



# Croatia

## Policy approach

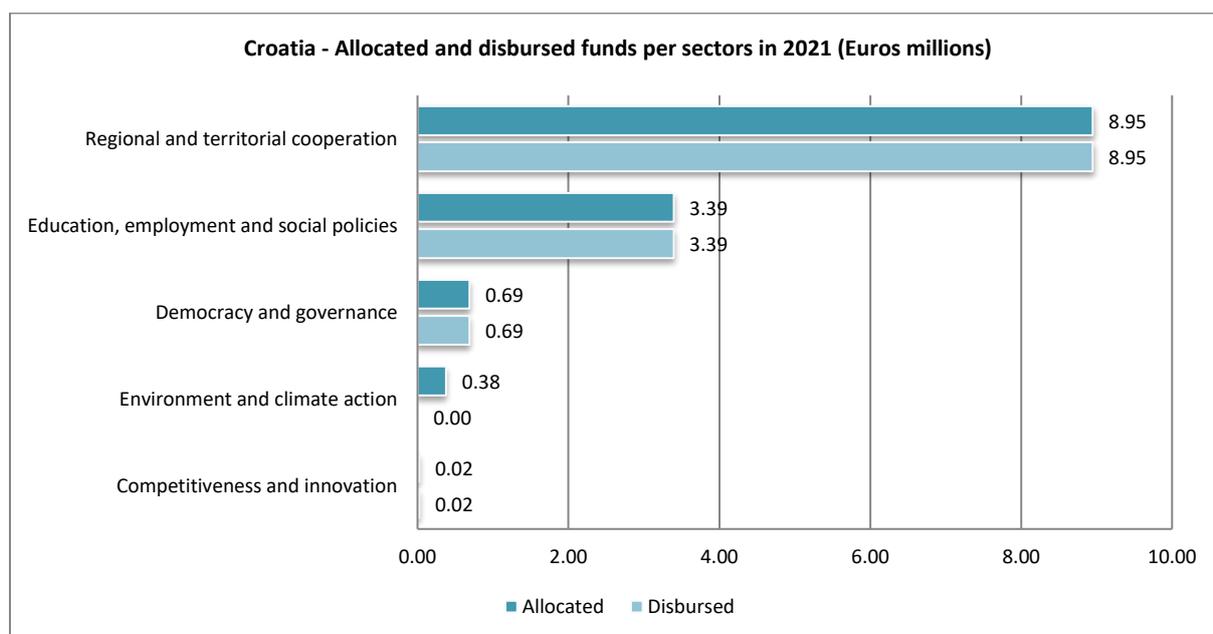
The National Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Republic of Croatia for the term 2017 - 2021 defines Bosnia and Herzegovina as a programme country within the priority area of South East Europe. Education, employment and social policies fall under the sectoral priorities of Croatia’s development assistance. **The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of the Interior** and the **Central State Office for Croats Abroad** are the **key institutions** that regularly implement the largest number of development projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

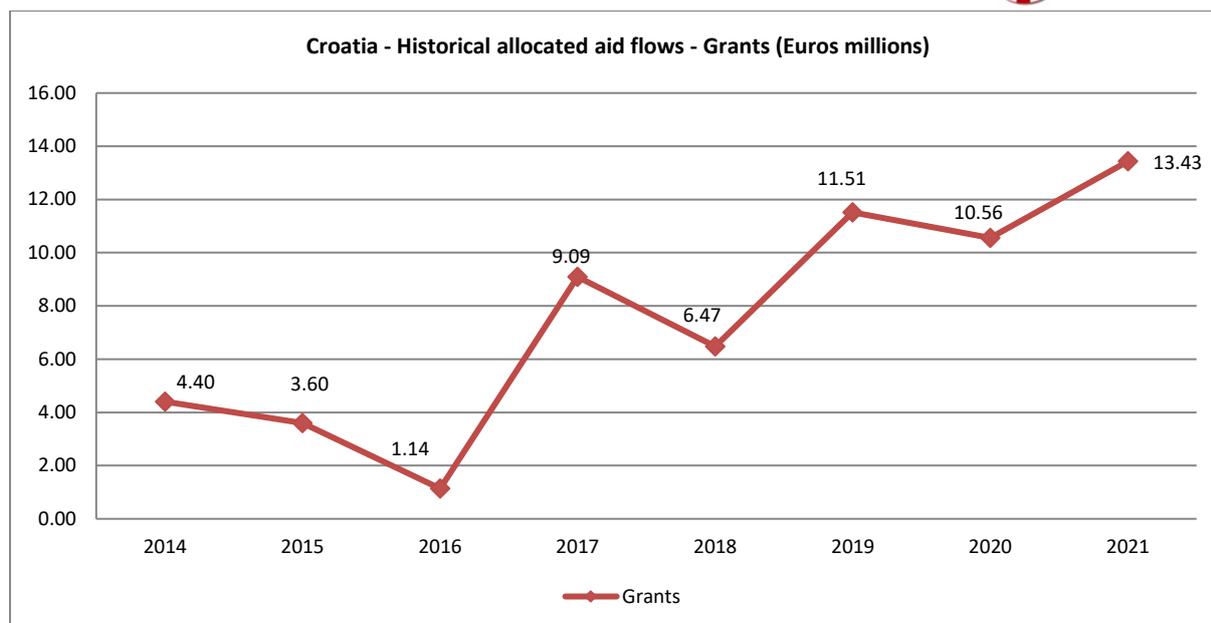
In 2022 the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, as the national coordinator of international development cooperation and humanitarian aid, plans amendments to the existing Law on Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Abroad that was adopted in 2008. Following the aforementioned Law, the new National Plan on Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid for the period 2022-2026 is to be adopted.

Traditionally the largest recipient of the Croatian bilateral aid, Bosnia and Herzegovina will surely remain one of the most important geographical targets of the Croatian development cooperation.

## Key activities in 2021

The Government of Croatia **allocated € 13.43 million and disbursed € 13.05 million in 2021 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Regional and territorial cooperation, Education, employment and social policies, Democracy and governance, Environment and climate action and Competitiveness and innovation.





### Medium and long-term approach

At this point, we can confirm that Croatia will continue to support healthcare institutions severely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, its development projects will inevitably focus on BiH education sector, employment and social policies, culture, infrastructure and post-conflict reconstruction.

Institution building and activities related to democratic transition and EU and NATO accession process through the Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia will be carried out in the future as well.

### Development partners coordination efforts

N/A

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