

## 26<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF EIFAC

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Hotel International <sup>1</sup>

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(<http://www.hotel-international.hr/?l=en>)

### INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### **Geographical position:**

Croatia extends from the furthest eastern edges of the Alps in the north-west to the Pannonian lowlands and the banks of the Danube in the east; its central region is covered by the Dinara mountain range, and its southern parts extend to the coast of the Adriatic Sea.

#### **Surface:**

the mainland covers 56 594 km<sup>2</sup>; surface area of territorial waters totals 31 067 km<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Population:**

4 437 460 inhabitants; composition of population: the majority of the population are Croats; national minorities are Serbs, Slovenes, Hungarians, Bosnians, Italians, Czechs and others.

#### **System of government:**

Multi-party parliamentary republic.

#### **Capital:**

Zagreb (779 145 inhabitants), the economic, traffic, cultural and academic centre of the country.

#### **Coastline:**

5 835.3 km, of which 4 058 km comprise the coastlines of islands, solitary rocks and reefs. Number of islands, solitary rocks and reefs: 1 185; the largest islands are Cres and Krk; there are 47 inhabited islands.

#### **Climate:**

Croatia has three climate zones; the prevailing climate in the country's interior is moderately rainy; on the highest peaks, a forest climate with snow falls, while the areas along the Adriatic coast have a pleasantly mild Mediterranean climate with a large number of sunny days; summers are dry and hot, winters mild and wet with significant precipitations. Average temperatures in the interior: January -2 to 0° C, somewhat lower at the highest altitudes; August - about 20° C and about 12° C on the highest peaks. Average temperature in the littoral: January - 5 to 9° C, August - 22 to 25° C; sea temperature in winter: 12° C; in summer, about 25° C

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<sup>1</sup> The booking form for this hotel is also posted on the website together with all the other meeting information. Other hotels can for example be booked through the Zagreb Tourist Board <http://www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr/?id=49&l=e&nav=nav4>

**Currency:**

HRK or „kuna“ (1 kuna = 100 lipa). Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks, exchange offices, post offices, travel agencies, hotels, camps, marinas; cheques can be cashed in banks.  
1 Euro = approx. 7.35 kunas

**Power supply:** 220 V, 50 Hz

Our UK guests should note that power outlets in Croatia are the Continental two-pin type and that a socket adapter is therefore required.

**Water:**

Tap water is potable in all parts of Croatia.

**The telephone code** for Croatia is +385.

**Time zone:**

GMT plus one hour in winter and GMT plus two in summer.

**Travel documentation:**

A valid passport or some other identification document recognised by international agreement; for certain countries a personal identity card is sufficient (i.e. a document which testifies to the identity and citizenship of the bearer).

**For more information on visa requirements:**

Diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Croatia abroad or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia. Tel: +385 1 4569 964; E-mail: stranci@mvpei.hr; www.mvpei.hr

**Health services**

Foreign visitors are not obliged to pay for medical services if a convention on Social Security has been signed between Croatia and visitors' country of origin, i.e. if they have in their possession a certificate stipulated by such a convention confirming their right to health care. Health care (including transport) is used for emergency cases in the manner and according to regulations valid for Croatian citizens covered by Social Security, with the costs of health care being participated in, in the same way (participation and administrative duty). Persons coming from countries with which no such convention has been signed bear the costs of health services rendered personally.

**Working hours:**

Most shops are open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on weekdays and until 2 or 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Some shops work a split-shift system: from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and again from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Many shops stay open until 10 p.m., even on Sundays, especially in summer, while certain shops in the larger cities are open for business 24 hours a day. Public services and business offices work from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

**Call 112 in the following cases:**

- if you need urgent or vital medical assistance;
- for assistance of fire fighting services;

- for assistance of mountain rescue services;
- for urgent or vital veterinary assistance;

**Important telephone numbers:**

International country code for Croatia: +385

Police: 92

Fire Brigade: 93

Ambulance: 94

Roadside vehicle assistance: 987

(when calling from abroad or by mobile phone, call +385 1 987)

National Search and Rescue Centre: 9155.

A single countrywide number for all emergency situations: 112

General information: 981

Information local and intercity numbers: 988

Information international numbers: 902

Weather forecast and road conditions: 060 520 520

Croatian Automobile Club (HAK): +385 1 46 40 800,

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