

## Survey on the Effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

### Background Information

**1. Please enter country name in the space below**

The Republic of Croatia

**2. Name of the agency**

State Attorney's Office, Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organised Crime (USKOK)

**3. Date of establishment**

December 2001

**4. Contact Information**

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**5. Website**

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### Legal Framework

**6. What are the main anti-corruption laws in your country? (please include year of entry into force)**

Criminal Code  
Criminal Procedure Act  
Act on the Office for the Suppression of Corruption and Organized Crime  
Act on Confiscation of Pecuniary Gain acquired by Criminal or Misdemeanor offence  
Act on the Prevention of Conflict of Interest in the Exercise of Public Office  
Act on the Right of Access to Information  
Act on Financing of Political parties and independent candidates  
Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Act

**7. Does your Government have a single or primary anti-corruption strategy?**

Yes, there is the Anti-Corruption Strategy issued by the Croatian Parliament

**8. Does your country have freedom of information legislation?**

Yes  No

**9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?**

Yes  No

**10. Does your country have a financial disclosure system to help prevent conflicts of interest?**

Yes  No

**11. Does your country have immunity protection legislation?**

Yes  No

**12. Is your agency protected from political interference by law?**

Yes  No

### **Institutional Framework**

**13. What are the main functions and operations of your agency?** *Please check all that apply*

Research  Prevention  Investigation  Prosecution  Forensics  Accounting  Policy

**14. Is there one agency in charge of coordinating AC efforts across agencies?**

Yes  No

If yes, please specify: Independent Sector for the Suppression of Corruption within the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia

**15. Does your agency have the ability to share information or data with**

**(a) Other agencies within your Government, and**

Yes  No

**(b) Government partners from other countries?**

Yes  No

**16. Please enter the current size of permanent staff in the space below.**

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**17. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)**

Head of USKOK and 29 Deputy Heads

18. Number of investigators (if applicable)

19. Number of support staff (if applicable)

20. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)

(a) Number of complaints received

(b) Number of investigations conducted

(c) Number of cases handled in court

(d) Other please specify

21. Please state the number of complaints received for which your agency did a follow up

22. Please state the prosecution to conviction ratio of your agency (if applicable)

23. Please state the number of learning activities and outreach events organized by your agency (if applicable)

24. Please state the amount of assets recovered by your agency (if applicable)

25. Please enter the names of other agencies with similar functions as this ACA

26. Does your agency have a system to monitor performance of staff?

Yes       No

27. Are human resource management actions, i.e., recruitment, promotion, and termination based primarily on staff integrity and professionalism?

Yes       No

**28. Are new vacancies for your own agency announced publically?**

Yes       No

**29. Are the results of these recruitment processes announced publically by your agency?**

Yes       No

**30. Who appoints the head of your agency?**

State Attorney General with the prior opinion of the minister responsible for judicial affairs and the opinion of the collegiate body of the State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia

**31. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?**

State Attorney's Council upon the proposal of the State Attorney General and with the prior opinion of the collegiate body of the State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia

**32. To whom does the head of your agency report to?**

State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia

**33. Is there any term limit for the head of the ACA?**

Yes       No

The Head of USKOK is appointed for a term of four years. After the term for which he was appointed has expired, the Head may be reappointed to the Office.

If yes, please specify:

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**34. Is the agency subject to judicial review?**

Yes       No

**35. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?**

Yes       No

**36. Does your agency measure "performance"?**

Yes       No

***If yes, against which indicators?***

- X    Number of investigations conducted
- X    Number of investigations concluded
- Ratio of number of investigations/staff
- Percentage of total budget allocated to outreach activities and communication.
- Number of outreach activities delivered
- X    Others, please specify  
      Number of criminal reports, number of dismissals of criminal reports, number of indicted persons,  
      number of all judgments and percentage of judgments of convictions, successfulness of appeals

**37. In practice is your agency protected from political interference?**

Yes       No

**38. Does your agency keep a comprehensive skill list of its staff?**

Yes       No

(regulated  
by law)

**39. Is the staff provided with regular training and refresher training to ensure that their skills are up-to-date?**

Yes       No

**40. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistleblowing)?**

Yes       No

**41. Does your agency have a communication strategy?**

Yes       No

**42. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?**

Yes       No

**43. Is there a strategy for formulating a partnership with outside agencies to fight corruption?**

Yes       No

**44. Is there a strategy for dealing with the media?**

Yes       No

**45. In practice does your agency has sufficient powers to carry out its mandate?**

Yes       No

**Resource Mobilization**

**46. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?**

Yes       No

**47. What is the annual budget of your agency?**

21,298,250.00 HRK (for 2013)
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**48. The annual budget is determined by (please choose the answer(s) that best fit(s) your agency)**

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Number of staff
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations
<input type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Other, please specify  Material resources are allocated based on reports on work, planned activities and projections of work. Part of annual budget in regard to salaries is determined by number of staff

**49. How much does it roughly cost to (please enter the dollar amount per stated activity)?**

\$	File a case	\$	Manage a paper case	\$	Analyze a case
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**50. Is there any donor involvement in your agency in term of budget?**

Yes       No

There are no private donors or donations, but exclusively donations within EU projects and from governments of foreign countries.

**51. Does your agency use a computerized system to handle cases?**

Yes       No

**Social Framework**

**52. Does your agency provide a mechanism for citizens to report complaints anonymously or provide information on corrupt activities?**

Yes       No

**53. Does your agency or government provide a hotline to report corruption?**

Yes       No

**54. Does your agency produce regular and annual public reports of its activities?**

Yes       No

### **Innovation**

**55. Does your agency use any IT tools to**

- a. Facilitate reporting of corruption and fraud by citizens (like [www.Ipaidabribe.org](http://www.Ipaidabribe.org) )
- b.  Share information with citizens about its own activities
- c.  Share and/or obtain information for its own investigations
- d. Other – please explain

**56. Does your agency use social media to raise awareness on corruption among the public?**

Yes       No