Fathers - equally entitled to the right of parental leave up to four months
- ▣ Ratio of women in Croatian Parliament - 21%
- ▣ President of the Republic of Croatia -
H.E Kolinda Grabar Kitarović;
MFA of Croatia - Marija Pejčinović Burić



- ▣ MS with the largest stock of freshwater resources in the European Union
- ▣ Above 94% of Croatia's citizens use safe water
- ▣ Key areas in our NDS 2030 are:
 - i) improving public water supply
 - ii) enhancing public drainage systems
 - iii) wastewater purification
 - iv) improving sustainability of water use and management



- ▣ Croatia imports around 40% electricity, 40% gas and 80% of oil.
- ▣ Reached the goal of 20% energy from renewable sources - due to the hydropower capacities and increasing use of solar and wind power
- ▣ Developing other renewable energy sources – geothermal and bioenergy
- ▣ Energy efficiency index is steadily improving



- ▣ Average GDP growth in the period 2015 – 2018 - 2.9%
- ▣ In the Q1 2019 GDP growth - 3.9%
- ▣ Budget surplus two years in a row
- ▣ Public and external debt - rapidly decreasing
- ▣ Unemployment rate - decreased to 8.4% in 2018

8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



- ▣ EEA report - among three EU countries with the highest cumulative share of the damage from extreme weather and climate events in relation to GDP
- ▣ Paris Agreement - adoption of the Low-Carbon Development Strategy (for the period up to 2030), and afterwards Climate Change Adjustment Strategy 2040



Biodiversity

- ▣ 1,244 islands, islets, reefs and cliffs
- ▣ 2.75 million hectares of forests and forest land
- 47.7% of total land area
- ▣ One third of the territory - part of the European network of nature protection areas (Natura 2000)

Preservation of national and cultural heritage

- ▣ 417 protected natural areas -comprising 8.6% of the national territory
- ▣ 8,000 protected cultural heritage sites –
10 listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites
17 inscribed on the intangible cultural heritage list



▣ **the institution of Ombudsperson:**

1) Ombudswoman for the promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms

2) Ombudswoman for Children

3) Gender Equality Ombudswoman

4) Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities

▣ **fight against corruption**



CIVIL SOCIETY - key role of the “watchdog”

- ▣ Government of Croatia provided around 170 million dollars (from the European Social Fund)
- ▣ A particular emphasis on improving skills and knowledge of children and young people in sustainable development area – 36 specific projects will include 10,000 children by the end of 2020, as well as 185 training programmes

Business Community

- ▣ Key players in promoting partnership between the business sector, government institutions and civil society to achieve SDGs:

Croatian Chamber of Economy

Croatian Employers' Association

Croatian Business Council for Sustainable Development (established in 2018)



Follow up activities

- ▣ Further improvement of the institutional architecture and coordinating frameworks;
- ▣ Connection between strategic goals, planned implementation mechanism, structural reforms and planned projects under National Development Strategy;
- ▣ Strengthening national statistical capacities;
- ▣ Raising awareness, educational activities and widening outreach on a national and global level.



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