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# PERPETRATORS OF MISDEMEANOURS, BY TYPE OF MISDEMEANOUR, 2023

In 2023, there were 93 938 accused adult perpetrators of misdemeanours, which represents a decrease of 5.9% compared to 2022, while the number of those found guilty decreased by 7.0% compared to the previous year.

The number of accused juvenile perpetrators of misdemeanours amounted to 2 021 in 2023, which represents an increase of 2.0% compared to 2022, while the number of those found guilty decreased by 19.5% compared to the previous year.

In 2023, there were 11 082 accused legal entities – perpetrators of misdemeanours, which represents a decrease of 21.1% compared to 2022, while the number of those recognised as responsible decreased by 21.4% compared to the previous year.

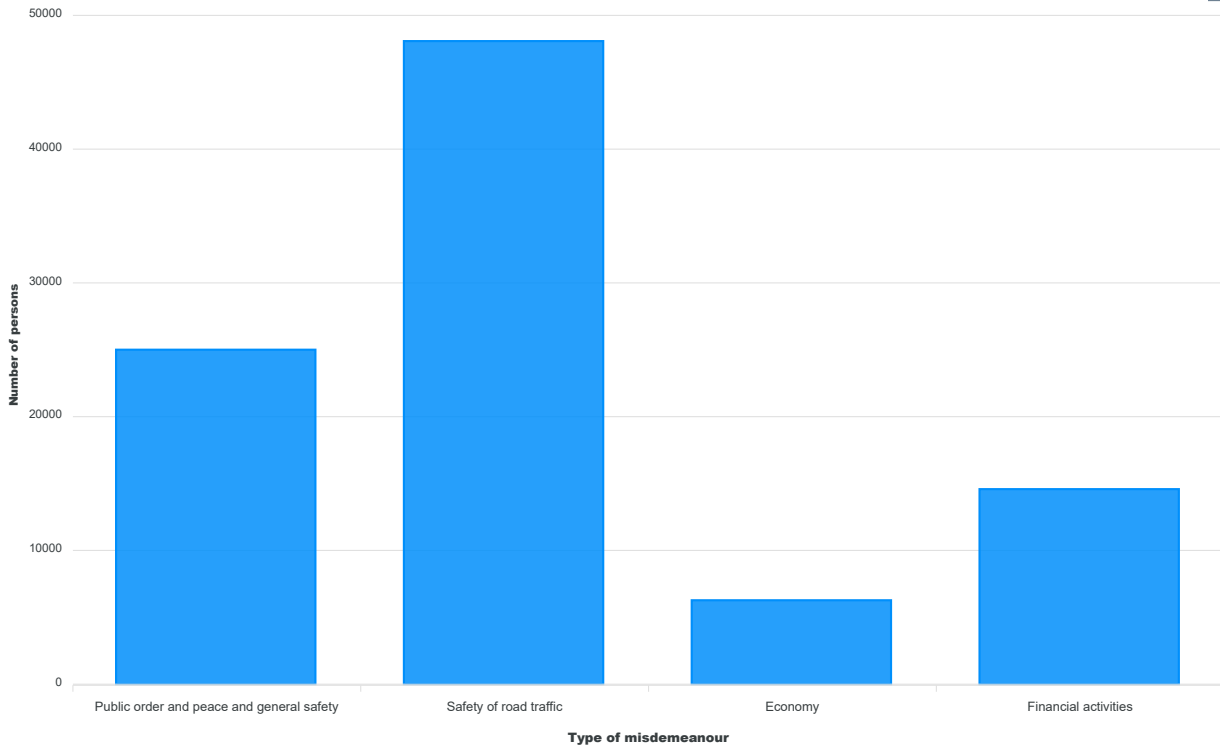
The number of accused persons in charge – perpetrators of misdemeanours amounted to 10 881 in 2023, which represents a decrease of 23.2% compared to 2022, while the number of those who were found guilty decreased by 22.8% compared to the previous year.

Adult perpetrators of misdemeanours committed most misdemeanours in the field of safety in traffic (51.2%) and juvenile perpetrators in the field of public order and peace and general safety (58.0%). Legal entities as well as persons in charge committed most misdemeanours in the field of financial activities (45.2% of legal entities and 49.5% of persons in charge).

## 1 MISDEMEANOUR PERPETRATORS

	Adult		Juvenile		Legal entities and persons in charge			
	Accused	Found guilty	Accused	Found guilty	Legal entities		Persons in charge	
					Accused	Found responsible	Accused	Found guilty
2022	99 805	85 279	1 982	41	14 044	10 205	14 161	11 049
2023	93 938	79 267	2 021	33	11 082	8 022	10 881	8 528
Indices 2023 2022	94,1	93,0	102,0	80,5	78,9	78,6	76,8	77,2

G-1 ACCUSED ADULT PERSONS, BY TYPE OF MISDEMEANOUR, 2023



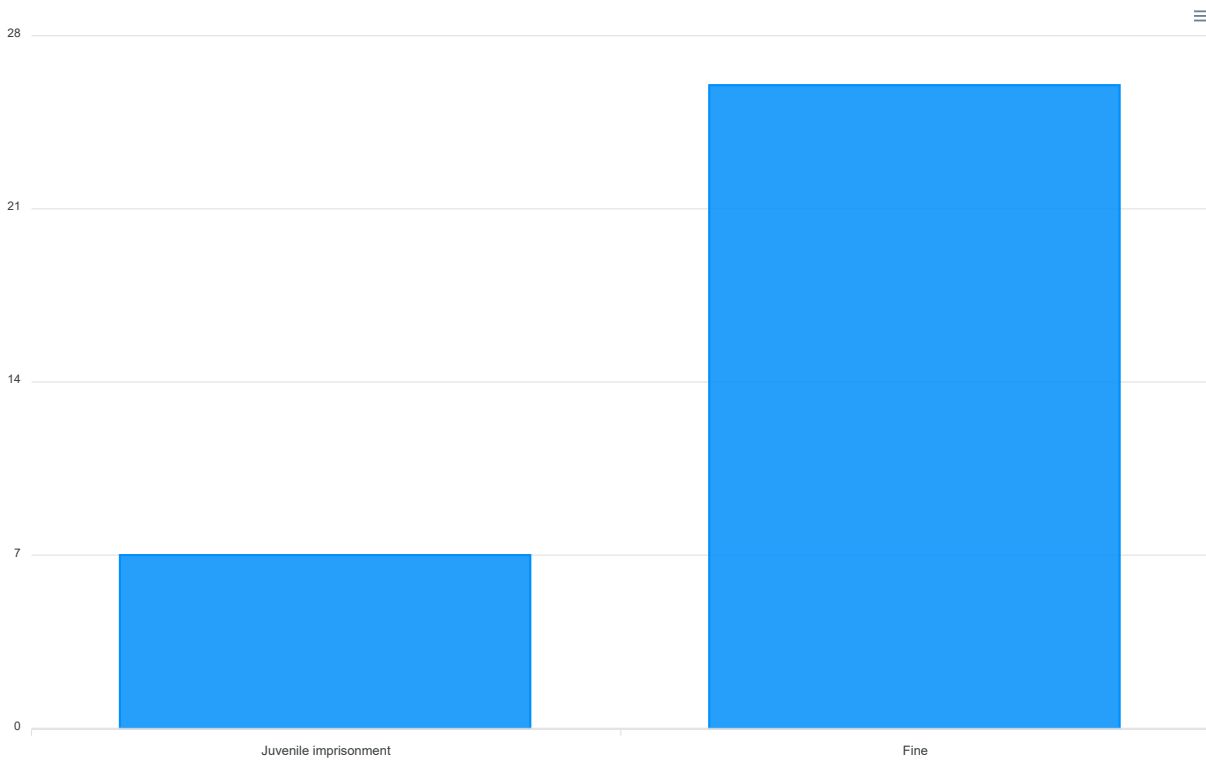
## 2 DECISIONS MADE BY COMPETENT MISDEMEANOUR BODIES AND PRONOUNCED SANCTIONS, BY TYPE OF MISDEMEANOUR, 2023

	Total	Type of misdemeanour			
		Public order and peace and general safety	Safety of road traffic	Economy	Financial activities
<b>Adult persons</b>					
Total	93 938	25 006	48 078	6 273	14 581
Women	16 292	4 319	7 876	1 892	2 205
Not found guilty	14 671	4 699	6 740	2 727	505
Women	3 736	1 208	1 439	977	112
Terminated proceeding	811	251	234	57	269
Judgement rejecting charges	3 035	1 160	1 029	720	126
Judgement of acquittal	10 825	3 288	5 477	1 950	110
Found guilty	79 267	20 307	41 338	3 546	14 076
Women	12 556	3 111	6 437	915	2 093
Imprisonment – total	5 340	3 410	1 930	-	-
Suspended	3 971	2 682	1 289	-	-
Fine	70 310	16 498	36 708	3 075	14 029
Admonition	2 890	165	2 465	257	3
Found guilty, but acquitted/no penalty	727	234	235	214	44
Security measure applied	13 503	2 453	11 044	5	1
<b>Juvenile persons</b>					
Total	2 021	1 172	818	29	2
Female persons	255	165	84	6	-
Not found guilty	1 988	1 147	810	29	2
Female persons	253	163	84	6	-
Terminated proceeding	276	183	87	6	-
Not found guilty but educational and/or security measure applied	1 712	964	723	23	2
Found guilty	33	25	8	-	-
Female persons	2	2	-	-	-
Juvenile imprisonment – total	7	6	1	-	-
Suspended	6	6	-	-	-
Fine	26	19	7	-	-
Educational measure applied	1 708	961	722	23	2
Of that, with security measure	37	11	26	-	-
Female persons	188	120	64	4	-
Reprimand	1 561	857	679	23	2
Special obligations	132	94	38	-	-
Assignment to disciplinary centre	15	10	5	-	-
Security measure applied	44	15	29	-	-
Female persons	1	1	-	-	-
Of that, with educational measure	37	11	26	-	-
Of that, with sentence	3	1	2	-	-
<b>Legal entities and persons in charge</b>					
Total – Legal entities	11 082	309	909	4 857	5 007
Legal entities not found responsible	3 060	97	376	1 930	657
Proceedings terminated	863	11	9	347	496
Judgement rejecting charges	1 203	45	68	970	120
Judgement of acquittal	994	41	299	613	41
Legal entities found responsible	8 022	212	533	2 927	4 350
Fine	7 531	200	489	2 523	4 319
Admonition	22	1	7	13	1
Found responsible but no penal sentence	469	11	37	391	30
Security measure applied	-	-	-	-	-
Total – Persons in charge	10 881	204	620	4 673	5 384
Women	2 577	38	79	1 216	1 244

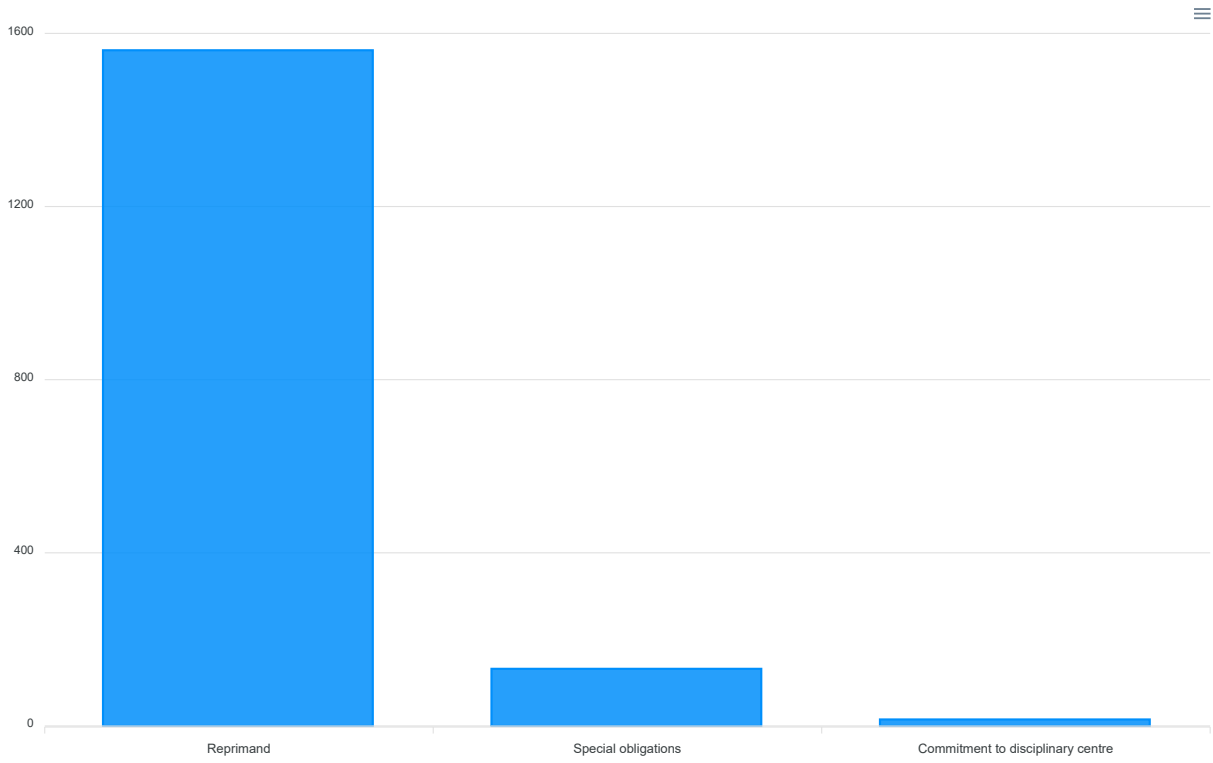
Persons in charge not found guilty	2 353	83	269	1 610	391
Women	555	11	31	411	102
Proceedings terminated	289	4	6	64	215
Judgement rejecting charges	1 165	37	55	956	117
Judgement of acquittal	899	42	208	590	59
Persons in charge found guilty	8 528	121	351	3 063	4 993
Women	2 022	27	48	805	1 142
Fine	8 049	109	305	2 672	4 963
Admonition	59	1	26	28	4
Found guilty but no penal sentence	420	11	20	363	26
Security measure applied	1	-	-	1	-

## G-2 JUVENILES, BY PRONOUNCED SENTENCES, 2023

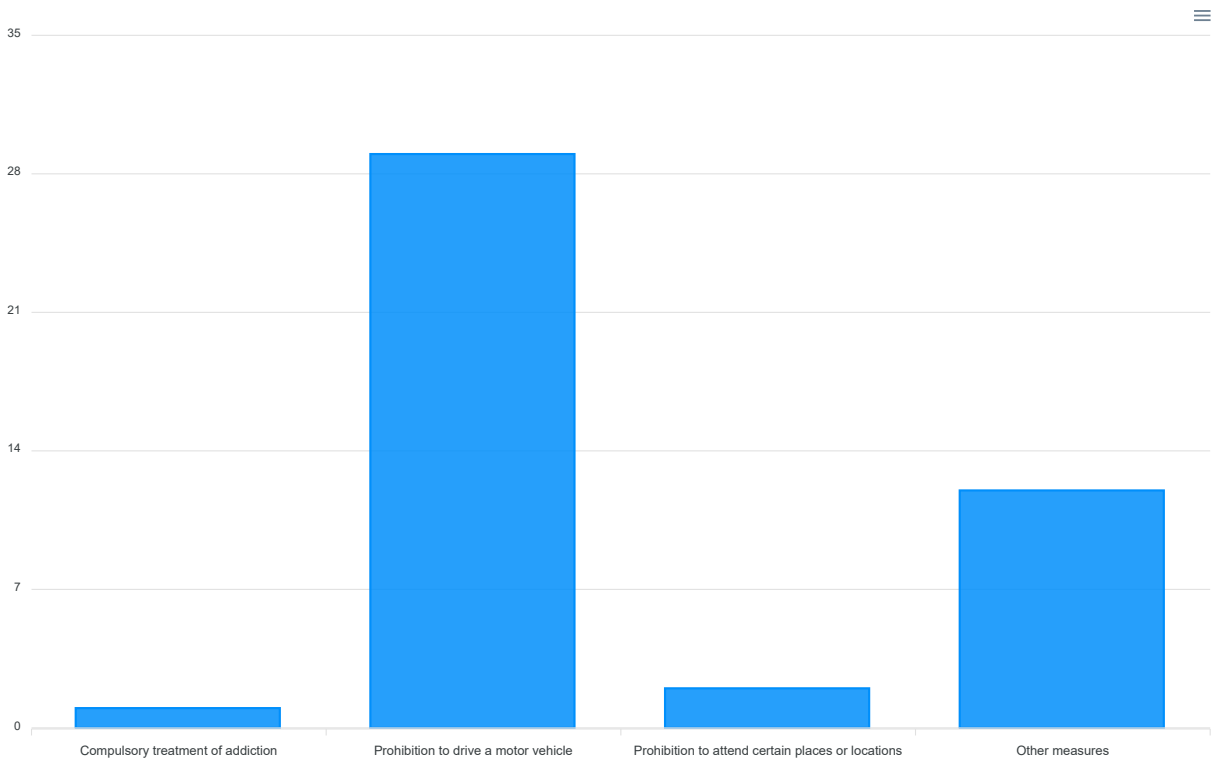
### Types of pronounced sentences



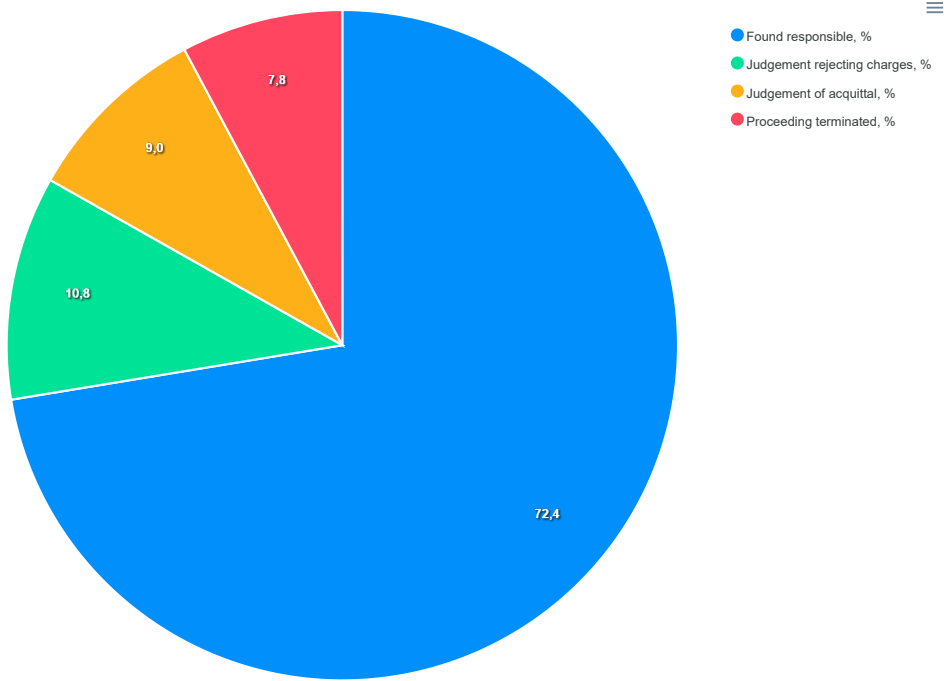
### Types of educational measures applied



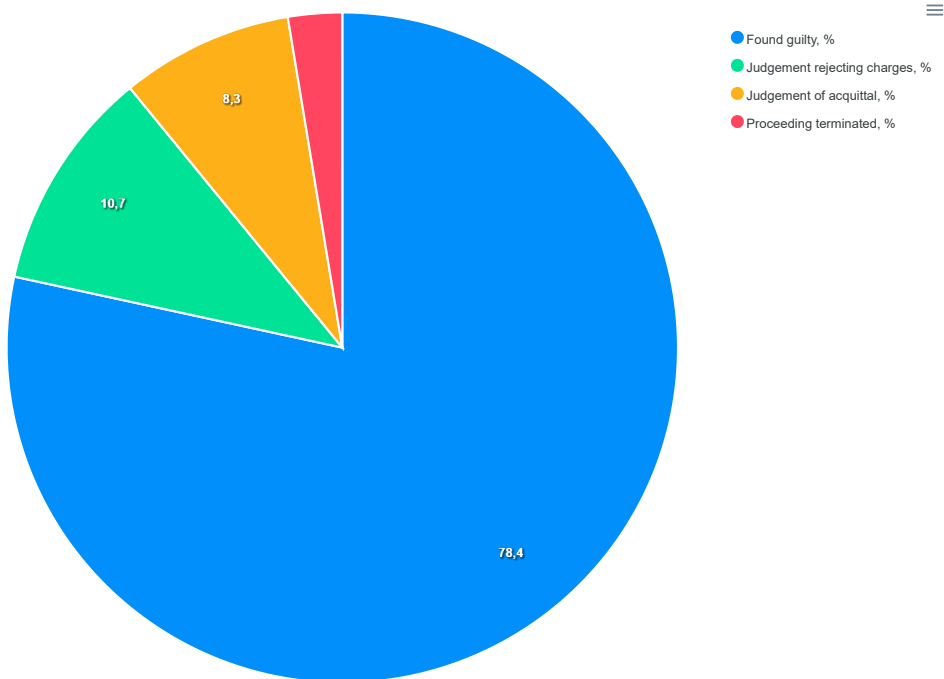
### Types of security measures applied



## Legal entities



## Persons in charge



## NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

### Sources and methods of data collection

On the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20), data on misdemeanours committed by adult and juvenile persons as well as by legal entities and persons in charge are collected by regular statistical surveys, which use the following statistical reports: the Statistical Report for Accused Adult against Whom Misdemeanour Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SPK-1 form), the Statistical Report for Accused Juvenile against Whom Misdemeanour Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SPK-2 form) and the Statistical Report for Legal Entity and Person in Charge against Whom Misdemeanour Proceedings Have Been Validly Concluded (SPK-3 form).

Statistical reports are filled in by competent municipal courts as well as by competent state administration bodies, authorised to adjudicate in misdemeanour proceedings: tax administration offices, regional customs offices, harbour master's offices, management body of air traffic and financial inspectorate.

The Misdemeanour Act (NN, Nos 107/07, 39/13, 157/13, 110/15, 70/17, 118/18 and 114/22) was put into effect on 1 January 2008 and, since then, it has been applied in statistical surveys.

### Coverage

Statistical surveys cover all perpetrators of misdemeanours – adults, juveniles, legal entities and persons in charge – in order to examine the volume and spread of misdemeanours for the whole territory of the Republic of Croatia.

### Definitions

**Misdemeanours** are conducts that violate or threaten public order, social discipline or other social values guaranteed and protected by the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, national and international laws, the protection of which is not possible without the misdemeanour system of sanctions and is not achieved through the penal coercion.

In regard of statistical surveys, misdemeanours cover an occurrence that starts with reporting a committed misdemeanour and ends with a valid conclusion of proceedings done by a competent misdemeanour body.

**Adult perpetrator of misdemeanour** is a person who turned 18 at the time of committing a misdemeanour, and against whom misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on termination of the proceedings, judgement on rejection of charges, judgement of acquittal, or a decision by which a person is found guilty.

**Juvenile perpetrator of misdemeanour** is a person who, at the time of committing a misdemeanour, turned 14 but not yet 18 years of age, and against whom misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on termination of the proceedings, decision by which person is found guilty (juveniles between 16 and 18 years of age who were sentenced by juvenile imprisonment or fine).

According to the Misdemeanour Act (NN, Nos 107/07, 39/13, 157/13, 110/15, 70/17, 118/18 and 114/22), educational measure is applied to a juvenile perpetrator of misdemeanour by court's decision. In the pronouncement of the decision, it is only stated which measure is applied, but the juvenile perpetrator is not pronounced guilty of the committed misdemeanour.

**Person in charge – perpetrator of misdemeanour** is a person in charge (director, accountant manager, cashier etc.) in a **legal entity** (trade company, state body etc.) against whom misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on termination of the proceedings, judgement on rejection of charges, judgement of acquittal, or a decision by which person is found guilty.

**Legal entities – perpetrators of misdemeanours** are domestic legal entities (for example, trade companies, state bodies, unions and alike) as well as foreign entities considered as legal entities under Croatian law, against which misdemeanour proceedings have been validly concluded by either a decision on termination of the proceedings, judgement on rejection of charges, judgement of acquittal, or a decision by which legal entity has been found responsible.

### Abbreviations

NN Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia

### Symbols

- no occurrence

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