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Action Plan for the Implementation of the Open Government
Partnership Initiative in the Republic of Croatia
for the period 2022-2023

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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Croatia, as one of 77 member states of ¹the global initiative **Open Government Partnership² (OGP)** and from its very beginnings in 2011, supports the principles of transparency, combating corruption, empowering citizens and using the benefits of new technologies to enable all public authorities at all levels to become more efficient and responsible and to create the prerequisites for a more efficient and innovative provision of public services and the management of public resources.

The values upon which the efforts of the global initiative Open Government Partnership rest are fully compliant with the values which the Republic of Croatia committed to abide by during the procedure of rapprochement to the European Union, through many years of efforts invested in fulfilling the requirements for reform and adaptation in all areas of social, political and economic activity.

Furthermore, the values of the Open Government Partnership Initiative have been recognised in the Government Programme of the Republic of Croatia for 2020-2024³, which heralds the implementation of measures aimed at combating corruption, modernising public administration, digitalisation and developing broadband infrastructure (such as educating civil and public servants with the aim of developing digital skills) as well as measures aimed at increasing transparency of public finances. In addition, the Government Programme stresses improving the efficiency of the state and public administration with the aim of meeting the needs of the citizens and the economy as efficiently as possible as well as measures aimed at strengthening the trust in the media by encouraging transparency, responsibility and integrity.

Certain steps towards achieving these goals have already been taken by implementing national Action Plans for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative, the development of which is an obligation arising from initiative membership. Indeed, so far the Republic of Croatia has developed and implemented a total of three Action Plans for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative (2012-2013, 2014-2016 and 2020) and demonstrated its dedication to the realisation of ideas of the Open Government Partnership. This was also recognised by the Unit for the Support of the Open Government Partnership and member states taking part in the initiative, so that, among other things, the Croatian Action Plans were assessed very positively, both in terms of the quality of their contents satisfying SMART criteria, and in terms of implementation.

Through the implementation of Action Plans for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership in Croatia, the Republic of Croatia has implemented several major reforms which have been recognised as exceptional progress in opening up the government to citizens. For this reason, the global community of the Open Government Partnership has chosen the Republic of Croatia to be a member of the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership, where the Republic of Croatia, through its two consecutive mandates (2014-2019) had the chance to direct the development and the direction of the Initiative while maintaining the highest standards and ensuring the sustainability of the Initiative. As a member of the OGP Steering Committee, the Republic of Croatia has actively participated in the work of the Subcommittee for Criteria and Standards and in Steering Committee meetings - South Africa (Johannesburg, 2015 and Cape Town, 2016), the United States of America (Washington, 2017) and in meetings held alongside the global summits of the initiative (Ciudad de México 2015, Paris, 2016, Tbilisi, 2018, Ottawa, 2019) as well as those held every year on the margins of the UN General Assembly. Furthermore, the European Regional Meeting was successfully organised in Dubrovnik in 2012, and during two conferences, one held in Budva in 2019 (Western Balkans Peer Exchange Meeting) and the other in Sarajevo in 2020 ("Konferencija o otvorenoj vlasti"), the member states of the Partnership from the Western Balkans exchanged experiences. In addition, in 2020 the delegations of member states of the Partnership from the Western Balkans, including the delegation of the Republic of

¹ <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/our-members/>

² <https://udruge.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/partnerstvo-za-otvorenu-vlast-271/271>

³ <https://vlada.gov.hr/UserDocImages/ZPPI/Dokumenti%20Vlada/Program%20Vlade%20Republike%20Hrvatske%20za%20mandat%202020.%20-%202024..pdf>

Croatia, participated in a study visit to Latin America (Open Government Partnership Peer Exchange Working Visit), namely Uruguay and Argentina, but also the city of Buenos Aires which is a member of the Initiative at a local level.

OPEN GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO DATE

By implementing the previous three Action Plans, the Republic of Croatia has achieved significant progress in the areas which are the focus of the OGP Initiative. Despite ongoing challenges in the area of strengthening an open and transparent government, it is worth stressing some of the more prominent achievements in the preceding period:

1. Access to information

Significant progress was achieved with the Amendment to Article 38 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia in 2010, whereby the right to access information became a constitutionally guaranteed right. Furthermore, the new Act on the Right to Access Information (OG 25/13, 85/15) prescribes in 15 points the information public authorities are required to issue in an easily searchable manner on their websites. The Act transposes Directive 2003/98/EC on the reuse of public sector information, and is aligned with the Croatian Constitution in order to achieve the principles of transparency and free access to information. Instead of the Agency for the Protection of Personal Data, it is envisaged that the tasks of the independent state body for protecting the right to access information be performed by an Information Commissioner, a state official appointed by the Croatian Parliament for a term of five years. The first term of office of the Information Commissioner began in October 2013. In addition to strengthening the function of the independent body for protecting the right to access information as a second instance body in resolving complaints regarding the exercise of the right to access information, the powers of the Information Commissioner are regulated in detail, particularly from the aspect of accessing classified information and implementing tests of proportionality and public interest. Amendments to the Act on the Right to Access Information dated July 2015 regulated individual issues more clearly, particularly in regard to publishing information on Internet pages (proactive publication) and conducting consultations with the public, while amendments were made in accordance with the amended Directive 2013/37/EU on the re-use of public sector information. The publication of open data became obligatory, along with increased protection on the part of an independent body.

During 2022, the Act on the Right to Access Information will be amended in such a way that it enables the correct application of the Directive on open data, which brings into focus a proactive publication and opening of data, and thus the availability of particularly high-value datasets as well as respecting the obligations which relate to the conditions of use, transparency and non-discrimination of users, and only secondary acting on requests for reuse.

Through the work of the Information Commissioner, it is now easier for citizens to exercise their right to access information via public authority databases, in a searchable format, so they can easily find the contact details of the information officer. The overall strengthening of the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information has been affected by educating officials on the right to access information, who apply the provisions of the Act on the Right to Access Information in their work. Information Commissioner has also worked on strengthening the awareness of associations, journalists and citizens on the right to access information by producing, distributing and publishing video materials, i.e. educational films on the topics of transparency and openness of public authorities, the right to access information for citizens, the right to access information for associations and the media, the role of the right to access information and a "Campaign for young people - I want to know, I want to decide: the right to access information".

2. Public participation in shaping public policy

With the adoption of the Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts (OG 140/09) in November 2009, the prerequisites were secured for strengthening the transparency of the work of public authorities in this area. At the level of state administration bodies and Government offices, consultation coordinators were appointed and entrusted with consistent monitoring and coordination of advisory procedures within their bodies and offices. According to the already mentioned Act on the Right to Access Information (OG 25/13, 85/15), consultations with the public have become a legal obligation of all public authorities. Public authorities are obliged to publish on their websites the draft act and regulation subject to public consultation with the interested public, as a rule for a 30-day period, which has extended the 15-day deadline envisaged by the Code. The Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (OG 121/12) prescribe that when forwarding draft proposals of an act or other regulations to government procedure, it is necessary to append a report on any consultation conducted with the interested public.

In addition, through the e-Consultations system established in April 2015, citizens and the interested public in general have been able to participate more easily in public consultation processes. By establishing an Internet system for consultations which uses technology and innovation, the entire process of public consultation has been made more transparent, as all comments submitted by the public are published immediately, as are reports on consultations conducted, which include responses to each comment received, or appropriate explanations of reasons for rejecting comments.

In addition to the promotional campaign on the system of e-Consultation, the education programme on the standards of consultation with the interested public in the process of enacting laws, other regulations and acts as well as workshops on the use of the e-Consultation system are also continuously implemented.

3. Information technology – administration serving citizens

During the implementation of the OGP Initiative so far, the Central State Portal (gov.hr) has been set up to bring together information and the content of all websites of state administration bodies, and via one of its components, it is possible to have secure, confidential access to citizens' personal data and electronic services in various information systems of public administration – e-Citizens project. In fact, the e-Citizens project represents a great success in implementing Action Plans for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative in Croatia. The e-Citizens project has assured a greater number of e-services for citizens and introduced the personal user inbox, where citizens receive notices from state administration bodies (for example, reminders that their personal identity card is about to expire). The e-Citizens system currently has more than one million users, while in the first 8 months of 2020 there was a total of 290,000 new users recorded in the system, which means that the number of users of e-services has increased by 36%. In addition, at this moment over 800,000 Personal User Inboxes (OKP) have been opened, in which citizens can receive 84 different personalised messages sent from public administration bodies. There are currently 76 public electronic services available to citizens, and the number of services is continuously growing. In addition, all citizens who have been issued an electronic identity card can access the e-Citizens system with the highest level of security and register for public electronic services in 14 EU Member States.

Since the number of users is continuing to grow, and taking into account the number of times individual services have been used, it is evident that many citizens have recognised the advantages of using the system. Citizens have also been enabled to navigate information more easily in the area of state body competences, by grouping these together by topic on the My Administration pages, so they can now very easily find information about work, education, taxes, health, accommodation, traffic and other topics of interest to them.

In addition, during the Decision of prohibition of leaving the place of residence and permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia made by the Civil Protection Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia (OG 35/20) due to an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission, and in order to relieve local headquarters and speed up the process during the coronavirus epidemic, digitalisation of the process was initiated and a secure digital solution for e-Passes was produced. The e-Fees system, which enables card payment of administrative fees and charges, was implemented in 2020. The e-Fees system increases the availability of public

services, charging for public services and their management. Paying fees within the e-Registration for marriage and e-Nautics services has been enabled, and the system will be further improved by continuously adding new e-services.

At the OGP Global Summit held on 28 October 2015 in Mexico City, in relation to the topic "Open government for improving public services", the e-Citizens project won the award for the best European project and international recognition as a successful project in improving access to public services.

4. Open data

The Act on the Right to Access Information (OG 25/13, 85/15), in line with the Directive on the reuse of information (Public Sector Information Directive), prescribes the obligation of all public authority bodies to publish their databases, registers, lists and other data in machine-readable form, so that they can be reused. In the area of opening data, while the Act was in the process of adoption, a significant step forward was taken in opening a series of data, launching Open Data Portals (the Central State Portal and three city portals – Zagreb, Rijeka and Virovitica) and creating a series of applications based on open data. According to European Commission *benchmarking*, in 2016 Croatia occupied 14th place among the member states in terms of opening data and progress in applying the Directive. In November 2015, a new version of the European Open Data Portal was published at a new address –<http://www.europeandataportal.eu>. Open data from all over Europe can be found and visualised on this portal, including datasets from the Republic of Croatia's Open Data Portal.

The Republic of Croatia's Open Data Portal was established on 19 March 2015 and is available at data.gov.hr. Apart from searching datasets, users may submit proposals for publishing datasets. It is possible to view these proposals anonymously. At the moment, there are 1,171 datasets available on the portal and 123 institutions/publishers are involved.

In the previous period, specialised training courses and webinars on the reuse and open data were organised as well as public events aimed at enhancing knowledge, strengthening awareness, promoting and developing skills for using open data, and the Information Commissioner created, printed and published on his website a "Manual on open data and reuse of data with steps for opening data" for public authorities. Given the very limited literature available in this area, this manual is a great for strengthening knowledge and awareness of the importance of publishing open data and its reuse.

5. Increased transparency in financing political activities and election campaigns

Through the Act on Financing Political Activities and Election Campaigns (OG 24/11, 61/11, 27/13, 02/14, 96/16, 70/17) a single framework has been established for the transparent financing of political parties, independent representatives, members of representative bodies of units of local and regional self-government, elected from the list of the group of voters as well as election participants, and an independent system of supervision and sanctions in case of violation. Annual financial reports of political parties, independent representatives, and members of representative bodies of units of local and regional self-government are published on their websites, that is, of the last mentioned, and on the websites of units of local and regional self-government. Reports on donations and expenditures in election campaigns are also publicly released on the websites of election participants: political parties and heads of the list of group of voters, that is, in daily press. They are all obliged to submit a website address where data are published to the State Electoral Commission. Amendments to the Act in 2013 established that annual financial reports and financial reports on the financing of election campaigns were permanently listed on the website of the Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society. Pursuant to the Act, financial reports also contain specific information on donors (name and address), date of payment, amount and type of donation. The permanent publication of financial reports ensures lasting access to such data and searches of the database on different grounds.

In March 2019, the new Act on Financing Political Activities, Election Campaigns and Referenda (OG 29/19) was adopted and amended in October 2019 (OG 98/19). The amendment entered into force on 1 January 2020 and refers to harmonisation with the new Act on the Public Administration System (OG 66/19) abolishing the state administration offices. Amendments to the Act on Financing Political Activities, Election Campaigns and Referenda entrusted the tasks of keeping records on political parties and independent members of the representative bodies of units of local and regional self-government, which were previously carried out by state administration offices, to administrative bodies of counties, that is, to administrative bodies of the City of Zagreb. The previous Act provided a high degree of transparency in political financing, which the new Act further improved by introducing an information system to monitor the financing. Through the system mentioned above, by entering data into the information system, the supervised entities, whether a political activity or an election campaign, submit financial reports, reports on donations and election campaign expenses and other prescribed reports and data to competent authorities. This simplifies the preparation and filing of financial and other reports while ensuring their publication through the information system in a single place for all subjects - on the State Electoral Commission website, in machine-readable form and easily searchable. This ensures more efficient supervision, streamlines the preparation and submission of financial reports and other reports and data, and facilitates public oversight of political financing and financing during the election campaign by the public. The information system has been applied to all elections held since the entry into force of the Act on Financing Political Activities, Election Campaigns and Referenda, i.e. in the elections of members to the European Parliament from the Republic of Croatia, elections for the President of the Republic of Croatia, elections of members to the Croatian Parliament, local elections, by-elections and early local elections. By publishing financial reports in one place, the reports have become more accessible to the public and thus the financing of entities has become more transparent.

Act on Financing Political Activities, Election Campaigns and Referenda regulates the financing of referendum activities, which heretofore has not been regulated by law. Specifically, the Act determines the sources and methods of financing referendum activities, the obligation to open a dedicated account, limits the permitted amounts of donations and costs for financing referendum activities, prescribes the obligation to submit financial reports, and also regulates the issue of supervision and transparency of financing.

6. Progress towards fiscal transparency

The Ministry of Finance is the state body responsible for preparing and implementing the Government's fiscal policy, and its basic goal is to contribute to stable economic growth and the development of society in a stable macroeconomic environment. The Ministry's website includes, among other things, information on the basic tasks of the Ministry, such as information on the State Budget and Treasury, European structural and investment funds, treasury bill auctions, and statistics, and it is possible to search various publications and reports produced by the Ministry. The Ministry of Finance publishes all key documents linked to the budget procedure (guidelines for economic and fiscal policies for a three-year period, the State Budget with projections, monthly reports on the execution of the State Budget, biannual and annual reports on the execution of the State Budget, and biannual and annual reports on the execution of the financial plan for extra-budgetary funds, and a report on the audit of the annual report on the execution of the State Budget by the State Audit Office), and has made certain steps forward during the current implementation of the OGP Initiative in terms of improving their contents. In implementing the previous Action Plan, particular success was achieved in this area by the publication (and a continuous improvement of the base) of a searchable database on payments executed from the single State Budget account. The page can be searched for details of payments made from the State Budget by supplier, using the search parameters of the supplier's PIN and the year.

PROCESS OF DRAFTING THE ACTION PLAN

In 2020, upon the expiry of the third Action Plan for the Implementation of Open Government Partnership initiative, the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs started to develop an Action Plan for the Implementation of Open Government Partnership initiative for the period of the following two years.

With the intention of once again involving citizens and civil society on an equal footing in the process of developing the Action Plan, as was the case in the development of previous Action Plans, the Office for Cooperation with NGOs conducted a public consultation through which it asked the interested citizens which priority activities should be undertaken in the period from 2020 to 2022 in order to fulfil the objectives of the implementation of the Partnership for Open Government initiative in various areas. The consultation was available via the e-Consultations portal from 9 June to 1 July 2020. During the consultation, a total of 12 comments were submitted, and the report on the consultations conducted was also published.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the earthquake in the City of Zagreb and Sisak-Moslavina County, there was a deviation from the initial plan for the development of the fourth Action Plan, and due to the delay in the development, the implementation period of the Action Plan was changed from the period that initially covered 2020 to in 2022 to the period from 2021 to 2023.

Based on the suggestions received during the consultation about the priorities of the fourth Action Plan and based on suggestions received during meetings with the aim of monitoring the implementation held with leaders and co-leaders of measures and activities from the third Action Plan at the end of 2019 as well as information obtained from the report on the implementation of the third Action Plan (category of planned continuation of the activity) and Legislative Activities Plan for the year of 2021, the Action Plan for 2022-2023 got its first outlines.

In January 2021, in accordance with the agreements and conclusions of the meeting of the Council of the Partnership for Open Government Initiative, held on 15 December 2020, the members of the Council were provided with a form for proposing implementation activities of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Partnership for Open Government initiative in the Republic of Croatia for the period from 2021 to 2023. All received suggestions, along with the above-mentioned, were combined into the first version of the draft of the Action Plan for the period from 2021 to 2023.

Furthermore, at the end of March 2021, the first draft of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative for the period from 2021 to 2023, i.e. the list of measures and activities for the upcoming two-year period, was sent to all members of the Council for amendments with additional proposals from the field of work of the institutions whose representatives are members of the Council, i.e. to comment on already proposed activities from their area of responsibility.

After the meeting of the Council of the Partnership for Open Government Initiative (26 May 2021) where the draft of the Action Plan was discussed, an internal e-Consultation on the draft of the Action Plan was opened for members of the Council of the Partnership for Open Government and was available from 29 June to 7 July 2021.

Based on the proposals received during the consultation on the priorities of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative in the Republic of Croatia for the period from 2020 to 2022, as well as the contributions of competent state administration bodies and members of the Council of the Partnership for Open Government initiative through consultative meetings and other working methods, the final draft of the new Action Plan was developed, on which a public consultation was conducted in the period from 10 December 2021 to 3 January 2022, and the report on the conducted consultation was published⁴.

⁴ <https://esavjetovanja.gov.hr/ECon/EconReport?entityId=19426>

Due to the period from the development of the draft of the Action Plan to the publication of the consultation, that is, considering that the draft of the Action Plan also referred to the year 2021, the Office for Cooperations with NGOs, after the consultation and the publication of the report on the consultation, in cooperation with the competent bodies of the state administration - leaders and co-leaders of measures and activities from the Action Plan, revised the period of implementation of the Action Plan in such a way that the start of the implementation of the planned activities was moved to the beginning of 2022, while the final deadline for the implementation of the activities was moved to the end of 2023. Consequently, the final draft of the Action Plan, developed at the meeting of the Council of the Open Government Partnership Initiative held on 11 February 2022, refers to the period from 2022 to 2023 (a full two years).

Following the basic partnership principle on which the OGP Initiative rests, all measures and activities in this Action Plan have been formulated in direct dialogue with representatives of NGOs. NGOs were allowed to participate on an equal footing during all phases of the document's development.

CONTENTS OF THE ACTION PLAN AND OBLIGATIONS ADOPTED WITH IT

Following the earlier described process, that is, the results of the initial public consultation on the priorities for the forthcoming period of implementation of the OGP Initiative in the Republic of Croatia, consultations with the Council of the OGP Initiative (internal consultation) and the interested public (public consultation), interdepartmental consultation working meetings and discussions during meetings of the Council of the OGP Initiative, the main priority areas have been determined for the next two years. These are transparency, anti-corruption, openness, participation of citizens/civil society in the processes of drafting, implementing and monitoring public policy, implementing the OGP at the local and regional levels, and the sustainability of the OGP Initiative. For each of these areas, measures and implementing activities have been defined for the purpose of achieving the set goals - a total of 16 measures and 47 activities. The implementation of the Action Plan will last until 31 December 2023, and this will be the final deadline for the implementation of activities which will be ongoing after the end of this Action Plan.

In this Action Plan, the largest number of measures relate to the area of transparency, more precisely, the continuation of activities in the area of the right to access to information, fiscal transparency, and other areas as foreseen. A separate component of this Action Plan comprises measures aimed at the local and regional levels, which represent the continuation of efforts in implementing the OGP at the local and regional levels in the Republic of Croatia and making it better known among citizens. This Action Plan also takes into account the need to assure the sustainability of measures taken and, in doing so, it is particularly important to raise awareness among the rising generation of the basic values of the Partnership. The support of the education system and increasing the involvement of young people with the aim of creating a transparent and open society in the digital age is of crucial importance to the long-term achievement of the Partnership's goals.

In the thematic part of the Action Plan, entitled "Transparency", a strong focus is placed on improving the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information. Although there is a high-quality legislative framework, nevertheless shortcomings in implementing the Act have been noted. The Action Plan envisages activities which focus primarily on education and informing the public on the right to access information. As in the previous two Action Plans, this one envisages activities which focus on assuring fiscal transparency. Within this, the following activities are particularly highlighted: increasing the visibility and usage of databases on payments made from the single State Budget account; publication of State Budget proposals with explanations in open format (excel and word) in a timely manner; promoting a transparent publication of budget data; timely and continuous publication of the monthly series of revenues and expenditures of the State Budget according to the national methodology of the accounting plan, quarterly publication of reports on revenues and expenditures, receipts and expenditures of extra-budgetary beneficiaries of the State Budget, as well as increasing the transparency of the budgets of units of local and regional self-government. Furthermore, as the continuation of activities launched in the previous Action Plan, activities are envisaged to improve the transparency of financing

referendum activities as well as activities aimed at increasing the openness and transparency of the Croatian Parliament. In this section, activities are also described to strengthen transparency and accountability at the level of commercial companies in majority ownership of units of local and regional self-government, and the transparency of financing programmes and projects by NGOs. A measure is also envisaged focusing on improving the normative framework for the media, a measure focusing on protecting persons who report corruption ('whistle-blowers'), as well as general improvement of the normative anti-corruption framework.

In the section entitled 'Openness', the emphasis is placed on activities for opening data, and the main goal of the measure is to increase the quantity of open data and contribute to the increased reuse of open data. The measure attempts to ensure the prerequisites and framework for the efficient opening of data at the level of the state administration and encourage state bodies to open data.

The section entitled "Participation by citizens/civil society in processes of forming, implementing and monitoring public policy" places the primary emphasis on activities aimed at improving the implementation of consultations with the public, in order to build further on the results successfully achieved in this area through the implementation of previous Action Plans. The section also includes implementing the necessary improvements to the e-Consultations system and the continuation of trainings on conducting consultations in general and specifically through the e-Consultations system. In addition, the measure includes promotional activities and activities to update the databases of advisory bodies. The main goal of the measure is to improve the conduct of consultations at the level of state administration and increase the number of e-Consultations users, that is, to raise both quality and quantity in this area.

The section entitled "Open Government Partnership at the local and regional levels" focuses on bringing the activities of the OGP down to the level of units of local and regional self-government. In doing so, city Open Data Portals will be launched; setting up an Internet system for consultations with the interested public at the local and regional levels, which will follow the results achieved in setting up e-Consultations at the national level as well as conducting trainings on the OGP Initiative for the representatives of units of local and regional self-government.

The topical unit entitled "Sustainability of the OGP Initiative" focuses on assuring the sustainability of the values and contents of the OGP Initiative by increasing the range of information on its goals, with a special emphasis on including topics linked to the importance of open data, transparency, anti-corruption, empowering citizens, and using modern information and communication technologies with the aim of increasing the efficiency and accountability of public authorities and the more efficient, more innovative provision of public services in the education system.

The implementation of measures and activities from the Action Plan will be monitored and coordinated by the Council of the OGP Initiative, with the expert support of the Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Croatian Government. The Office will draw up instructions for reporting on the implementation of each measure/activity and tabular monitoring of the status of implementation of measures/activities by the leaders and co-leaders of measures/activities, as a foundation for drafting the annual report on the implementation of the Action Plan.

A written report on the implementation of the Action Plan will be submitted to the Croatian Government at the end of each year of implementation, and more frequently if necessary. For the purpose of improving the implementation of the Action Plan and at the proposal of the Council of the OGP Initiative, the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs may, along with the report, propose to the Government of the Republic of Croatia a review of individual measures/activities, leaders/co-leaders, or participants in implementation, implementation deadlines, necessary resources and implementation indicators in the coming period. In accordance with the conclusions of the Council of the OGP Initiative, at the end of the first year of implementation a review of measures and activities in the Action Plan will be conducted.

All state administration bodies that are leaders and co-leaders in implementing Action Plan activities are obliged to plan for resources in their budget line items to implement those activities in the coming budget period.

Furthermore, the implementation of the Action Plan will be monitored and evaluated by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM), which acts in cooperation with the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership Initiative.

Additionally, the interested public will have the opportunity to comment on the implementation of the Action Plan through public debates that will be organised during the course of its implementation and the introduction of the Initiative at the national and local levels.

TOPICAL UNITS

A. TRANSPARENCY

Measure 1. IMPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT ON THE RIGHT TO ACCESS INFORMATION	
Leader of the measure	INFORMATION COMMISSIONER
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	In spite of the increased quantity of publicly accessible information on the Internet pages of public authority bodies, and the availability of information on demand to citizens, they and other users cannot yet rely on the fact that all information will be easily or quickly accessible. This is clear from the number of complaints due to administrative silence or misrepresentations of the provisions of the Act on the Right to Access Information when approaching public authorities. In effect, this is the consequence of a lack of knowledge of the pertinent provisions and the inadequate competences of public authorities, but also the lack of awareness on the part of citizens regarding their rights. It is necessary to invest in further structured efforts in the education and standardisation of the procedures of public authorities, and to raise the level of awareness of the Constitution and Act on the Right to Access Information based knowledge on the right to access information, in order to guarantee its effective use by citizens, NGOs and the media, and other social actors. It is necessary to continue to encourage and monitor the proactive publication of information by public authorities and their competent conduct according to the exigencies of existing legal deadlines.

<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The measure includes evaluating and improving the normative framework for the exercise of the right to access information and the reuse of information.</p>
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>Apart from protection of the right to access information and the reuse of information as well as monitoring the application of the Act, it is important to actively promote the right to access information, which primarily includes education and strengthening awareness of information officers and public authorities, as well as beneficiaries of the right to access information (citizens, media, associations, private sector). It is also important to inform professional and the general public on topical issues from the area of the right to access information and the reuse of information (through cooperation with NGOs, the academic community, other institutions and the media).</p> <p>After 8 years of the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information, and with the aim of evaluating the efficiency of the legal framework for the exercise of the right to access information, it is necessary to conduct an independent analysis on access to information from the user's point of view, but also from the position of public authorities. In accordance with the objectives of the phrase "better regulations", before possible interventions to the legal text, the evaluation should contain data on the legal, political, sociological and economic implications of the application of this Act and serve as a guide in further work on the legal text.</p> <p>The adoption of amendments to the Act on the Right to Access Information is necessary in order to increase the degree of its application, to remove evident obstacles in the more efficient exercise of rights, primarily those that do not ensure legal protection to the user, which relate to the execution of the decisions of the Commissioner, but also in order to improve the proactive publication of information, greater transparency and responsibility of public authorities and strengthening the anti-corruption potential of the Act on the Right to Access Information.</p> <p>Essentially, the right to access information should be fundamentally exercised through the proactive publication of information by public authorities on the websites of the bodies and in the Central Catalogue of the Official Documentation of the Republic of Croatia, which represents the fastest way to obtain information, and only indirectly through protection mechanisms before a second instance body and ultimately before the High Administrative Court.</p> <p>In this process, systematic work on the use of new technologies is of crucial importance in order to enable easier participation of citizens and a higher level of transparency in the work of public organisations as well as the publication of data on all types of desirable and undesirable behaviours in the public administration.</p> <p>Analysis of ways of handling received complaints, ways of handling of public authorities according to requests for access to information and the share of administrative silence shows negative trends. According to the data from 2020, compared to 2019 the number of annulled decisions of public authorities remained unchanged, and compared to 2018 it increased (60.24% in 2020, 60.84% in 2019, 54.65% in 2018).</p>

	<p>In relation to cases of administrative silence, during 2020 there was an increase in the number of orders where public authorities were ordered to resolve requests in cases where public authorities did not resolve the request for access to information within the legal deadlines (58.47% in 2020, 35.43% in 2019, 28.07% in 2018).</p> <p>The above-mentioned indicates that the public authorities should make further efforts to handle requests within legal frameworks, and the supervisory body should continue designing models of further standardisation of following established standards of exercising the right to access information, with an increased efficiency of execution of the order and decisions of the Commissioner.</p> <p>It has also been noted that the local level, in comparison with the state administration, is not on the same level in terms of openness and transparency as well as the involvement of citizens. From the conducted research it is evident that only a small number of cities and municipalities conducted e-Consultations more often due to frequent amendments to acts of general application and strategic planning documents, while the majority rarely conduct this activity. In addition, the deadline for e-Consultations is often unduly shortened past the deadline of 30 days laid down by law. All of the above speaks in favour of the need for further refinement of the normative framework that applies in this area.</p>	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>Public authorities possess an extremely large amount of information of importance to the public. Access to public information is a strong mechanism of ensuring a responsible and efficient work of public authorities, that is, their management of public resources. The implementation of this right ensures the transparency and openness of the body and enables the inclusion of users of the right to access information, both in the processes of democratic oversight of institutions and in decision-making on numerous issues of individual and social interest.</p> <p>Access to information is achieved primarily by the proactive publication of information on the website of the bodies, publication in the Central Catalogue of the Official Documents of the Republic of Croatia, as well as the publication of open data, ensuring the publicity of work and conducting consultations with the public when adopting regulations and documents that affect the interests of users. The right of a natural and legal person to request access to information or the reuse of information, which is decided in a legally regulated procedure, with the possibility of filing a complaint to an independent body, is of equal importance.</p> <p>Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public establishes general principles, standards and measures for consultation with the interested public in the procedures for passing laws, other regulations and acts of state bodies, which regulate issues and take positions of interest for the general welfare (protection and promotion of human rights, public services, judiciary, environmental protection and others).</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>

1.1. Strengthen the awareness of NGOs, journalists and citizens on their right to access information	Underway	December 2023
1.2. Implement trainings on the right to access information for officials who apply the provisions of the Act on the Right to Access Information in their work	Underway	December 2023
1.3. Strengthen the transparency of public authorities in relation to the proactive publication of information, consultations with the public in the decision-making process and ensuring the publicity of the work of public authorities	Underway	December 2023
1.4. Establish a framework for increasing the transparency of the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information	Underway	December 2023
Contact information		
Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure	Information Commissioner	
Function, department	Information Commissioner	
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Croatian Government, Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society NGO, Units of local and regional self-government
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Number and title of activities:	1.1. Strengthen the awareness of NGOs, journalists and citizens on their right to access information
Co-leaders:	Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, academic society, NGOs
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research on the level of knowledge and awareness of users on the use of the right to access information on a sample of 500 respondents conducted - Four training sessions held for target groups of users of the right to access information (trainings for journalists and students as part of the continuation of the Right to Access to Information Campaign: I want to know, I want to participate!, - Two <i>briefings</i> per year (green associations, anti-corruption associations in the office of the Information Commissioner) held - Periodic publication of standards of behaviour in exercising the right to access information, based on the decisions of the Information Commissioner and the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia, for the purpose of informing users
The baseline value of result indicators:	Up until this moment, no research has been conducted on a representative sample (segregated by age, gender, level of education and geographical distribution), briefings have been held for associations that have been identified as the most frequent applicants of requests and petitions to the Information Commissioner, while the remaining activities represent the continuation of the activities started in the Action Plan for the previous period.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual reports on the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 25805, Information Commissioner, activity A874001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Commissioner's Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

Number and title of activities:	1.2. Implement trainings on the right to access information for officials who apply the provisions of the Act on the Right to Access Information in their work
Co-leaders:	Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, State School for Public Administration, State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia, Agency for the Protection of Personal Data
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings within the basic and advanced modules of the programme the Right to Access to Information via the system of State School for Public Administration held – 4 per year Implementation of education within the programme "Proactive publication of information and open data" through the system of the State School for Public Administration – 2 per year - At least 8 thematic webinars per year held - The annual professional consultation of the information officer held - Development of guidelines on the application of absolute limitations on the right to access information - Development of guidelines on exercising the right to access information in relation to the protection of personal data - Professional revision and amendment of the existing instructions and guidelines of the Information Commissioner
The baseline value of result indicators:	<p>Trainings in the State School for Public Administration on various segments of the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information are already being held, and given their importance, especially due to the high fluctuation of information officers, as well as conducting thematic webinars, it is proposed as an activity in this Action Plan. The same applies to the annual consultation of the information officer which also acts as a kind of forum for the exchange of experiences and knowledge among information officers. Extent of the implementation of so far is the same as the proposed one.</p> <p>The share of due process of legal authorities should be increased in the next period, as a consequence of the implementation of this activity.</p>
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual reports on the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information, website of the Information Commissioner
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 25805, Information Commissioner, activity A874001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Commissioner's Office and from section 10995 State School for Public Administration, activity A677028 Implementation of professional development and training programmes in the amount of HRK 15,460.00 per year.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

Number and title of activities:	1.3. Strengthen the transparency of public authorities in relation to the proactive publication of information, consultations with the public in the decision-making process and ensuring the publicity of the work of public authorities
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A self-assessment was carried out and a self-assessment document of compliance with the Act on the Right to Access to Information was published on the website for certain groups of bodies, at least 150 public authorities - Analytical monitoring of certain segments of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Act of the Right to Access Information implemented, with the development of reports and recommendations for coordinating procedures, at least 100 public authorities - Monitoring of compliance of websites and applications of public authorities with accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities carried out, with the preparation of reports
The baseline value of result indicators:	Self-assessment of compliance some of the bodies completed as optional, while a systematic self-assessment as an educational tool would directly contribute to the quality of the application of the obligation to proactively publish information, which is a fundamental form of exercising the right to access information.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information, EC report on digital accessibility, website of the Information Commissioner
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 25805, Information Commissioner, activity A874001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Commissioner's Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023
Number and title of activities:	1.4. Establish a framework for increasing the transparency of the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation of the effects of implementing the Act on the Right to Access Information done by independent experts
The baseline value of result indicators:	Act on the Right to Access Information was adopted in 2013 and amended in 2015, and due to the noticed shortcomings in the efficient application, as an example of good practice in revising the legal framework which is based on facts, it is necessary to conduct a peer evaluation of the application of the Act.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information, reports and claims for reimbursement of funds for a project financed by the ESF, the website of the Information Commissioner
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 25805, Information Commissioner, activity T874009 Improving the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information, in the amount of HRK 195,000.00 in 2022 (fully planned on source 561) and in the amount of HRK 205,000.00 in 2023 (fully planned on source 561).

Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023
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Measure 2. IMPROVING THE APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AREA OF PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA	
Leader of the measure	PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION AGENCY
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	From the beginning of the application of the General Data Protection Regulation (25 May 2018), Personal Data Protection Agency has received a large number of inquiries from citizens, controllers and processors from the public sector regarding the application of the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation and the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (OG 42/18). In addition to continuous education over the past 3 years, there is still a number of inquiries that indicate the need for conducting further education on the application of the above-mentioned regulations. Furthermore, the need for additional elaboration of certain parts of the General Data Protection Regulation, such as the tasks of Data Protection Officers, the delineation of the roles of controllers and processors, processing of special categories of data, etc. has been noted. It is necessary to invest additional efforts in education and raising the level of knowledge and awareness of rights and obligations which stem from the General Data Protection Regulation and the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation.
What does the measure include?	The measure includes conducting trainings whose aim is raising the level of knowledge and competences of participants within the framework of rights and obligations which stem from the General Data Protection Regulation and the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation. Through these trainings and in accordance with epidemiological measures, trainings of participants will be conducted on the part of the obligations arising for the data protection officer, an overview of the legal foundations for the lawfulness of the processing of personal data, the application and conditions of consent as one of the legal foundations, the processing of special categories of data, technical and organisational measures which ensure that only personal data necessary for each special purpose of the processing are processed in an integrated way, the roles of controllers and processors, remedies, liability and sanctions, etc. During these trainings, the participants will have the opportunity to ask questions through which they can present problems they encounter in practice during the application of provisions of General Data Protection Regulation and the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation.

How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?	Raising the level of awareness about the importance of personal data protection as well as the rights and obligations of participants, controllers and processors, educating on the role, importance and tasks of Data Protection Officers as well as the overall implementation of all administrative and professional work that stems from the General Data Protection Regulation and the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation.	
Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?	Timely and continuous training is relevant for achieving the values of OGP because it increases the transparency of public authorities, and enables an interactive exchange of experiences from practice between participants and the Personal Data Protection Agency with the aim of facilitating and improving their work, within the framework of rights and obligations that stem from the General Data Protection Regulation and the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation.	
Activities:	Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
2.1. Conduct trainings on the aspects of regulations governing the area of personal data protection with an emphasis on the General Data Protection Regulation	Underway	December 2023
Contact information		
Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure	Personal Data Protection Agency	
Function, department	Personal Data Protection Agency	
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Other participants involved	State participants	
	NGO, private sector,	

	multilaterals, working groups	
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Number and title of activities:	2.1. Conduct trainings on the application of regulations governing the area of personal data protection with an emphasis on the General Data Protection Regulation
Co-leaders:	State School for Public Administration
Implementation indicators:	- Conducting trainings on the application of regulations governing the area of personal data protection with an emphasis on the General Data Protection Regulation - 6 per year
The baseline value of result indicators:	/
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	- Annual reports of the Personal Data Protection Agency, the website of the Personal Data Protection Agency
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 10995, State School for Public Administration, activity A677028 Implementation of professional development and training programmes, in the amount of HRK 7,740.00 per year and from section 250 Personal Data Protection Agency, activity A765000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Agency.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

Measure 3. FISCAL TRANSPARENCY	
Leader of the measure	MINISTRY OF FINANCE
Description of the measure	

Which public issue does the measure address?	<p>Budget transparency implies that citizens are able to gain budget information which is full, essential, accurate, timely, and presented in an understandable way. Budget transparency contributes to the better management of budget funds and enables citizens to call the authorities to account, thus increasing confidence in political processes. Apart from the positive effects on good management, budget transparency also results in considerable financial benefits for the state. Research has shown that countries with transparent budgets have better access to international financial markets and lower borrowing costs.</p> <p>Fiscal data must be made more accessible to the public and published in open format, both at the level of the State Budget and at the local and regional levels. In addition, since the publication of databases on payments executed from the single State Budget account, it has been noted that improvements need to be made in order to provide better search options and download data in machine-readable form.</p>	
What does the measure include?	<p>The main goal of the measure is to increase fiscal transparency, primarily by the timely publication and opening of fiscal data for reuse.</p> <p>The measure includes several activities which will guarantee the regular publication of accurate, relevant information on fiscal data and the option to download them for reuse.</p>	
How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?	The measure contributes to resolving the issue of the timely publication of data in open format.	
Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?	The measure is relevant in terms of transparency, since it increases fiscal transparency, thus enabling citizens to participate more easily in budget processes (which should result in the more efficient provision of public services). In addition, the measure is relevant in regard to the issue of public accountability, because by increasing budget transparency and the entire budget process further, opportunities will arise to assess the accountability of civil servants and officials regarding the conduct of public policies within their competences.	
Activities:	Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
3.1. Increase the visibility and the use of the database on payments made from the single State Budget Account	January 2022	ongoing
3.2. Publishing in a timely manner State Budget proposal with	January 2022	ongoing

explanations in open format (Excel and Word)		
3.3. Promoting transparent publishing of budget data / Popularisation of machine-readable budget data	January 2022	ongoing
3.4. Publishing in a timely and continuous manner of a monthly series of revenues and expenditures of the State Budget on the website of the Ministry of Finance according to the national methodology of the calculation plan, publishing quarterly reports on revenues and expenditures of extra-budgetary beneficiaries and quarterly data for general government according to the new GFS 2014 methodology.	ongoing	ongoing
3.5. Publishing information on the spending of resources of the units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary beneficiaries	June 2022	ongoing
Contact information		
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Croatian County Association
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Number and title of activities:	3.1. Increase the visibility and the use of the database on payments made from the single State Budget Account
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Finance - State Treasury, Sector for Budget Execution
Implementation indicators:	- Increasing the refresh rate of data in a machine-readable form, available on the website of the Ministry of Finance on a weekly basis.
The baseline value of result indicators:	In the application Inquiry on payments from the State Budget by suppliers the data are refreshed daily. CSV files in a machine-readable form are refreshed and published on the websites of the Ministry of Finance on a quarterly basis
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	the transaction system of the State Treasury, and the data are collected on a daily basis for the previous day
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 025, Ministry of Finance, activity A538000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – ongoing
Number and title of activities:	3.2. Publishing in a timely manner State Budget proposal with explanations in machine-readable form (Excel)
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Finance, State Treasury, Government of the Republic of Croatia, Croatian Parliament
Implementation indicators:	- The draft State Budget in a machine-readable form (Excel) published as a document for discussion on the websites of the Government and the Croatian Parliament (agenda)
The baseline value of result indicators:	The draft State Budget as well as its amendments are published on the websites of the Government (in the agenda), Croatian Parliament, and after adoption on the websites of the Ministry of Finance in a timely manner. Until now, the Ministry has referred a special part of the budget to the Government in PDF format, the Government forwards the same documents to the Parliament, while the MF published the Special part of the budget on the websites in both PDF and Excel format.

Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Source: websites of the Ministry of Finance, the Government and the Parliament, frequency of collecting on an annual basis
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 025, Ministry of Finance, activity A538000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – ongoing
Number and title of activities:	3.3. Promoting transparent publishing of budget data / Popularisation of machine-readable budget data
Co-leaders:	All members of the Croatian County Association
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft State Budget, Rebalance Budget and reports in machine-readable form published in a timely manner; - Current budget data for 20 counties and the City of Zagreb published in a machine-readable, standardised form; work on the popularisation of open data and transparency
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Counties, two times per year Obligation to publish budget data are laid down in Article 144 of the Budget Act.
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Activity is conducted continuously and is financed from the budget of the Croatian County Association
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – ongoing
Number and title of activities:	3.4. Publishing in a timely and continuous manner of a monthly series of revenues and expenditures of the State Budget on the website of the Ministry of Finance according to the national methodology of the calculation plan, publishing quarterly reports on revenues and expenditures of extra-budgetary beneficiaries and quarterly data for general government according to the new GFS 2014 methodology.
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Finance, State Treasury, Bureau for Macroeconomic Analysis and Planning
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly series of revenues and expenditures of the State Budget published in a timely and continuous manner on the website of the Ministry of Finance according to the national methodology of the calculation plan, quarterly reports on revenues and expenditures of extra-budgetary beneficiaries and quarterly data for general government according to the new GFS 2014 methodology published.
The baseline value of result indicators:	Publishing data on the websites of the Ministry of Finance
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	SAP information system of the State Treasury, financial reports of budgetary and extra-budgetary beneficiaries of the State Budget and units of local and regional self-government, financial reports of non-profit organisations, and annual

	financial report of undertakings and other legal entities that are included in the sectoral coverage of the general government. SAP - monthly; OTHER - biannually and annually
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 025, Ministry of Finance, activity A538000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	ongoing
Number and title of activities:	3.5. Publishing information on the spending of resources of the units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary beneficiaries
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Finance, State Treasury, Sector for Budget Execution, Sector for Budget and Financing of Local and Regional Self-Government Units All persons obliged to publish information about resource spending according to the Budget Act
Implementation indicators:	<p>The provision of Article 144, paragraph 10 of the new Budget Act prescribes the obligation for units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary users to publish information on spending of resources on their websites in such a way that this information is easily accessible, searchable and machine-readable. The publication of information implies at least the publication of payments from the budget, that is, the financial plan during the budget year, the publication of information about the paying agent and the type of expenditure, and the publication of information about the recipient of funds, including his personal identification number, the name of a legal entity, or the name and surname of a natural person, except for information that represents classified information according to the Act regulating the secrecy of data and information whose publication would be contrary to special regulations.</p> <p>The Minister of Finance will determine the content, the minimum set of data, the method of publication of information on the spending of funds on the websites of units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary users, and the frequency of publication of information, as well as the method of mass download. The Minister will adopt an Instruction by 30 June 2022.</p> <p>Since the publication of information on the spending of resources is a legal obligation, we expect that all units of local and regional self-government, as well as budgetary and extra-budgetary users of both state and local budgets, will publish information on the spending of budgetary resources.</p>
The baseline value of result indicators:	Currently, a very small number of units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary users publish the above mentioned information about the spending of budget resources.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Source: websites of units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary users, and the frequency of publishing will be prescribed by Instruction
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources for adopting Instruction are assured from the State Budget, section 025, Ministry of Finance, activity A538000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.

	Activity is conducted continuously and is financed from the budget of the persons obliged to publish information (units of local and regional self-government, budgetary and extra-budgetary beneficiaries)
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	June 2022 – ongoing

Measure 4. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

Leader of the measure	CROATIAN PARLIAMENT
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	The measure contributes to increasing the openness and transparency of the Croatian Parliament and informing and, where possible, involving citizens in participating in the processes of shaping, deciding and monitoring the implementation of public policies, open government and good governance.
What does the measure include?	<p>The measure includes the promotion and implementation of educational programmes and workshops adapted to different target groups and their needs. The aim of educational programmes for primary and secondary school students as well as college students is to increase the level of knowledge and competences and prepare them for participation in democratic decision-making processes.</p> <p>Through educational workshops for citizens, in accordance with epidemiological measures, interested citizens will be educated on various topics and opportunities to participate in decision-making processes (e.g. how and to whom to write a petition or proposal and then send it to a specific working body depending on the field of work, how to write a draft of a legislative proposal, how to participate in the process of public consultation on draft acts in the process of their adoption, the proposers of which are Members of Parliament, working bodies and members' clubs).</p> <p>In accordance with epidemiological measures, in addition to the already existing educational visits for students of lower grades (3rd and 4th grade) and students of higher grades (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade), an online quiz for students of the 8th grade "How well do you know the Croatian Parliament?", the educational programme is expanding with the opening of a Competition in writing an essay/representative speech on a given topic for students of the 8th grade. The invitation to students follows the educational outcomes of the curriculum of the subject History for the 8th grade of primary school, especially the teaching unit The Emergence of the Sovereign and Independent State of Croatia and the role and significance of the Croatian Parliament in the creation of the Republic of Croatia. The students write an essay/parliamentary speech which focuses on the basic state legal acts passed by the Parliament that are significant for the creation of the sovereign Republic of Croatia and its political structure. The purpose and aim of the competition in the writing of essays/parliamentary speeches for students in the 8th grade of primary schools is to develop the historical literacy of students and to encourage them to develop historical thinking, critical reflection, familiarise them with democratic procedures and nurture democratic principles and values. By familiarising with the</p>

modern political history students understand political activity and are becoming acquainted with the process of building authority and state institutions.

In accordance with epidemiological measures, programmes for high school students include *educational visits* to the Croatian Parliament, which, along with a tour of the Parliament with expert guidance, also include a lecture for students that follows the subject curricula, attendance at the Parliament session from the gallery in the Parliament and the opportunity to interact with the representatives. The lecture refers mainly to the knowledge that students need to adopt from the field of the political system of the Republic of Croatia and the organisation of state power, and it is also related to the knowledge that students need to adopt for taking the exam in the subject Politics and Economics at the state graduation (*matura*) exams. In addition, a *Simulated Parliament for high school students* is planned to be held annually in Sabornica, with expert support to teachers for the preparation of a simulated student parliament. By simulating parliamentary work in the Croatian Parliament – from working in members' clubs, responsible committees and at the Parliament session – students directly acquire knowledge about the legislative procedure and the course of law-making. Teachers prepare students for a simulated session as part of the following classes: Politics and Economics, Sociology, Philosophy, Ethics, interdisciplinary Civic Education, History and legal groups of subjects: Introduction to State and Law, Constitutional Set-up of Croatia, etc. The goals of conducting this training programme are: to provide students with practical experience of the activities of the legislature and the role of members, their work in parliamentary committees and in members' clubs, to clarify to students the process of making public policies until the adoption of laws, to encourage and develop political opinion and critical thinking of a student who is familiarising himself with the role and responsibility of the authorities, the sources of its legitimacy, the importance of the legislative procedure and respect for democratic procedures in the process of adopting laws and the importance of complying with the laws in force. The purpose of conducting this educational programme is to enable students to acquire knowledge through practice about politics as content, political institutions and political processes, as well as to encourage the active participation of young people in public policy-making and inclusion in decision-making processes. In addition, an *online quiz competition for high school students called "How much do you know the Croatian Parliament?"* will be organised on an annual basis. Quiz questions arise from the curriculum for the subject Politics and Economics in conjunction with the curricula of the legal group of subjects and other related subjects in the social sciences and humanities field. This educational programme has two goals: the first is to provide students with the opportunity to test their knowledge of the Parliament, its structure and competences, as well as procedures in the adoption of acts, and the rights and obligations of Members of Parliament, and the second is to motivate students to gain additional knowledge about the role and place of the Parliament in the Republic of Croatia from the constitution of the first democratic multi-party Parliament on 30 May 1990 to the present day, which implies all those constitutional powers of the Parliament as a Parliament of one of the Member States of the European Union. *Competition in writing essays or parliamentary speeches on a given topic* is organised for high school students. The invitation to the students follows the educational outcomes of the curriculum of the subject Politics and Economics for high schools in conjunction with the curricula of the legal group of subjects and other related subjects in the social sciences and humanities field. The students write an essay/parliamentary speech examining the basic state-forming acts adopted by the Parliament. The expected educational outcomes of such teaching will enable students to familiarise themselves with the political system of the Republic of Croatia and the structure, role and responsibility

	<p>of the authorities and the sources of its legitimacy even better. The purpose and aim of the competition in writing essays/parliamentary speeches for high school students is to develop their political literacy and to encourage students to develop political thinking, and critical reflection, to familiarise them with democratic procedures and nurture democratic principles and values.</p> <p>The programme for students of higher education institutions includes a lecture for students on the organisation, powers and working methods of the Parliament and its working parties, members' clubs, legislative procedure, rights and obligations of members, tasks and working methods of the Parliament and its working parties in European affairs, etc. Part of the programme includes organising a simulated student Parliament in the Parliament. By participating in the project Simulated Parliament, students have the opportunity to expand their knowledge about the legislative procedure and the working methods of the Croatian Parliament, as well as to improve their rhetorical skills and ability to conduct an informed discussion and the importance of participating in political processes in general. Therefore, the aim of this project is to educate students about the work of the Parliament, as well as to stimulate their interest and motivate them to engage more in politics by raising awareness of the importance of active participation in political processes. The programme also enables the organisation of discussions/thematic discussions of students with members - members of the parliamentary committees, on a pre-agreed topic, the organisation of lectures on a pre-agreed topic held by the lecturers of the Citizens Service as well as lecturers from other specialist services of the Parliament.</p> <p>In addition, in accordance with epidemiological measures, educational workshops for citizens will be conducted through which interested citizens will be educated on various topics and possibilities of participation in decision-making processes (e.g. how to write a petition or proposal and to which working body to refer it, depending on the field of the work, how to write a draft legislative proposal, how to participate in the process of public consultation on draft acts in the process of their adoption, the proposers of which are Members of Parliament, working bodies and members' clubs).</p>
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>The measure will contribute to even greater openness and transparency of the Croatian Parliament, and will also contribute to better information and, where possible, the involvement of citizens in participating in the processes of shaping, deciding and monitoring the implementation of public policies and open government and good governance.</p>
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The measure is relevant for achieving the values of the Open Government Partnership because it increases the transparency of public authorities, enables participation of citizens, especially young people, with the aim of their stronger involvement and preparation for the decision-making process, to create a transparent and open society. The support of the Croatian Parliament to the education system through stronger involvement of young people in raising the level of competences and preparation for participation in decision-making processes is in accordance with the aim of raising the level of transparency and openness.</p>
<p>Additional information:</p>	<p>The measure will be conducted within the framework of budget funds of the Croatian Parliament.</p>

Activities:		Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
4.1. Conducting educational programmes for elementary school students		Underway	December 2023
4.2. Conducting educational programmes for high school students		Underway	December 2023
4.3. Conducting educational programmes for students of higher education institutions		Underway	December 2023
4.4. Conducting educational programmes for citizens		Underway	December 2023
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Other participants involved	State participants	Commissions for the implementation of all educational programmes which consist of teachers and professors of various groups of subjects, working groups.	
	NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Council for Civil Society Development	

Number and title of activities:	4.1. Conducting educational programmes for elementary school students

Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational visits for students of lower grades (3rd and 4th grade) and students of higher grades (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade) conducted - Online quiz for students of the 8th grade of primary school "How well do you know the Croatian Parliament?" conducted - Competitions for students of the 8th grade of primary schools in writing essays/parliamentary speeches on a given topic conducted
The baseline value of result indicators:	The existing educational programmes conducted
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual report on the work of the Citizens Service of the Croatian Parliament
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 010 05, activity A501000 Administration and management, in the amount of HRK 10,000 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	ongoing - December 2023
Number and title of activities:	4.2. Conducting educational programmes for high school students
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational visits to the Croatian Parliament conducted, which, along with a tour of the Parliament with expert guidance, also include a lecture for students that follows the subject curricula, attendance at the Parliament session from the gallery in the Parliament and the opportunity to interact with the representatives - <i>Simulated Parliament for high school students</i> conducted annually in Sabornica, with expert support to teachers for the preparation of a simulated student parliament - <i>Online quiz for high school students "How well do you know the Croatian Parliament?"</i> conducted annually - <i>Competition in writing essays or parliamentary speeches on a given topic</i> conducted
The baseline value of result indicators:	The existing educational programmes conducted
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual report on the work of the Citizens Service of the Croatian Parliament
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 010 05, activity A501000 Administration and management, in the amount of HRK 10,000 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	ongoing - December 2023
Number and title of activities:	4.3 Conduct educational programmes for students of higher education institutions

Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lectures for students on the organisation, powers and working methods of the Parliament and its working parties, members' clubs, legislative procedure, rights and obligations of members, tasks and working methods of the Parliament and its working parties in European affairs, etc held. - Simulated Parliament of students in Sabornica conducted - Discussions/thematic discussions of students with members - members of the parliamentary committees, on a pre-agreed topic conducted, the organisation of lectures on a pre-agreed topic held by the lecturers of the Citizens Service as well as lecturers from other specialist services of the Parliament.
The baseline value of result indicators:	The existing educational programmes conducted
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual report on the work of the Citizens Service of the Croatian Parliament
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 010 05, activity A501000 Administration and management, in the amount of HRK 5,000 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	ongoing - December 2023
Number and title of activities:	4.4. Conducting educational programmes for citizens
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational workshops for citizens on various topics and possibilities of participation in decision-making processes (e.g. how to write a petition or proposal and to which working body to refer it, depending on the field of the work, how to write a draft legislative proposal, how to participate in the process of public consultation on draft acts in the process of their adoption, the proposers of which are Members of Parliament, working bodies and members' clubs).
The baseline value of result indicators:	The existing educational programmes conducted
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual report on the work of the Citizens Service of the Croatian Parliament
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 010 05, activity A501000 Administration and management, in the amount of HRK 5,000 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	ongoing - December 2023

Measure 5. IMPROVING THE TRANSPARENCY AND FINANCING OF THE REFERENDUM ACTIVITY

Leader of the measure	STATE ELECTORAL COMMISSION
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	The current Referendum Act and other forms of personal participation in the exercise of state power and local and regional self-government stipulate the calling and implementation of referendums and other forms of personal participation of Croatian citizens with voting rights in the exercise of state power and local and regional self-government (hereinafter: the current Referendum Act). One of the issues which the Referendum Act does not solve is the collection, recording and publication of information on referendum initiatives.
What does the measure include?	<p>One of the planned activities of the State Electoral Commission important for achieving the values of the OGP is the establishment of the Record of Referendum Initiatives. At the moment, this type of record does not exist. Therefore, it is significantly more difficult, if not impossible, to obtain information about referendums conducted at the local level for a certain period of time, since no state body has such aggregated data. Upon establishment of the Record of Referendum Initiatives, it is necessary to ensure its publication in one place, on the website of the State Electoral Commission.</p> <p>In addition, with the entry into force of the Act on Financing Political Activities, Election Campaigns and Referenda in March 2019 (hereinafter: the Financing Act), the State Electoral Commission has been given the authority to carry out the supervision of the financing of the referendum activity of the organising committee in the national and local referendums (hereinafter: participants in the referendum activity). The Financing Act prescribes that financial statements which relate to referendum activity should be delivered to the State Electoral Commission by entering into the information system for supervising financing within the aforementioned Statutory Deadlines and that on the first working day after their delivery they are published on the website of the State Electoral Commission in an open, machine-readable format.</p> <p>State Electoral Commission in the coming period intends to conduct proactive training for participants of the referendum activities in order to minimise any violations of the Financing Act.</p>
How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?	The implementation of legal and regulatory provisions raises the quality of information and public involvement in the process of referendum activities.

<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The establishment of the Record of Referendum Initiatives and its publication on the website of the State Electoral Commission raises the degree of transparency of all information relevant to a particular referendum initiative.</p> <p>Publication of the financial reports in the field of financing the referendum activity allows all interested persons to obtain quick information on the way of financing the participants of a particular referendum activity (own resources/donations) and the content and level of costs of the participants in the referendum activity, thereby raising the degree of transparency of such financing.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>
<p>5.1. Conducting training of participants of the referendum activity with the aim of strengthening the transparency of financing of referendum activity</p>	<p>October 2023</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
<p>5.2. Establishing the Record of Referendum Initiatives</p>	<p>January 2023</p>	<p>March 2023</p>
<p>5.3. Conducting training of participants of the referendum activity with the aim of introducing participants to the provisions of the Referendum Act and strengthening the transparency of the financing of referendum activities</p>	<p>October 2023</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
<p>Contact information</p>		
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	

Activity name:		5.1. Conducting training of participants of the referendum activity with the aim of strengthening the transparency of financing of referendum activity
Implementation indicators:		- Online training session for participants of the referendum activity developed and published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission
The baseline value of result indicators:		Online training session for participants of referendum activities was published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission in the fourth quarter of 2020 in accordance with the Act on Financing Political Activities, Election Campaigns and Referenda. The training needs to be updated, adapted to possible changes of positive-legal regulations and compatible with the practice in the implementation of monitoring the financing of referendum activities, as well as the monitoring of the financing of political activities and the supervision of the financing of election campaigns
Source of data and frequency of data collection:		The Act that prescribes calling and conducting referendums The Act that prescribes the implementation of monitoring the financing of referendum activities and reports on the conducted supervision of the financing of referendums Frequency of data collection: on a one-time basis
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):		Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 012 State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia, activity K896003 Informatisation of the State Electoral Commission, in the amount of HRK 50,000 in the year 2023.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:		October 2023 – December 2023
Activity name:		5.2. Establishing the Record of Referendum Initiatives
Implementation indicators:		- Record of Referendum Initiatives established and published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission
The baseline value of result indicators:		The baseline value is – 0.

Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Record of Referendum Initiatives established Record of Referendum Initiatives published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission Frequency of data collection: on a permanent basis
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources will be assured from the State Budget, section 012 State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - activity K896003 Informatisation of the State Electoral Commission, in the amount of HRK 258,750.00 for the year 2023, - activity A896006 Implementation of the referendum, in the amount of HRK 247,500.00 annually for the year 2023
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2023 – March 2023
Activity name:	5.3. Conducting training of participants of the referendum activity with the aim of introducing participants to the provisions of the Financing Act and strengthening the transparency of the financing of referendum activities
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Webinars for participants of the referendum activity recorded and published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission
The baseline value of result indicators:	The baseline value is – 0.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Webinars published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission Information about webinars published on the websites of the State Electoral Commission Frequency: on a one-time basis
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 012, State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia, activity A896002 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Commission.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	October 2023 – December 2023

**Measure 6. IMPROVING THE TRANSPARENCY OF ACTIVITIES AND FINANCING OF PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
THE ORGANISATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY**

Leader of the measure

GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR COOPERATION WITH NGOs OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT

Description of the measure

Which public issue does the measure address?

With the entry into force of the Regulation on the criteria, standards and procedures of financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations (OG 26/2015 and 37/21), uniform standards have been established for financing programmes and projects implemented by NGOs from public sources, keeping in mind that this system has been being improved for years in the sense of greater transparency and the standardisation of criteria, standards and procedures for distributing funds. However, there is still a wider public perception that funds are distributed and spent non-transparently, and it is therefore necessary to invest more efforts to increase transparency and make all information available to the public.

Understanding Public Procurement Act is one of the topics that NGOs, as beneficiaries of public resources in the implementation of their projects and programmes, continuously encounter, together with financial providers. In order to ensure the unequivocal application of the Public Procurement Act, it is necessary to ensure trainings for non-obliged entities of public procurement with the aim of increasing the transparency of the use of public funds.

What does the measure include?

The measure includes the establishment of a new IT system to monitor and valorise the distribution of funds for programmes and/or projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations in accordance with Article 56. of the Regulation on the criteria, standards and procedures of financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations, updating and building up the public database on projects and programmes implemented by NGOs financed from public resources, and delivering a training programme on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by NGOs, all with the aim of achieving greater transparency in financing NGO programmes and projects and greater public access to information about them.

In addition, the measure includes conducting trainings for leaders and employees of commercial companies owned by the Republic of Croatia, that is, one or more units of local and regional self-government, as well as leaders and employees of these units and bodies of state administrations about the criteria, standards, and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations.

<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>The establishment of the new IT system to monitor and valorise awards of financial resources to NGOs which carry out programmes and/or projects of interest to the public good will guarantee a better platform for all bodies which award funding to NGOs, with the aim of monitoring and valorising their programmes and projects, and preventing duplication in financing the same programmes and projects. By updating and building up the public database on NGO projects and programmes financed from public resources, public and up-to-date access will be guaranteed to information about financed programmes and projects, while the implementation of a training programme on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting NGO programmes and projects of interest to the public good will assure standardisation of the application of the Regulation on criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by NGOs, at the level of all bodies which finance NGO programmes and projects, and will guarantee the transparency of the entire process, that is, the use of the IT system and public database which will be set up, updated and built up through the implementation of this measure. Reducing the administrative burden is emphasised throughout the whole system, as well as further strengthening the existing capacities for the effective management of the tender cycle.</p> <p>As part of the improvement of transparency, quality and standards in the processes of distribution of funds to programmes and projects of interest to the public good, training programmes are conducted on the criteria and standards for the distribution of donations and sponsorships to NGOs in accordance with the Regulation on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations for public commercial companies. In addition, training on procurement procedures for non-obliged entities of public procurement is envisaged with the aim of increasing transparency of the use of public funds.</p>	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The measure is relevant to transparency since it guarantees the transparency of the procedure of awarding funds to NGOs, and access to information on the programmes and projects financed. In addition, it is relevant to public accountability, since guaranteeing transparency and access to information in this area also affects the accountability of civil servants and officials who make decisions and implement activities in the field of distributing funds to NGOs.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>
<p>6.1. Creating a new IT system to monitor and valorise the distribution of funds for programmes and/or projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>

6.2. Conduct a training programme on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations for civil and local servants as well as other providers of public funds.	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
6.3. Improve the implementation of the Regulation on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
6.4. Conducting trainings on procurement procedures for non-obliged entities of public procurement with the aim of increasing transparency of the use of public funds	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
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Other participants involved	State participants	State School for Public Administration, state administration bodies, units of local and regional self-government, commercial companies in majority ownership of the state or units of local and regional self-government, tourist associations
	NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Croatian Olympic Committee, national sporting associations and sporting communities at the local and regional levels, Croatian Association of Technical Culture and local and regional associations of technical culture, Croatian Firefighting Association and local and regional firefighting associations

Number and title of activities:	6.1. Creating a new IT system to monitor and valorise the distribution of funds for programmes and/or projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New IT system on financed projects set up - Public database of contracted and financed projects set up - Annual reports on the financed projects of NGOs published - Number of system users
The baseline value of result indicators:	The Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs has been publishing annual reports on financing projects and programmes of NGOs since 2006. The establishment of the new IT system will speed up reporting of financial providers for projects and programmes of associations from public sources. Moreover, the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs has been running a base of financed projects from public sources since 2004, however, the base is updated only on the basis of the development of annual reports, and the establishment of the information system will enable a real-time overview of the contracted projects.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the financing of projects and programmes of NGOs
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are planned from the State Budget, section 02010, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Croatian Government, activity A509042, Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Programme, in the amount of HRK 6,937,375.00 in the year 2023.
Implementation start date and	January 2022 – December 2023

implementation deadline:	
Number and title of activities:	6.2. Conduct a training programme on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations for civil and local servants as well as other providers of public funds.
Co-leaders:	State School for Public Administration
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six educational seminars conducted for state and local level annually - Number of seminar participants
The baseline value of result indicators:	Number of workshops held and number of trained officials and other participants at the State School for Public Administration and directly with providers of public funds
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Report on the work of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 10995 State School for Public Administration, activity A677028, Implementation of the programme of professional training in the amount of HRK 30,960.00 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2023
Number and title of activities:	6.3. Improve the implementation of the Regulation on the criteria, standards and procedures for financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations
Co-leaders:	State School for Public Administration, state administration bodies, units of local and regional self-government
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of trainings held and number of officials providers of financial and non-financial resources trained for the application of the Regulation. - Number of prepared sectoral analyses on financing needs. - Annual plans and calendars for the issuing of public tenders on awards of non-returnable resources to projects and programmes and institutional activities of NGOs published on the websites of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs and of the providers of non-returnable resources. - Number of tenders and other funding programmes implemented in accordance with the deadlines set out in the Annual Plan of Issuing Public Tenders.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The annual presentation of public tenders, invitations and other cooperation programmes with associations and other NGOs held, financed from the State Budget, part of gambling revenues, EU funds and other funds at the national level. - Number of public tenders whose documents has been delivered to the Office for Cooperation with NGOs for compliance with the Regulation. - The evaluation of the implementation and impact of the Regulation on the criteria, standards and procedures of financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest to the public good implemented by associations in cooperation with all stakeholders to whom this Regulation applies carried out. - The Regulation amended or supplemented in accordance with the results of the carried out evaluation.
The baseline value of result indicators:	State administration bodies draw up annual plans for competitions on the basis of sectoral analyses, and during Info days, civil society organisations have participated in the consultation on the planned competitions.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Report on the work of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02010 Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, activity A509000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2023
Number and title of activities:	6.4. Conduct trainings of NGOs on procedures of public procurement for non-obliged entities of public procurement with the aim of increasing transparency of the use of public resources.
Participants in implementation:	Ministry of the Economy and Sustainable Development
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One training per year on procedures of procurement for non-obliged entities of public procurement conducted in an <i>online</i> format
The baseline value of result indicators:	0, because no such trainings have been conducted
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Report on the work of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02010 Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, activity A509000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.

Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2023
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Measure 7. STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE LEVEL OF COMMERCIAL COMPANIES IN MAJORITY OWNERSHIP OF UNITS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

Leader of the measure	GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR COOPERATION WITH NGOs OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	<p>A review of the current state of affairs at local levels of government has detected the existence of real risks which may lead to corruption in work and asset management, that is, in commercial companies in the ownership of units of local and regional self-government. In this context, it should be noted that the Anti-Corruption Programme for commercial companies in the ownership of units of local and regional self-government from 2021 to 2022, accepted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia in December 2020 is currently being implemented, the aim of which is to strengthen anti-corruption standards, that is, strengthen the transparency and accountability and control risks in asset management operations of units of local and regional self-government.</p> <p>Among other things, in the reports on financing programmes and projects by NGOs from public sources, which are prepared by the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, there is information on financing NGOs from the revenues of public commercial companies. In this regard, the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs has established the need to conduct training that would cover public commercial companies and ensure that the distribution of funds to NGOs is carried out in accordance with positive regulations.</p>
What does the measure include?	<p>The measure enables the further strengthening of transparency in the field of asset management of units of local and regional self-government.</p> <p>In this context, it should be noted that, as part of the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2015-2020, a complete list of commercial companies in majority ownership of units of local and regional self-government was drawn up for the first time and the data on the names of board members and supervisory boards were collected for the first time.</p>

	<p>The production of the above mentioned list is important in the context of the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Programme for commercial companies in majority ownership of units of local and regional self-government for 2021-2022, which is currently in action. As part of the further strengthening of transparency in this context, a training programme for commercial companies in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia or one or more units of local and regional self-government on the criteria and standards for awarding donations and sponsorships to NGOs is also planned.</p>	
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>The adoption and implementation of the Anti-Corruption Programme for commercial companies in the ownership of units of local and regional self-government attempts to set up efficient mechanisms for suppressing corruption in companies in the ownership of local authorities, with the aim of promoting a comprehensive policy of prevention, efficient reporting mechanisms and high standards of company accountability, thus contributing to overall business efficiency.</p> <p>The competent bodies of companies are instructed to work intensively on developing appropriate management practices, abiding by the main elements of the fight against corruption, and to be proactive in achieving the priority goals of anti-corruption policies, particularly in relation to achieving the goals of strengthening integrity, accountability and transparency in their work. It is expected that the implementation of training programmes for commercial companies in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia or one or more units of local and regional self-government on the criteria and standards for awarding donations and sponsorships to NGOs will improve the transparency of these processes, and raise their quality in general, aligning them with positive regulations in this area.</p>	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The implementation of the measure contributes to strengthening transparency and access to information held by public authorities at the local level and to improving the quality of published information.</p> <p>At the same time, implementation enables company accountability to be strengthened, with the more efficient management of public resources and the increased integrity of public services, that is, public and civil servants.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>
<p>7.1. Implementing the training programme for commercial companies in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia or one or more units of local and regional self-government on the standards for</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>

awarding donations and sponsorships to NGOs			
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Other participants involved	State participants	Information Commissioner, Commission for the Resolution of Conflicts of Interest, units of local and regional self-government	
	NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	State School for Public Administration, state administration bodies, units of local and regional self-government, commercial companies in majority ownership of the state or units of local and regional self-government, tourist associations	

Number and title of activities:	7.1. Implementing the training programme for commercial companies in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia or one or more units of local and regional self-government on the standards for awarding donations and sponsorships to NGOs
Implementation indicators:	- A minimum of two training workshops held annually
The baseline value of result indicators:	Four workshops held by 2021
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Representatives of commercial companies in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia or one or more units of local and regional self-government trained

Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02010, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Croatian Government, activity A509042, Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Programme, in the amount of HRK 16,500.00 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2023

Measure 8. IMPROVING THE NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE MEDIA

Leader of the measure	MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND MEDIA
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	<p>The recession which began in 2009 had a negative effect on all types of media in Croatia. As a result of reduced revenues from advertising, between 2010 and 2015 the number of journalists fell, and many media houses ceased to operate. The development of technology and convergences, access to broadband Internet and the invasion of smartphones radically changed the media ecosystem. The boundary between electronic and printed media became blurred, as both now had extensions via many non-linear services. On the Croatian media market, we need to bear in mind that regulation and support must include all media: public, commercial (electronic and print), and non-profit. The sustainability of media products with contents of public interest must be the obligation of all participants, while of course the public and non-profit media have a special role. Foreign entertainment media contents dominate all platforms, whether linear or non-linear, so that domestic products and the European parts would barely be able to survive on the competitive global market were it not for envisaged quotas. As part of talks on the revision of the AVMS Directive, there has been much discussion of how the quota system and option of gathering resources for producing and distributing European AV and encouraging media pluralism can be assured, through a regime of regulating non-linear platforms and services.</p> <p>In Croatia, the enforcement of the Media Act has not been assured, which has had a largely negative effect on respecting journalism ethics and standards in general (the pressure of the market economy). Today, there is increasing talk of 'fake news' and the lack of editorial accountability, particularly on all non-linear platforms. Croatia is one of only a few countries which do not have a regulatory body for print or some form of <i>Press Council</i>. Ensuring systematic financing for non-profit media contributes to the fight against the spread of "fake news" and to the truthful</p>

	<p>and balanced information of citizens about political and social issues, so that they can competently make the best decisions in accordance with their own interests.</p> <p>It is necessary to strengthen co-regulation and self-regulation as models which contribute in a significant way to restoring damaged professional journalism standards and raising awareness of the phenomenon of "fake news". In this context, the issue of public trust in the media is very important, along with the issue of developing media literacy in particular. Protecting minors and fighting hate speech are special challenges in regulating non-linear services.</p> <p>In the Republic of Croatia, the problem related to transparency is the issue of media ownership structures and it is often pointed out that they are hidden even though we have no concrete evidence of this.</p>	
What does the measure include?	<p>The implementation of the measure will guarantee a new normative framework to enable a more functional system for working in the new digital environment and assure more transparent publication of ownership structures and the sources of financing.</p> <p>The establishment of working groups is needed to produce the draft Media Act, and in-depth analysis, including, if necessary, amendments to the Croatian Radio and Television Act and the Croatian News Agency Act.</p> <p>All stakeholders to whom the provisions of these Acts apply will participate in the working groups, from non-profit media service providers to state administration bodies, and when the draft document is ready, consultations will be held with the interested public.</p>	
How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?	<p>Amendments to the normative framework will facilitate the work of the media in the new conditions of the digital society, the publication of information on the proprietors of all media to the level of natural persons, the publication of relevant information linked to the work of the media, the further development of media literacy, and the establishment of the fact-checking system.</p>	
Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?	<p>The measure is relevant for a more transparent, more efficient work of the media.</p>	
Activities:	Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
8.1. Drafting the Media Act	underway	September 2023

8.2. Improve legal provisions related to the disclosure of media ownership and sources of financing	underway	September 2023
8.3. Establishing the media fact-checking system	underway	December 2023
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Other participants involved	<p data-bbox="387 116 611 145">State participants</p> <p data-bbox="356 464 629 566">NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups</p>	<p data-bbox="654 116 1021 145">Agency for Electronic Media</p> <p data-bbox="654 173 1034 202">Croatian Competition Agency</p> <p data-bbox="654 231 1451 260">Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society</p> <p data-bbox="654 288 898 317">Ministry of Finance</p> <p data-bbox="654 346 1368 375">Ministry of the Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p data-bbox="654 403 992 432">Information Commissioner</p> <p data-bbox="654 461 1059 489">Croatian Chamber of Economy</p> <p data-bbox="654 518 1072 547">Croatian Employers' Association</p> <p data-bbox="654 576 1184 604">Croatian Association of Radio Publishers</p> <p data-bbox="654 633 1055 662">National Television Association</p> <p data-bbox="654 691 954 719">Croatian News Agency</p> <p data-bbox="654 748 824 777">Nova TV d.d.</p> <p data-bbox="654 805 913 834">RTL Hrvatska d.o.o.</p> <p data-bbox="654 863 987 892">Croatian Radio Television</p> <p data-bbox="654 920 1281 949">Experts acting in the field of media fact-checking</p>
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Number and title of activities:	8.1. Drafting the Media Act
Co-leaders:	stakeholders to whom the provisions of the Act apply, state administration bodies
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="701 1246 1447 1275">- Working groups set up to produce the draft Media Act <li data-bbox="701 1278 1084 1307">- Draft Media Act produced <li data-bbox="701 1310 1485 1339">- Draft Media Act adopted at a session of the Government
The baseline value of result indicators:	The baseline value is – 0

Source of data and frequency of data collection:	/
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 55, Ministry of Culture and Media, activity A564000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	underway – September 2023
Number and title of activities:	8.2. Improve legal provisions related to the disclosure of media ownership and sources of financing
Co-leaders:	Agency for Electronic Media, Croatian Chamber of Economy
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal for changes to the relevant legislative framework to allow the publishing of information on media proprietors to the level of natural persons (reusable, easily searchable, open code format) and the source of media funding.
The baseline value of result indicators:	The baseline value is – 0
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	/
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 55 Ministry of Culture and Media, activity A785015 Programmes that enable access to cultural content for persons with disabilities, in the amount of HRK 1,000,000.00 for the year 2022 and in the amount of HRK 2,000,000.00 for the year 2023 (resources are fully assured from EU sources, under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	underway – September 2023
Number and title of activities:	8.3. Establishing the media fact-checking system
Co-leaders:	Agency for Electronic Media
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Agency for Electronic Media will implement the measures through the establishment of a media fact-checking system, including the development of procedures and rules, the development of registers and the strengthening of the capacity of digital competences of fact-checkers, as well as the development of technological programmes, platforms and systems of communication with the media, the creation of a database.

The baseline value of result indicators:	The baseline value is – 0
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 55 Ministry of Culture and Media, activity A785015 Programmes that enable access to cultural content for persons with disabilities, in the amount of HRK 5,000,000.00 for the year 2022 and in the amount of HRK 2,000,000.00 for the year 2023 (resources are fully assured from EU sources, under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	underway – December 2023

Measure 9. IMPROVING THE CENTRAL CATALOGUE OF THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION	
Leader of the measure	CENTRAL STATE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIGITAL SOCIETY
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	<p>Act on the Right to Access Information defines the Central Catalogue of the Official Documentation of the Republic of Croatia as a publicly accessible tool on the Internet that provides users with permanent, free and open access to official documents of public authorities in one place. This way the interested public can achieve the basic principles of the Act on the Right to Access Information.</p> <p>In the Croatian Act on the Right to Access Information, the Central Catalogue of the Official Documentation of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter: The Central Catalogue) represents one of the ways of exercising the right to access information. The Central Catalogue is a form of proactive publication of information, thereby achieving better administrative transparency in the sense that public authorities can publish official information through the Central Catalogue even before receiving an individual request for specific information.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 10a of the Act, public authorities submit their documents to the Central Catalogue, where they are further enriched with metadata (additional data describing the document), in order to make them more reachable and searchable. On the Central Catalogue portal, documents can be searched, viewed, and downloaded.</p> <p>The Central Catalogue consists of legal regulations, international treaties, official gazettes of units of local and regional self-government and other documents and publications of public authorities (the publication of which is not in the</p>

	<p>official gazettes, and the bodies develop them in accordance with the obligations provided for in the regulations governing their activity or obligations to the founder). In addition to the documents stored in the Central Catalogue, data on legislative, executive and judicial authorities, public sector institutions, diplomatic representations, commercial companies of special state interest and local and regional self-government bodies are also available within the Central Catalogue portal. In addition, information on persons who have held or currently hold office or high offices in public authorities, party offices and party parliamentary mandates in the Croatian Parliament are also available. For the purpose of organising data and fast and targeted search of databases and collections, a single national documentation conceptual system for a harmonised content processing of official information sources is being developed and maintained, the backbone of which is the Croatian edition of Eurovoc, a multilingual multidisciplinary thesaurus of the European Union.</p> <p>Documents and other information within the Central Catalogue are currently available through three different search engines, the entry requires work in online databases, a number of specially created IT applications and databases are in use, two CMS are used, there is a lack of automation and connectivity of applications and databases, lack of automation of control mechanisms, and data collection is not automated. Therefore, the project of improving the Central Catalogue was launched in 2018. The implementation of the EU project "Establishment of an Integral System for the Management of Official Documentation of the Republic of Croatia" in the Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society will ensure better management of official documentation, better availability of documents to end-users, development of a search engine for searching official documents as a recognizable Croatian product and better information of information officers about legal obligations in accordance with the Act on the Right to Access Information.</p>
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The measure includes the improvement of the Central Catalogue i.e. the system for the management of official documentation and information of the Republic of Croatia and the training of the information officers on the legal obligation of submitting to the Central Catalogue as well as on the use of the improved system (delivery and search of the Central Catalogue).</p>

<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>The improvement of the Central Catalogue enables a higher level of openness, transparency and availability of official documents and information on the work of public authorities through the permanent availability and possibility of reusing public official documents and information of the Republic of Croatia to all interested parties on equal terms, impartially and free of charge.</p> <p>Expected results of the implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An integrated system for managing official documents of the Republic of Croatia with an improved search engine for finding and downloading official documentation established • Improved knowledge of civil and public servants on the obligations arising from the Act on the Right to Access Information related to the Central Catalogue • Continuous training enabled for officials on the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information, obligations and ways of its enforcement through the E-learning System 	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>Starting from the fact that the documents of public authorities are the "property" of citizens, this measure aims to ensure a higher level of openness and availability of official documents and information through the Central Catalogue of Official Documentation of the Republic of Croatia, which, in accordance with the Act on the Right to Access Information, is one of the ways of proactive publication of information.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>
<p>9.1. Improving the Central Catalogue (improving the system of managing official documents of the Republic of Croatia with an improved search engine for finding and downloading official documentation)</p>	<p>Underway</p>	<p>December 2022</p>
<p>9.2. Conducting trainings on the use of an improved Central Catalogue (delivery and searching)</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2022</p>

9.3. Enabling continuous training for officials on the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information in terms of the Central Catalogue, as well as the obligations and ways of its enforcement through the E-learning System	<p style="text-align: center;">February 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 2022</p>
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Persons obliged to submit the document to the Central Catalogue: state administration bodies and other state bodies, legal persons established by the Republic of Croatia by law or by bylaw or whose establishment is explicitly provided by law, and units of local and regional self-government.

Number and title of activities:	9.1. Improving the Central Catalogue (improving the system of managing official documents of the Republic of Croatia with an improved search engine for finding and downloading official documentation)
Co-leaders:	academic community (University of Zagreb - Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Text Analysis and Knowledge Engineering Lab)
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed and integrated modules for optimising business processes of the Central Catalogue through the development of the software system for managing official documents and information - The semantic search engine of the Central Catalogue and the automatic semantic analysis of the document improved

The baseline value of result indicators:	By July 2021: part of the module developed and integrated into the system for managing documents, part of it has been developed but has not been tested Module of the semantic search engine - production prototype completed. Module for semantic indexing of documents - test model completed. Internal modules of the semantic search engine - laboratory models developed.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Websites of the project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912005 - Platform for the Central Catalogue from the European Social Fund - Establishment of an integral system for the management of the official documentation of the Republic of Croatia, in the amount of HRK 35,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 5,250.00; source 561: HRK 29,750.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2022
Number and title of activities:	9.2. Conducting trainings on the use of an improved Central Catalogue (delivery and searching)
Implementation indicators:	- Conducted 26 workshops for information officers on the use of an improved Central Catalogue
The baseline value of result indicators:	Workshops on the use of an improved system will start upon the establishment of the new system for managing documentation.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Websites of the project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912005 - Platform for the Central Catalogue from the European Social Fund - Establishment of an integral system for the management of the official documentation of the Republic of Croatia, in the amount of HRK 20,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 3,000.00; source 561: HRK 17,000.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2022
Number and title of activities:	9.3. Enabling continuous training for officials on the application of the Act on the Right to Access Information in terms of the Central Catalogue, as well as the obligations and ways of its enforcement through the E-learning System

Implementation indicators:	- A permanently available E-learning system intended for information officers, which will contain educational materials on the exercise of the right to access information through the Central Catalogue.
The baseline value of result indicators:	One promotional video about the Central Catalogue produced
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Websites of the project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the European Social Fund within the Operational Programme "Efficient Human Resources" 2014-2020. activity A912005 - Platform for the Central Catalogue from the European Social Fund - Establishment of an Integral System for the Management of the Official Documentation of the Republic of Croatia in the amount of HRK 5,000.00 in 2022 (sources 1, 2 and 8: HRK 750.00 and other sources: HRK 4,250.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	February 2022 – December 2022

Measure 10. IMPROVING THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF STATE ASSETS

Leader of the measure	CENTRAL STATE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIGITAL SOCIETY
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	<p>The vision of asset management is a systematic, coordinated, optimal, long-term and transparent management of assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia, based on the principles of publicity, predictability, efficiency and responsibility, which is in the service of achieving economic, infrastructure and long-term strategic goals and protection of national interests, with the aim of preserving assets and its importance for the life and work of existing and future generations.</p> <p>The goal of the Central Registry of State Assets is to create conditions and develop a system that will ensure quality record keeping of state assets, based on the prescribed regulations and key documents of the Republic of Croatia. Organised, rational, clear and public management and control of state assets and related persons on behalf of and on the account of the citizens of the Republic of Croatia will enable the establishment of a complete and systematised record of all emanations of assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia and its related features, in the service of economic growth and protection of national interests, taking the necessary measures to use as efficiently as possible all emanations of assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia, finding and implementing</p>

	<p>systematic solutions for the management of state assets and optimal changes that can contribute to an increased efficiency of this public service.</p> <p>The Central Registry of State Assets is a comprehensive and complete, methodologically standardised and continuously updated record of state assets. State asset means all non-financial and financial assets of the state: assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia, assets of units of local and regional self-government, assets of commercial companies, institutes and other legal entities founded by the Republic of Croatia and/or units of local and regional self-government, assets of institutions to which one of the founders is the Republic of Croatia or units of local and regional self-governments, the assets of institutions to which one of the founders is an institution founded by the Republic of Croatia and/or units of local or regional self-government and the assets of legal persons with public authorities, and the emanations of state assets that have been given to these legal persons on the basis of a special regulation or legal work for management or use.</p>	
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The measure includes improving the Central Registry of State Assets, that is, the information system for the management of state assets of the Republic of Croatia</p>	
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>The improvement of the Central Registry of State Assets ensures a higher level of openness, transparency and accessibility of state assets of the Republic of Croatia to all interested parties on equal terms, impartially and free of charge.</p> <p>Expected results of the implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built up information system for the management of state assets of the Republic of Croatia with a better and more transparent public part of the browser of state assets 	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>There is currently no central site that would allow searching data from the Central Registry of State Assets in a way that allows citizens to view the assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia in an efficient and transparent way according to certain criteria. Citizens should be given a transparent and easy insight into the condition of state assets, which is the aim of building up the Central Registry of State Assets.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>

10.1. Improving the Central Registry of State Assets (improving the system of managing the public portal for a more transparent portrayal of assets)		Underway	December 2023
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Other participants involved	State participants	Persons obliged to submit the data to the Central Registry of State Assets: assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia, assets of units of local and regional self-government, assets of commercial companies, institutes and other legal entities founded by the Republic of Croatia and/or units of local and regional self-government, assets of institutions to which one of the founders is the Republic of Croatia or units of local and regional self-governments, the assets of institutions to which one of the founders is an institution founded by the Republic of Croatia and/or units of local or regional self-government and the assets of legal persons with public authorities, and the emanations of state assets that have been given to these legal persons on the basis of a special regulation or legal work for management or use.	
	NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups		

Number and title of activities:	10.1. Improving the Central Registry of State Assets (improving the system of managing the public portal for a more transparent portrayal of assets)
Implementation indicators:	- Built up information system for the management of state assets of the Republic of Croatia with a more transparent public part of the browser of state assets
The baseline value of result indicators:	There is currently no central site that would allow searching data from the Central Registry of State Assets in a way that allows citizens to view the assets in the ownership of the Republic of Croatia in an efficient and transparent way according to certain criteria.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Websites of the project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity T912013 - Improving the System of Records and Management of State Assets, in the amount of HRK 20,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 3,000.00; source 561: HRK 17,000.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

B. FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Measure 11. PROTECTION OF REPORTERS OF IRREGULARITIES	
Leader of the measure	MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION JUDICIAL ACADEMY

Description of the measure

<p>Which public issue does the measure address?</p>	<p>Act on the Protection of Reporters of Irregularities (OG 17/19) entered into force on 1 July 2019. Until then, the Republic of Croatia did not have a uniform law that would regulate the protection of "whistle-blowers". The Act is modern and the Act on the Protection of Reporters of Irregularities has combined all legal standards for the protection of reporters irregularities, i.e. "whistle-blowers" in one specific law (<i>lex specialis</i>), which lays down general provisions, the rights of the reporters of irregularities, the procedure of reporting irregularities and acting upon reporting, judicial protection of reporters of irregularities and criminal provisions, with the aim of ensuring accessible and reliable ways of reporting irregularities, protecting reporters from harmful acts and promoting the prevention of irregularities by raising awareness of the necessity of safe reporting of irregularities. International standards for the protection of "whistle-blowers" were also taken into account during its development, particularly the Recommendation CM / Rec (2014) 7 of the Council of Europe on the protection of whistle-blowers. The Act on the Protection of Reporters of Irregularities regulates reporting of irregularities, the procedure of reporting irregularities, the rights of reporters of irregularities, the obligations of public authorities and legal and natural persons regarding the reporting irregularities, as well as other issues relevant for reporting irregularities and the reporters of irregularities (whistle-blowers).</p> <p>Following the adoption of this Act, further strengthening of the normative framework in the field of protection of reporters of irregularities is in the process. The Act is being drafted primarily due to the need for harmonisation of Croatian legislation with Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and the Council on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law. L 305/17 (hereinafter: Directive)</p>
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The Directive was adopted on 23 October 2019 and entered into force on 16 December 2019. The deadline for transposing the Directive and harmonising the legislation of the Member States is 17 December 2021.</p> <p>Therefore, the need to adopt a new Act on the Protection of Reporters of Irregularities refers to the need to harmonise the provisions of the Act on the Protection of Reporters of Irregularities with the Directive and harmonisation of Croatian legislation.</p> <p>In addition, the measure includes the implementation of the training of confidants on the application of the Act in general and their obligations in its application, trainings of judicial officials and providers of free legal aid, and possibly shop-stewards who can play a very active role in informing reporters about the protection of their rights and the employees themselves, or potential reporters about the need to report irregularities, ways in which they can do so in safe and ways laid down by law, and the protection they enjoy in doing so.</p>

How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?	The new Act on the Protection of Reporters of Irregularities will further improve the system of reporting irregularities and protection of reporters.	
Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?	The measure is relevant to transparency because it contributes to publishing information and improves public access to information, since the reporters of irregularities ("whistle-blowers") provide the public with information which is in the public interest. Indirectly, the measure is relevant to public accountability, because it improves the rules and mechanisms relating to reporters of irregularities and the implementation of trainings for judicial officials, trusted persons, shop-stewards, providers of free legal aid and employees in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities.	
Activities:	Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
11.1. Conducting trainings for judicial officials in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities	September 2022	December 2023
11.2. Conducting trainings in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities for trusted persons, shop-stewards, providers of free legal aid and employees	September 2022	December 2023
Contact information		
Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure	Maja Vitaljić	
Function, department	Authorised to perform the duties of the Director of the Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation and Anti-Corruption, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration	
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Other participants involved	NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Working group for drafting the Act For conducting trainings: The Office of the Ombudsman, State School for Public Administration
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11.1. Conducting trainings for judicial officials in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities	
Number and title of activities:	11.1. Conducting trainings for judicial officials in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities
Implementation indicators:	- A minimum of two trainings with a total of 20 participants conducted.
The baseline value of result indicators:	/
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	- Information of leaders of the implementation on the conducted trainings
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	No extra resources are needed. Resources are assured within the framework of the budgetary activity A629024 Professional training of judicial officials and advisors in judicial authorities, and the total cost of the implementation of activities is estimated to HRK 48,000.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	September 2022 – December 2023
11.2. Conducting trainings in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities for trusted persons, shop-stewards, providers of free legal aid and employees	
Number and title of activities:	11.2. Conducting trainings in the context of protection of reporters of irregularities for trusted persons, shop-stewards, providers of free legal aid and employees
Implementation indicators:	- Five trainings with a total of at least 75 participants conducted
The baseline value of result indicators:	/
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	- Information of leaders of the implementation on the conducted trainings
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	No extra resources are needed. Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 109, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, activity A629000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and	September 2022 – December 2023

implementation deadline:	
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Measure 12. IMPROVING THE NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR PREVENTING CORRUPTION	
Leader of the measure	MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	<p>In order to continue the continuous strategic implementation and building up the system of anti-corruption measures in the Republic of Croatia, after the period of validity of the current Anti-Corruption Strategy 2015-2020 (OG 26/15), a new Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030 was adopted in October 2021.</p> <p>Corruption as a social phenomenon is conditioned by awareness of social values and acceptable behaviour and has a powerful effect on the rule of law and trust in institutions. Such climate also undeniably affects the economic prosperity and prosperity of all citizens. Therefore, the activities aimed at fighting corruption at all levels are a priority for the state and society as a whole.</p> <p>The effective fight against corruption therefore involves not only state bodies, independent institutions and justice, but also the whole of society, the business community, citizens and the civil sector as well as the international community.</p> <p>Despite the recognised existence of the necessary framework for the effective fight against corruption in the public sector and the networking of state bodies, which contributes to the formulation of anti-corruption policies in all branches of government, there is room and need for further improvements in the legislative and institutional framework for the fight against corruption.</p> <p>The strategy sets priorities in strengthening preventive mechanisms to combat corruption, through strengthening the institutional and legislative framework for combating corruption, strengthening the transparency and openness of public authorities, improving the integrity system and conflict of interest management in public administration. In addition, the Strategy will focus on strengthening the anti-corruption potentials in the public procurement system as a special priority area, and on raising awareness about the harmful effects of corruption and the necessity of effectively combating and preventing it.</p>
What does the measure include?	The measure includes improving the legislative framework in certain areas of preventing corruption and adopting the first implementation document in the new strategic framework.

	<p>A legal framework in the field of lobbying is currently being developed. Regulating lobbying as a legal and legitimate practice according to the highest ethical standards is planned, ensuring transparency in the work of lobbyists and a positive impact on the quality of regulations and decisions adopted by the legislative and executive branches of government.</p> <p>In addition, the adoption of the first triannual Action Plan for the period 2022-2024 for the implementation of the Strategy for 2021-2030 is planned. The Action Plan will contain specific activities for effective corruption risk management within the framework of previously strategically defined specific objectives and measures in individual sectoral priority areas. With each planned activity, setting the competent authorities for implementation, clearly indicating the implementation deadlines, necessary financial resources and the indicators of the results of the implementation of the activities within each individual measure will be necessary.</p>	
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>In addition to the continuous implementation and building up the existing anti-corruption measures, the new strategic framework aims to strengthen existing and create new systematic solutions for preventing corruptions at all levels, which needs to raise awareness of the harmful effects of corruption and make it socially unacceptable. Furthermore, the new strategic framework insists on a stronger affirmation of the role of citizens, civil society and the media as indispensable partners for public authorities in the uncompromising fight against corruption and in monitoring its effectiveness. Involving citizens, the media and civil society as "a view from outside" in detecting and monitoring the corruption risks of public policies helps public authorities in working more responsibly, transparently and to adequately influence the reduction of the possibility of corruption.</p>	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The measure is relevant for the fight against corruption because it contributes to the recognition and prevention of corruption as a socially unacceptable phenomenon. The measure is also relevant because it allows for the continuous implementation and building up of existing anti-corruption mechanisms and the strengthening of existing and creating new systematic solutions to prevent corruption. It also raises awareness of the harmful effects and social unacceptability of corruption. Furthermore, this measure contributes to a stronger affirmation of the role of citizens, civil society and the media as indispensable partners for public authorities in the uncompromising fight against corruption and in monitoring its effectiveness.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>

12.1. Adopting the Action Plan 2022-2024 with the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030		Underway	July 2022
12.2. Drafting the Lobbying Act		Underway	April 2023
Contact information			
Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure		Maja Vitaljić	
Function, department		Authorised to perform the duties of the Director of the Directorate for European Affairs, International and Judicial Cooperation and Anti-Corruption	
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Working group for drafting the Act	

Number and title of activities:	12.1. Adopting the Action Plan 2022-2024 with the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Action Plan 2022-2024 with the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030 produced - Public consultation for the Draft Action Plan 2022-2024 with the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030 conducted Action Plan 2022-2024 with the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030 adopted
The baseline value of result indicators:	After the period of validity of the current Anti-Corruption Strategy 2015-2020 (OG26/15) and the adoption of the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030, the adoption of the Action Plan 2022-2024 with the Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030 is planned

Source of data and frequency of data collection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the conducted public consultation procedure – e-Consultation Portal - Official Gazette
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 109, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, activity A629000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – July 2022
Number and title of activities:	12.2. Production of the draft Lobbying Act
Implementation indicators:	Draft Lobbying Act produced
The baseline value of result indicators:	/
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision on the establishment of the working group - Report on the conducted public consultation procedure – e-Consultation Portal
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 109, Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, activity A629000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – April 2023

C. OPENNESS

Measure 13. ONGOING DATA OPENING	
Leader of the measure	CENTRAL STATE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIGITAL SOCIETY
Description of the measure	

<p>Which public issue does the measure address?</p>	<p>The open data of the public sector represent a resource for economic activity and a source of information on monitoring the work of the Government and administration.</p> <p>The data in the possession of public authorities are only publicly available to a lesser degree, and if they are available, they are often only accessible in unsuitable formats, that is, formats which do not allow the reuse of such data</p> <p>In the previous period, the new Open Data Portal was established, but again, only a small number of datasets have been published on it (1,169, involving 123 publishers).</p>	
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The main goal of the measure is to increase the quantity of open data and contribute to the increased reuse of open data. The measure attempts to ensure the prerequisites and framework for the efficient opening of data at the level of the state administration and encourage state bodies to open data. It is expected that the implementation of the measure will increase the quantity of open data on the Open Data Portal of the Republic of Croatia, particularly data which the European Commission has defined as high-value datasets, as well as increase the quality of all published datasets It is expected that opening data will indirectly encourage the production of innovative non-commercial and commercial applications, more intensive cooperation between the private and civil sectors, particularly in the area of applying information technology, and improve electronic public services and the transparency of public administration. At the same time, the existing new version of the Open Data Portal will be continuously improved according to users' needs.</p>	
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>Since the problem has been noted that only a few bodies are opening data, it is expected that the technological, process and functional improvement of the IT system for publishing open data by public authorities in machine-readable form will improve the open data system, which will result in the inclusion of a greater number of subjects of public authority bodies in publishing open data.</p> <p>In addition, it is expected that opening data, or the availability of more datasets on the Open Data Portal, will result in the increased reuse of public sector data.</p>	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The measure contributes directly to increasing transparency by increasing the availability of public sector information, and indirectly to civic participation by providing information as the first step in civic participation and public accountability, by increasing the openness of the work of state administration bodies.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>

13.1. Provide operational and technical support to public sector bodies when publishing open data on the Open Data Portal	Ongoing, at the request of the body	Ongoing, at the request of the body
13.2. Conducting trainings for information officers on the functionalities of the Open Data Portal	Underway	December 2023
Contact information		
Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure	Božo Zeba	
Function, department	Sector Coordinator	
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Other participants involved	State participants	Information Commissioner, Council of the OGP Initiative, State School for Public Administration
	NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	NGO, private sector

Implementation indicators:	
Number and title of activities:	13.1. Provide operational and technical support to public sector bodies when publishing open data on the Open Data Portal
Implementation indicators:	- Percentage of replies on the requests for operational and technical support by public authorities made through the Open Data Portal

The baseline value of result indicators:	Since this is a repetitive annual activity, the indicator is 0% at the beginning of the year.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Ongoing, at the request of the body
Number and title of activities:	13.2. Ongoing technological, process and functional building up of the current IT system for publishing open data
Co-leaders:	State School for Public Administration
Implementation indicators:	- Two specially designed trainings conducted annually for the target group – information officers in public authorities.
The baseline value of result indicators:	Since this is a repetitive annual activity, the indicator is 0 at the beginning of the year.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the implementation of the Act on the Right to Access Information, website
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

D. PARTICIPATION BY CITIZENS/CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE PROCESSES OF FORMING, IMPLEMENTING AND MONITORING PUBLIC POLICY

Measure 14. FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN CONDUCTING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC

<p>Leader of the measure</p>	<p>LEGISLATION OFFICE CENTRAL STATE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIGITAL SOCIETY</p>
<p align="center">Description of the measure</p>	
<p>Which public issue does the measure address?</p>	<p>The Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted the Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts in 2009, thus joining the group of developed European democracies that established clear standards and measures of consulting state bodies with the interested public in the procedures of creating new laws, other regulations and acts. In the last 11 years, the Republic of Croatia has established a legislative framework for the implementation of consultations (Act on the Right to Access Information) and improved the standards of consultation (e-Consultations Portal), but additional efforts should be made to improve the quality of the implementation of various models of consultation of state administration bodies and local self-government with the interested public.</p> <p>In the report for 2016, the Information Commissioner highlighted several problems noted in the implementation of consultations and the solutions which would primarily be affected by implementing training for civil servants. Furthermore, it is also necessary to provide more information and encourage citizens to be involved in monitoring and commenting on documents published on e-Consultations. With the aim of increasing the transparency of the entire process of decision-making, it is necessary to update the database of advisory bodies regularly which was established as an activity in the previous Action Plan.</p> <p>The Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts adopted in 2009 needs to be improved, and a wide-ranging consultation is planned in cooperation with the Council for the Civil Society Development with civil society organisations on its objectives and content in order to ensure more effective consultation of state bodies and the interested public in the process of adopting laws and other acts, as well as an insight into existing good consultation practices already carried out by individual public authorities.</p>
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The measure includes implementing the necessary improvements to the e-Consultations system and the continuation of education on conducting consultations in general and specifically through the e-Consultations system. In addition, the measure includes promotional activities and activities to update the databases of advisory bodies. The overall aim of the measure is to improve the conduct of consultations at the level of state administration and increase the number of e-Consultations users, that is, to raise both quality and quantity in this area.</p>

How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?	Through the implementation of the necessary improvements to the e-Consultations system, and the continuation of education in conducting consultations, both in general and specifically through the e-Consultations system, the actual procedure for conducting consultations at the level of all state administration bodies will be improved. Through promotional activities, action will be taken to inform and encourage citizens to be involved in greater numbers in consultation, while the regular updating of databases of advisory bodies will contribute to overall transparency in the consultation process.	
Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?	The measure is primarily relevant to participation by citizens, since its implementation affects the quality and quantity of participation in consultation processes with the public. At the same time, the measure is relevant to transparency, since by implementing consultation through the e-Consultations system and updating the databases of advisory bodies, the transparency of the process is assured, along with access to information on who is involved in consultation, and how. Furthermore, the measure is relevant in terms of public accountability, since it ensures the transparency of accountability of state administration bodies regarding comments received during consultation.	
Additional information:	The measure is in accordance with the following documents: Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2030	
Activities:	Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
14.1. Improving the Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts	Underway	December 2023
14.2. Improve the interactive Internet system for consultations with the public on procedures of adopting laws, other regulations and acts (e-Consultations)	Underway	September 2023
14.3. Conducting a programme of education on standards for consultations with the interested	Underway	December 2023

public on procedures for adopting laws, other regulations and acts, and workshops on using the e-Consultations system		
14.4. Conducting a promotional campaign for citizens on e-Consultations	Underway	June 2023
14.5. Continuously updating the database on the composition of working groups for drafting laws, other regulations and acts and other commissions and working bodies (including those which participate in NGOs and other representatives of the interested public) as part of savjetovanja.gov.hr	Underway	December 2023
Contact information		
Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure	Nikolina Matić – Legislation Office Drina Čavar – Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society	
Function, department	Assistant of the Director, Unit for coordination of public consultation system and publication of regulations in the "Official Gazette" – official journal of the Republic of Croatia Senior Advisor - Specialist, Sector for the Development of the Digital Infrastructure, Service for the Development of Registries and Databases of the Digital Society	
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Legislation Office, Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Information Commissioner, State School for Public Administration
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Number and title of activities:	14.1. Improving the Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts
Co-leaders:	Information Commissioner, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad consultation conducted in cooperation with the Council for Civil Society Development with civil society organisations on the objectives and content of the Code - The new Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts adopted - Guidelines for the application of the Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts revised
The baseline value of result indicators:	In 2009, the Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted a Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts (OG 140/2009). In 2010, the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs issued a publication "Guidelines for the Application of the Code of Practice of Consultation with the Interested Public in Procedures of Adopting Laws, Other Regulations and Acts".
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Report on the work of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02010 Office for Cooperation with NGOs, activity A509000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office, and section 02030 Legislation Office, activity A514000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

Number and title of activities:	14.2. Improve the interactive Internet system for consultations with the public on procedures of adopting laws, other regulations and acts (e-Consultations)
Co-leaders:	Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Information Commissioner
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Units of local and regional self-government publish public consultation on the central system of e-Consultations
The baseline value of result indicators:	Technological, process and functional improvement and expansion of the e-Consulting Portal. Strengthening the capacities of employees of state and public authorities and including more entities of units of local and regional self-government in the publication of e-Consultations and more active involvement of all stakeholders in the e-Consultations system.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Reports and claims for refund for an ESF-funded project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912014 - e-Consultations - expanding, building up and improving legislative processes of public consultations from the ESF fund, in the amount of HRK 50,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 7,500.00; source 561: HRK 42,500.00) and HRK 50,000.00 in 2023 (source 12: HRK 7,500.00; source 561: HRK 42,500.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023; duration of the project 24 months
Number and title of activities:	14.3. Conducting a programme of education on standards for consultations with the interested public on procedures for adopting laws, other regulations and acts, and workshops on using the e-Consultations system
Co-leaders:	State School for Public Administration, Information Commissioner, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings on the preparation and implementation of consultation with the public – three workshops annually - Trainings on the use of e-Consultations Portals – six trainings annually - Conducting training programmes through the ESF Project
The baseline value of result indicators:	Trainings through the State School for Public Administration in the field of public consultation are already being conducted and will continue to be conducted in the next implementation period. Additional training programmes are

	also envisaged under the ESF Project with the aim of increasing awareness of all the functionalities, possibilities and benefits of the system among state administration bodies and units of local and regional self-government.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the implementation of public consultations in the procedures of adopting laws, other regulations and acts, annual reports on the work of the Legislation Office, reports and claims for refund for a ESF-funded project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 10995 State School for Public Administration, activity A677028 Implementation of the professional training programme, in the amount of HRK 23,220.00 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023
Number and title of activities:	14.4. Conducting a promotional campaign for citizens on e-Consultations
Co-leaders:	Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, Legislation Office
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promotional and video content produced - promotional materials produced - launch and final conference held
The baseline value of result indicators:	Beginning of the project " e-Consultations – expanding, building up and improving legislative processes of public consultations": the plan of the project is to conduct a promotional campaign using promotional materials, video content and launch and final conference if the situation with COVID-19 allows it.
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Websites of the project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912014 - e-Consultations - expanding, building up and improving legislative processes of public consultations from the ESF fund, in the amount of HRK 20,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 3,000.00; source 561: HRK 17,000.00) and HRK 20,000.00 in 2023 (source 12: HRK 3,000.00; source 561: HRK 17,000.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – June 2023

Number and title of activities:	14.5. Continuously updating the database on the composition of working groups for drafting laws, other regulations and acts and other commissions and working bodies (including those which participate in NGOs and other representatives of the interested public) as part of savjetovanja.gov.hr
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Database with compositions of all working groups of current + archives of previous compositions - Publish the database in an open format on the central Open Data Portal
The baseline value of result indicators:	Strengthening the transparency of public authorities will be ensured through a regular update of the database of the composition of working groups for drafting laws, other regulations and acts, and other commissions and working bodies (including those which participate in NGOs and other representatives of the interested public) as part of savjetovanja.gov.hr
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Annual reports on the implementation of public consultations in the processes of adopting laws, other regulations and acts
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02030 Legislation Office of the Croatian Government, activity A514000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Underway – December 2023

E. OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS

Measure 15. ENCOURAGING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE AT LOCAL LEVELS	
Leader of the measure	GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR COOPERATION WITH NGOs OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT CENTRAL STATE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIGITAL SOCIETY COUNCIL OF THE OGP INITIATIVE
Description of the measure	

<p>Which public issue does the measure address?</p>	<p>Although representatives of the Association of Cities, Croatian Associations of Municipalities and Croatian County Association have been involved in the OGP Initiative since the outset of its implementation, and there were earlier attempts to reach the local and regional levels through the activities of the Action Plan, these have not been particularly successful. This is primarily due to the specific position of local and regional levels, or rather the fact that they are self-governing areas. Therefore, this measure plans to encourage the implementation of the OGP at these levels, in cooperation with the organisations mentioned, and in particular, to encourage the opening of data and conduct of consultations at these levels, since, with the exception of a few examples of good practice, most local units cannot boast of results in these areas.</p>
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The measure includes encouraging the implementation of the OGP Initiative at the local and regional level by presenting the Initiative, conducting trainings on the development of action plans at local levels, launching city Open Data Portals and establishing an Internet system for conducting consultations with the public at the local and regional level. It is expected that at least three units of local and regional self-government will implement the OGP Initiative, that is, produce and begin to apply the Action Plan for its implementation.</p> <p>It is also planned that at least five city Open Data Portals will be set up and start functioning, along with a system for Internet consultations. The overall goal of the measure is to contribute to achieving the goals of the OGP at the local and regional levels.</p> <p>The measure places particular emphasis on the opening of data and consultations with the public, as well as trainings in the field of increasing citizens' participation in decision-making processes, particularly in the field of participatory budgetary planning, as well as the participation of units of local and regional self-government in the use of innovative tools that improve citizens' participation in improving the quality of life at local levels, such as joining Popravi.to Platforms (<i>FixMyStreet</i>, within which the web interface allows citizens to easily and clearly report problems on public utility installations by locating the place on the map). Participatory budgetary planning is a process of democratic reflection and decision-making and a type of participatory democracy where citizens decide how part of the public budget should be distributed. It allows taxable persons to work with the authorities to make budgetary decisions that have an impact on their lives. This method is used to improve the involvement of citizens in the management of public resources in a collaborative way, encouraging the gathering of opinions on the spending of the city budget, or one part of it.</p>
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>Through the implementation of the training on producing Action Plans for the implementation of the OGP Initiative in three units of local and regional self-government, the implementation of activities aimed at achieving the goals of the initiative in these units of local and regional self-government will be ensured, and partnerships set up between local/regional authorities and NGOs through the implementation of the Initiative. In addition, it is expected that the results will have a positive influence on other units of local and regional self-government, in that they will also conduct</p>

	<p>similar activities. Activities aimed at opening up data and conducting consultations will ensure the establishment of five local open data portals that are expected to be followed by other units as examples of good practice and the establishment of a consultation system for local and regional units that will be integrated into the already existing e-Consultation system. This will ensure the possibility for regional and local units to publish their consultations there and in the future, all Internet consultations from all levels of public authorities are expected to be available to citizens in one place and on the basis of registration to one system.</p> <p>The implementation of the measure will be coordinated by the Council of the OGP Initiative, or the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, as the Council's expert service, with a large number of co-leaders, also represented in the Council, and primarily with the support and partnership of the Croatian County Association, Association of Cities and Croatian Association of Municipalities.</p>	
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The measure is relevant to transparency, the participation of citizens and public accountability, since it attempts to achieve the goals of the OGP at local and regional levels, and will have a particular effect on opening data and conducting consultations at all levels, all of which will contribute to the stated values of the Partnership.</p>	
<p>Additional information:</p>	<p>The implementation of the measure will not require the planning of any additional resources.</p>	
<p>Activities:</p>	<p>Implementation start date:</p>	<p>Implementation end date:</p>
<p>15.1. Conducting trainings on the OGP Initiative for the representatives of units of local and regional self-government</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
<p>15.2. Launching city Open Data Portals</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
<p>15.3. Setting up Internet systems for consultation with the interested public at local and regional levels</p>	<p>June 2022</p>	<p>June 2024</p>
<p>Contact information</p>		

Person responsible in the body which is Leader of the measure		Helena Beus, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs Drina Ćavar, Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society
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Activity name:		15.1. Conducting trainings on the OGP Initiative for the representatives of units of local and regional self-government
Co-leaders:		Croatian County Association, Association of Cities in the Republic of Croatia, Croatian Association of Municipalities
Implementation indicators:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One presentation of the OGP Initiative for municipalities, cities and counties held annually - One training on the development of action plans for representatives of units of local and regional self-government held annually
The baseline value of result indicators:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0, because it has not been organised yet
Source of data and frequency of data collection:		Report on the work of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, annually

Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02010 Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Croatian Government, activity A509067, Open Government Partnership, in the amount of HRK 15,000.00 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2023
Activity name:	15.2. Launching local Open Data Portals
Co-leaders:	Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, Association of Cities in the Republic of Croatia, units of local and regional self-government
Implementation indicators:	- Number on units of local and regional self-government that have launched Open Data Portals
The baseline value of result indicators:	
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	- Reports of units of local and regional self-government that have launched Open Data Portals
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 02010 Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, activity A509000 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Office.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	January 2022 – December 2023
Activity name:	15.3. Setting up Internet systems for consultation with the interested public at local and regional levels
Co-leaders:	Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, Croatian County Association, Association of Cities in the Republic of Croatia, Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia, Information Commissioner
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A system for consultation with the interested public for units of local and regional self-government set up within e-Consultations - Number of units of local and regional self-government which implement procedures for consultations via the newly established system - Number of consultations held with the interested public at local and regional levels

The baseline value of result indicators:	As of the second quarter of 2023 – When the system is upgraded, i.e. extended to local and regional level and all activities carried out within the "e-Consultations – expanding, building up and improving legislative processes of public consultations".
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Websites of the project
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 034 Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society, activity A912014 - e-Consultations - expanding, building up and improving legislative processes of public consultations from the ESF fund, in the amount of HRK 20,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 3,000.00; source 561: HRK 17,000.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	June 2022 – June 2024

F. SUSTAINABILITY OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Measure 16. ASSURING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF VALUES AND CONTENT OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE	
Leader of the measure	MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EU FUNDS MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION EDUCATION AND TEACHER TRAINING AGENCY
Description of the measure	
Which public issue does the measure address?	The measure aims to increase the level of informedness on the goals of the multilateral Open Government Partnership Initiative, with a special emphasis on including topics related to the importance of transparency, the fight against corruption, and empowering citizens to use modern ITC technology, so that public authority bodies at all levels will be enabled to function more efficiently and with greater accountability. This will create the prerequisites for the more

	<p>efficient and innovative provision of public services, that is, the management of public services, in the interest of citizens in the education system.</p>
<p>What does the measure include?</p>	<p>The measure includes inserting content linked to measures and activities conducted within the multilateral OGP Initiative throughout the entire curricular reforms for early and preschool, primary and secondary education, with a special emphasis on the interdisciplinary Civic Education and the curricular Politics and Economics subjects; Competition for the award of non-returnable funds for projects by associations in the area of children's and youth education outside institutions; Including topics from the multilateral OGP Initiative in the ongoing professional development of teachers and support staff; and Including topics from the multilateral OGP Initiative in competitions and festivals organised by the Education and Teacher Training Agency.</p> <p>In addition, the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs and the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds work together on the implementation of the Pilot Project in Croatia "U školi otvorene kohezije – At the School of Open Cohesion (ASOC)". This project, that is, the educational programme, has been implemented in the Republic of Croatia by the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds in secondary schools since 2020 with the aim of promoting the participation of students in monitoring investments within the framework of the European Union's cohesion policy using public open data. Through its activities, the project promotes and contributes to citizen monitoring of public finances by using publicly available data and information and communication technologies, as well as raising the culture of active citizenship, which overlaps with the main goals and values of the Open Government Partnership Initiative. Cooperation with the Initiative is also an integral part of the Italian project "A Scuola di OpenCoesione" ("At the School of OpenCoesion") on which the Croatian project is based.</p>
<p>How does the measure contribute to resolving the public issue?</p>	<p>The measure aims to increase the level of informedness on the goals and values of the multilateral OGP Initiative among pupils, teachers and support staff, and promote the active involvement of young people in conducting activities linked to the OGP.</p>
<p>Why is this measure relevant to the values of the Open Government Partnership?</p>	<p>The measure is relevant in general to informing young people about the goals of the multilateral OGP Initiative and the importance of including young people/citizens in its implementation in terms of education (informing them about the goals, importance, and need to actively include citizens).</p>
<p>Additional information:</p>	<p>The measure will be conducted within the framework of budget funds allocated for the Ministry of Science and Education and the Education and Teacher Training Agency and the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds.</p>

Activities:	Implementation start date:	Implementation end date:
<p>16.1. Raising the level of knowledge and skills of high school students on civic monitoring of public finances, the use of publicly available (open) data and the activities of the Open Government Partnership Initiative</p>	<p>Every school year, during the five months of conducting activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion"</p>	
<p>16.2. Carrying out an educational visit for high school students to national institutions (Croatian Parliament, Ministries)</p>	<p>Every school year, during the five months of conducting activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion"</p>	
<p>16.3. Carrying out an educational visit for high school students to local or regional institutions (municipality/city/county)</p>	<p>Every school year, during the five months of conducting activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion"</p>	
<p>16.4. Including the values and contents on which the OGP Initiative is founded in the curricula for Civic Education, Politics and Economics, in the programmes of ongoing professional development of teachers and support staff, in competitions and festivals organised by the Education and Teacher Training Agency and through co-financing projects of NGOs under the Competition for the award of non-returnable funds for projects by associations in the area of children's</p>	<p>Every school year</p>	

and youth education outside institutions		
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Other participants involved	State participants NGO, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Ministry of Science and Education Government Office For Cooperation With NGOs Of The Croatian Government Education and Teacher Training Agency Council of the OGP Initiative

Activity name:	16.1. Raising the level of knowledge and skills of high school students on civic monitoring of public finances, the use of publicly available (open) data and the activities of the Open Government Partnership Initiative
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Science and Education, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs

Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online training conducted for all participants of the implementation of the project "At the school of Open Cohesion" (students, teachers, principals, representatives of regional coordinators, representatives of EDIC, representatives of ministries involved in the implementation of the project, representatives of civil society involved in the implementation of the project) with up to 200 participants in the school year of implementation of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion" - The total number of educated participants of online training on the topic of the use of open data, active citizenship and the Open Government Partnership Initiative, up to 200 (number of students and persons who will participate in the implementation of the activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion")
The baseline value of result indicators:	Number of students and persons participating in the implementation of the activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion" within a certain school year
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, upon the conducted online training
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 061 Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, activity A828001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Every school year, during the five months of conducting activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion"
Activity name:	16.2. Carrying out an educational visit for high school students to national institutions (Croatian Parliament, Ministries)
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Science and Education, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, Croatian Parliament
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An educational visit to a national institution organised for all students and teachers involved in the implementation of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion", up to 200 participants in the school year of the implementation of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion" - The total number of students up to 200 per school year of the implementation of the project (number of students and teachers who will participate in the implementation of the activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion") educated on the transparency of the activities of the visited institution, familiarised and empowered for the development of competences for participating in the processes of shaping, decision-making and monitoring the implementation of public policies and active citizenship
The baseline value of result indicators:	Number of students and teachers involved who will participate in the implementation of the activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion" within a certain school year
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Ministry Of Regional Development And EU Funds

Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 061 Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, activity K680034 Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion 2014-2021, in the amount of HRK 140,000.00 in 2022 (source 12: HRK 21,000.00, other sources: HRK 119,000.00).
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Every school year, during the five months of conducting activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion"
Activity name:	16.3. Carrying out an educational visit for high school students to local or regional institutions (municipality/city/county)
Co-leaders:	Ministry of Science and Education, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Implementation indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational visits organised to at least four regional/local institutions for a minimum of 4 groups of students and teachers involved in the implementation of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion", about 100 participants of educational visits in the school year of implementation of the project "At the School of Open cohesion" - The total number of students around 100 per school year of the implementation of the project (number of students and teachers who will participate in the implementation of the activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion") educated on the transparency of the activities of the visited institution, familiarised and empowered for the development of competences for participating in the processes of shaping, decision-making and monitoring the implementation of public local and regional policies and active citizenship in local communities - Number of organised educational visits to local or regional institutions
The baseline value of result indicators:	Number of students and teachers involved who will participate in the implementation of the activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion" within a certain school year
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Ministry Of Regional Development And EU Funds
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 061 Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, activity A828001 Administration and management, and they relate to resources for the ordinary activities of the Ministry.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Every school year, during the five months of conducting activities of the project "At the School of Open Cohesion"
Activity name:	16.4. Including the values and contents on which the OGP Initiative is founded in the curricula for Civic Education, Politics and Economics, in the programmes of ongoing professional development of teachers and support staff, in competitions and festivals organised by the Education and Teacher Training Agency and through co-financing projects of NGOs under the Competition for the award of non-returnable funds for projects by associations in the area of children's and youth education outside institutions

Co-leaders:	Ministry of Science and Education, Education and Teacher Training Agency, Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs
Implementation indicators:	<p>As part of activities related to the continuous professional development of teachers, support staff and principals, the Education and Teacher Training Agency continues its activities to promote the international initiative Open Government Partnership, including the organisation of the school, county and state festivals within the "Project Citizen".</p> <p>Within the framework of the Competition for the award of non-returnable funds for projects by associations in the area of children's and youth education outside institutions, the Ministry of Science and Education plans to finance projects related to Education on the harmful effects of corruption and corrupt risks.</p>
The baseline value of result indicators:	<p>Number of teachers, support staff and principals involved in the activities of professional training to promote values from the international Open Government Partnership Initiative</p> <p>Number of students and schools involved in festivals at the school, county and state level under the "Project Citizen"</p> <p>The number of co-financed projects of NGOs within the framework of the Competition for the award of non-returnable funds for projects by associations in the area of children's and youth education outside institutions plans to finance projects related to Education on the harmful effects of corruption and corrupt risks.</p>
Source of data and frequency of data collection:	Ministry of Science and Education, data collection: June 2022 - end of the school year 2021/2022 and June 2023 – end of the school year 2022/2023
Financial resources required (Source of funding and planned resources):	Resources are assured from the State Budget, section 080 Ministry of Science and Education, activity A577130 Incentives for associations for children's and youth education outside institutions, in the amount of HRK 12,000,000.00 annually, and section 8091 Education and Teacher Training Agency, activity A767022 Professional training of educational staff of primary and secondary education, in the amount of HRK 3,000.00 annually, as well as the activity A733032 Competitions and festivals in the system of primary and secondary education, in the amount of HRK 3,000.00 annually.
Implementation start date and implementation deadline:	Every school year