

Directorate-General for the Presidency
Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

Factsheet: The Croatian Parliament



The Croatian Parliament building on St. Mark's Square in Zagreb, opposite the seat of the Government.






1. At a glance

Croatia is a parliamentary democracy. The Croatian Parliament (*Hrvatski sabor*) is a unicameral body. According to the 1990 Constitution, the Croatian Parliament may have a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 160 Members (MPs). They are elected directly by secret ballot based on universal suffrage for a four-year term in 12 constituencies: 140 MPs are elected from 10 constituencies in the country, each providing 14 MPs chosen from party lists or independent lists. Seats are distributed according to the d'Hondt method and the electoral threshold is 5%. Three MPs are elected in a special constituency by Croatians residing abroad, and eight are elected by members of the national ethnic minorities in the country, in a special (national) constituency.

Currently the Croatian Parliament has 151 members who were elected in the snap elections on 11 September 2016, only 10 months after the previous polls. No party won an outright majority. The Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ/EPP) and its allies, led by Mr. Andrej Plenković, came first, ahead of the People's Coalition, led by the Social Democratic Party (SDP/S&D).

The current coalition government, led by Prime Minister Andrej Plenković, is formed by the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ/EPP) and the Croatian People's Party-Liberal Democrats (HNS/Not affiliated).

2. Composition

| Results of the elections of 11 September 2016 | | | | |
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| | Party | EP affiliation | % | Seats |
|  | Hrvatska demokratska zajednica (HDZ) and its allies Croatian Democratic Union |  | 36,27 | 61 |
|  | Socijaldemokratska partija Hrvatske (SDP) and its allies (People's Coalition) Social Democratic Party |  | 33,82 | 54 |
|  | Most nezavisnih lista (Most) Bridge of Independent Lists | Not affiliated | 9,91 | 13 |
| | Others | | | 13 |
| Turnout: 52,59% | | | | |
| The next Parliamentary elections must take place in autumn 2020 at the latest. | | | | |

3. Officeholders

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| Speaker of the Croatian Parliament  Mr Gordan Jandroković (HDZ/EPP), since 5 May 2017 | Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee  Mr Domagoj Ivan Milošević (HDZ/EPP), since 28 October 2016 |
| Secretary-General of the Croatian Parliament: Mr Davor Orlović, since 14 October 2016 | |

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

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| Participation rights for Croatian MEPs in plenary sittings | Yes |
| Participation rights for Croatian MEPs in committee meetings | Yes |
| Availability of videoconferencing system in Croatian Parliament | No |

5. Information links

- Official website: <http://www.sabor.hr>
- [Rules of procedure in English](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the Croatian Parliament to the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [European Parliament Information Office in Zagreb](#)

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