

COUNTRY BASELINE UNDER THE ILO DECLARATION ANNUAL REVIEW

Croatia - 2021

***THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FORCED OR COMPULSORY
LABOUR Protocol of 2014 P029 to the Forced Labour Convention***

REPORTING

Fulfillment of Government's reporting obligations

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Involvement of Employers' and Workers' organizations in the reporting process

91. When preparing its report, did the Government consult? [10.1]

d) None

92. To which employers organizations was the report sent? [12] Please provide the list

A copy of the report was sent to the Croatian Employers' Association (HUP).

93. To which workers organizations was the report sent? [13] Please provide the list

A copy of the report was sent to the following organisations: the Union of Autonomous Trade Union of Croatia (SSSH), the Independent Trade Unions of Croatia (NHS) and the Association of Croatian Trade Unions (MHS).

OBSERVATIONS BY THE SOCIAL PARTNERS

Employers' organizations

83. Have employers and or workers organizations been consulted in the

No

development and implementation of adopted measures? [6.1]	
95. Did employers organizations comment on the report? [11a]	No
96. Did workers organizations comment on the report? [11b]	No
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EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	
Ratification	
Ratification status	
p29 Ratification status	P29 not ratified
Ratification intention	
61. If you have ratified Convention No. 29 but not the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29, what are the prospects for ratification of the Protocol?	Unlikely

<p>62. What, if any, are the impediments to the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29?</p>	<p>There are no impediments for the ratification of the 2014 Protocol to Convention No. 29. Given the large number of submission that need to be done and 24 reports on ratified conventions in 2022, the ratification of 2014 Protocol is not in the annual plan of work.</p>
<p>Existence of a policy and or plan of action for the suppression of forced or compulsory labour</p>	
<p>63. Is there a national policy and plan of action aimed at realizing the principle of effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced or compulsory labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies? [1.1]</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>68. Is there a national policy and plan of action setting out measures and specific action for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour? [1.5]</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>69. Please describe these measures. [1.5]</p>	<p>National plan for suppression of trafficking in human beings 2018 - 2021 provides a whole set of measures to combat all forms of trafficking in human beings, including forced or compulsory labour. The coordinator for the implementation of the National plan is Office for Human Rights and National Minority Rights. For example, representatives of responsible inspectorates are included as members in National Committee.</p>
<p>70. Does the Government collect and analyse statistical data and other information on the nature and extent of forced or compulsory labour? [1.6]</p>	<p>Yes</p>

71. Please describe these data. [1.6.1]

There is regularly update on calls received by the SOS line. A single database of cases of trafficking in human beings and prosecution of perpetrators is being established. It is being done in coordination between Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice and State Attorney's Office. All the statistics are included in anual report to the Government of the Republic of Croatia. The established channels of cooperation between police officers and public prosecutors are being strengthened.

Measures taken or envisaged for systematic and coordinated action

64. Please describe the measures envisaged, the established objectives and the authorities responsible for the implementation, coordination and assessment of these measures. Please provide any relevant URL(s) [1.2]

There are plans of actions and a national policy for the suppression of forced labour as well as for combatting trafficking in persons for the purposes of forced or compulsory labour. The latest National plan for suppression of trafficking in human beings covers period from 2018 to 2021. The objectives of the National plan are: to improve regulatory framework to protect victims and to sanction perpetrators; to strengthen proactive antitrafficking practises; regional and international cooperation; monitoring through updated databases; to strengthen the cooperation between police officers and public prosecutors; to ensure the protection of the best interests of victims; to improve cooperation between state institutions and NGOs; raise public awareness on trafficking issues; to continue education of target groups on trafficking. Office for Human Rights and National Minority Rights coordinates the work of ministries, NGOs and other institutions. The Office reports annually the Government on the implementation. Suppression of trafficking in human beings: Office for Human Rights and National Minority

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Measures taken or envisaged to prevent forms of forced labour	
74. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged for the prevention of all forms of forced or compulsory labour? [2.1]	Yes
75. If so, please indicate the type of measures, [2.2]	<p>a) Information, education and awareness raising targeting especially people in vulnerable situation and employers, b) Strengthening and broadening of the coverage of legislation, particularly labour law, h) Capacity building for the competent authorities</p>
Measures taken or envisaged to protect victims of forced labour	
76. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged for the identification, release, protection, recovery and rehabilitation of victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour? [3.1]	Yes
77. If so, please indicate the type of measures [3.2]	<p>a) Training of relevant actors for identification of forced labour practices, g) Appropriate accommodation, h) Specific measures for children, i) Specific measures for migrants</p>
Measures taken or envisaged to facilitate access to remedies	
78. Have measures been taken or are measures envisaged to provide victims of all forms of forced or compulsory labour with access to remedies? [4.1]	Yes

<p>79. If so, please indicate the type of measures, [4.2]</p>	<p>a) Information and counselling for victims regarding their rights, b) Free legal assistance, c) Cost-free proceedings, e) Access to remedies and compensation, h) Provision of penalties such as the confiscation of assets and criminal liability of legal persons</p>
<p>80. Please indicate whether the measures aimed at providing access to justice and remedies apply to all victims of forced or compulsory labour, irrespective of their presence or legal status in the national territory. [4.3]</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Cooperation with other Member States, international / regional organizations or NGOs</p>	
<p>81. Does the Government cooperate with other member States, international and regional organizations, or non-governmental organizations to achieve the effective and sustained suppression of forced or compulsory labour? [5.1]</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>82. Please briefly describe the modalities of this cooperation. [5.2]</p>	<p>Participation in the implementation of international and regional operational actions and projects aimed at identifying victims and combating trafficking-related crime (Interpol, Europol, SELEC, Agency for European Border and Coast Guard (FRONTEX), regional and international police cooperation based on bilateral agreements). Enhancing existing cooperation between state institutions and civil society organizations: 1. Organizing annual tenders for the financing of projects and programs of civil society organizations dealing with combating trafficking in human beings. 2. Ensure ongoing donations to assist victims of trafficking through civil society organizations engaged in combating trafficking in human beings</p>

Promotional activities	
<p>90. Please provide URL(s) to any new information on efforts made to respect, to promote and to realize the principle of effective and sustained suppression of forced or compulsory labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies. [14]</p>	<p>Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities https://ljudskaprava.gov.hr/suzbijanje-trgovanja-ljudima/599 Ministry of Interior https://mup.gov.hr/istaknute teme/nacion alniprogrami-i-projekti/nacionalni-progr ami237/suzbijanje-trgovanja-ljudima/321</p>
Special initiatives or Progress	
<p>85. Please describe any significant changes which have taken place since your last report (for example, changes in the legislative and institutional framework, launching of major programmes, new data, changes in the number of persons in forced labour who have been identified, released and protected, penalties imposed on perpetrators). [7]</p>	<p>There have not been significant changes since the last report. In 2017 there were 29 victims (14 minors) of trafficking in human beings, in 2018 76 victims (4 minors), in 2019 27 victims (17 minors) and in 2020 15 victims (5 minors). On the other hand, only 1 victim of the slavery was identified in 2019.</p>
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CHALLENGES IN REALIZING MEASURES TARGETED BY THE PROTOCOL	
According to the social partners	
Employers' organizations	
<p>86. What are the main obstacles encountered by your country with regard to realizing the principle of</p>	<p>a) Lack of awareness</p>

<p>effective and sustained suppression of all forms of forced labour through prevention, victim protection and access to remedies? [8]</p>	
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<p>TECHNICAL COOPERATION NEEDS</p>	
<p>Request</p>	
<p>87. Does your Government think that it should establish technical cooperation activities with the ILO or pursue those that already exist for the prevention and effective suppression of forced or compulsory labour, victim protection and access to remedies? [9.1]</p>	<p>No</p>