

FACTSHEET

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THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENT










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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 (76 seats are needed to form a majority) who were elected in the elections on 4 and 5 July 2020.

Outcome of the July 2020 parliamentary elections:

	Party	EP affiliation	Seats
	Hrvatska demokratska zajednica (HDZ) Croatian Democratic Union		66
	Socijaldemokratska partija Hrvatske / Social Democratic Party of Croatia (SDP) - led Restart coalition composed of seven political parties : SDP, Croatian Peasant Party, Croatian Party of Pensioners, Civic Liberal Alliance, Power – Party of People's and Civic Engagement, Istrian Democratic Assembly, Primorje-Gorski Kotar Alliance)	 	41
	Domovinski pokret Homeland Movement	Not affiliated	16
	Most The Bridge	Not affiliated	8
	Možemo! "We Can!"	Not affiliated	7
	Others		13
Turnout: 46.9%			

2. COMPOSITION

There are **16 political groups** active in the 10th term of the Croatian Parliament. According to the Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure, the minimum number of Members required to form a political group is three (3). A Member of Parliament may be a member of only one political group, while a Member of Parliament representing a national minority may, in addition to being a member of the Deputy Club of national minorities, be a member of another political group, with the consent of that political group. There are **five independent MPs** in the Croatian Parliament, who do not belong to any political group.

	Political group (Deputy club)	Number of MPs	Date of establishment
1.	Deputy Club of the Croatian Democratic Union	64	22 July 2020
2.	Deputy Club Social Democrats	17	8 October 2021
3.	Deputy Club of the Social Democratic Party of Croatia	13	22 July 2020
4.	Deputy Club of the Bridge	8	22 July 2020
5.	Deputy club of the Homeland Movement	7	22 July 2020
6.	Deputy Club We Can!*	6	22 July 2020
7.	Deputy Club of the Croatian People's Party - Liberal Democrats and Independent MPs	3	22 July 2020
8.	Deputy Club of the Istrian Democratic Assembly	4	22 July 2020
9.	Deputy Club of the Croatian Sovereignists	4	22 July 2020
10.	Deputy Club of the Centre and Civic Liberal Alliance	3	22 July 2020
11.	Deputy Club of the Focus and Reformists	3	9 July 2021
12.	Deputy Club of the Croatian Peasant Party and Workers' Front	4	22 July 2020
13.	Deputy Club of the Croatian Social-Liberal Party and Independent MP Vladimir Bilek	3	22 July 2020
14.	Deputy Club of the Independent Democratic Serb Party	3	22 July 2020
15.	Deputy Club For a Just Croatia	3	18 January 2022
16.	Deputy Club of national minorities	8	22 July 2020

5 MPs are not members of any deputy club (political group)

* On 17 April 2023, the Deputy Club of the Green and Left Block changed its name to the Deputy Club We Can!

3. OFFICEHOLDERS

**Speaker of the
Croatian Parliament**



Mr Gordan Jandroković (HDZ/EPP),
since 5 May 2017

**Chairperson of the
European Affairs Committee**



Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Social Democrats/NA)
since 22 July 2020

Secretary-General of the Croatian Parliament: Mr Davor Orlović, since 14 October 2016

4. RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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 Yes

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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