



Open Source Observatory Policy Factsheet

Croatia

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1 General Information

The use of open source software solutions in public administrations in Croatia has increased in recent years in certain areas: open data portals, open science, blockchain and environment. Although there is no national policy for the public sector to use open source software, the government has generally supported its use in order to implement digitalisation and transparency projects. There are diverse open source software initiatives and strategic players at all levels of administration in Croatia, some of their latest projects aim at enhancing collaboration with the objective of an increased efficiency.

2 Actors

POLICY MAKERS

The Central State Office for the Development of Digital Society was an independent State office until 2024, when it became part of the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation the Interior. They support the Croatian government in the development of the Digital Strategy of the Republic of Croatia and coordinate the work of the National Council for Digital Transformation.

STRATEGIC PLAYER

The Croatian Society for Open Systems and Internet (HrOpen) is an not-for-profit association that promotes the development of open computer systems and open source software in Croatia. Together with the Croatian Linux Users' Association, it organises the Dani otvorenih računarskih sustava / Croatian Linux Users' Conference (DORS/CLUC), which for the last 27 years has brought together professionals, public institutions and companies from the open source software community.

3 Policy and Legal Framework

FREE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE POLICY, 2006

This policy included guidelines for the Croatian public sector to choose and/or develop open source solutions, instead of proprietary ones, and the government commitment to support open standards, and the use of open source software in the educational institutions.

DIGITAL CROATIA STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL 2032

The strategy set as a priority objective the digitalisation of public administration and stipulates the creation of an open source platform, including AI analytical tools, available to the private and public sector to develop new, innovative services.



4 Open Source Software Initiatives

CROATIAN RESEARCH INFORMATION SYSTEM (CroRIS)

The National research information system that serves as a central repository for information about Croatian science. University Computing Center (SRCE) developed CroRIS and maintains it.

HRVOJKA

It is the multilingual operational public Communication tool, developed as part of the *National Language technology Platform* multi-country project that provides machine translation, machine-assisted translation, and website translator in Croatian.

OPEN DATA PORTAL

The public portal where Croatian public sector publish, categorise and distribute open public sector data. The portal is based on a combination of two systems, both open source software. Drupal forms the basis of the Content Management System, while the open source application programming interface CKAN helps to manage the data and the metadata of the portal.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OF AFFILIATES (REGOS)

The REGOS system is used for delivering electronic insurance documents online. This open source programme allows its users to both apply for and receive electronic documents, and to create digitally signed PDF documents that can be used by citizens to apply for loans. ENA was nominated for the 2015 United Nations Public Service Award.