

**Embassy of India
Zagreb**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023**

NAME OF THE MISSION: EMBASSY OF INDIA, ZAGREB (CROATIA)

MONTHLY REPORT FOR CROATIA

A. TRADE IN GOODS

I. Quantitative data

a) Bilateral trade during 2023 (January – September, including September)

	Croatian export (US\$ million)	Croatian import (US\$ million)
Croatia's trade with India	13.95	220.57

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

	Croatian export (US\$ million)	Croatian import (US\$ million)
Croatia's trade with India	96.32	163.88

Data source: Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce

b) Top 10 items of import from India during 2023 (January – September, including September)

S. No.	CN code	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)
1	2710	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excl. crude); preparations containing >= 70% by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations, n.e.s.; waste oils containing mainly petroleum or bituminous minerals	81.37
2	2933	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only	14.86

3	7601	Unwrought aluminium	8.27
4	3004	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses "incl. those for transdermal administration" or in forms or packings for retail sale (excl. goods of heading 3002, 3005 or 3006)	7.95
5	6204	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (excl. knitted or crocheted, wind-jackets and similar articles, slips, petticoats and panties, tracksuits, ski suits and swimwear)	7.84
6	6907	Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles; ceramic mosaic cubes and the like, whether or not on a backing (excl. of siliceous fossil meals or similar siliceous earths, refractory goods, tiles specially adapted as table mats, ornamental articles and tiles specifically manufactured for stoves)	7.22
7	7210	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width \geq 600 mm, hot-rolled or cold-rolled "cold-reduced", clad, plated or coated	6.9
8	9021	Orthopaedic appliances, incl. crutches, surgical belts and trusses; splints and other fracture appliances; artificial parts of the body; hearing aids and other appliances which are worn or carried, or implanted in the body, to compensate for a defect or disability	6.7
9	2922	Oxygen-function amino-compounds	4.68
10	2934	Nucleic acids and their salts, whether or not chemically defined; heterocyclic compounds (excl. with oxygen only or with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only)	4.39

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

S. No.	HS code	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)
1	6907	CERAMIC FLGS AND PAVING, HEARTH OR WALL TLS CERAMIC MOSAIC CUBES AND LIKE, WHETHER OR NOT ON A BACKING; FINISHING CERAMICS	14.45
2	2933	HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS WITH NITROGEN	9.07
3	7210	FLT-RLLD PRDCTS OF IRON/NON-ALOY STEEL OF WDTH \geq 600 MM, CLAD, PLATD/COATD	8.13
4	0901	COFFEE, WHETHER OR NOT ROASTED OR DCAFFEINATED; COFFEE HUSKS AND SKINS; COFFEE SUBSTITUTES CONTAINING COFFEE	7.95

5	3004	MDCMNTS (EXCL ITMS OF 3002,3005 / 3006) FR THRPUTC/PRPHYLCTC USES IN MEASURD DOSESOR IN PCKNGS FR RTL SALE	7.25
6	9021	ORHPDC APLNCS,ARTFCL PRTS OF TH BODY;HRNGAIDS AND OTHR APLNCS WHCH ARE WRN/CRRD/ IMPLNTD IN THE BODY TO CMPNST DFCT	6.80
7	8504	ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS, STATIC CONVERTERS (FOR EXAMPLE, RECTIFIERS) AND INDUCTORS	5.23
8	6802	WRKD MONMNT/BLDG STONE (EXCPT SLATE) ETC EXCPT HDG 6801 MOSAIC CUBES ARTFCLY COLRD GRNLS ETC OF NATRL STONE (INCL SLATE	4.16
9	2401	UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO; TOBACCO REFUSE	3.65
10	1207	OTHER OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUITS, WHETHER OR NOT BROKEN	3.51

Data source: Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce

c) Top 10 items of export to India during 2023 (January – September, including September)

S. No.	CN code	CN name	Value (US\$ million)
1	4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm	2.5
2	4701	Mechanical wood pulp, not chemically treated	2.07
3	2933	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only	1.24
4	8443	Printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442 (excl. hectograph or stencil duplicating machines, addressing machines and other office printing machines of heading 8469 to 8472); other printers, copying machines and facsimile machines, whether or not combined; parts thereof	1.04
5	1211	Plants and parts of plants, incl. seeds and fruits, of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered	0.48
6	2523	Cement, incl. cement clinkers, whether or not coloured	0.42
7	8428	Lifting, handling, loading or unloading machinery, e.g. lifts, escalators, conveyors, teleferics (excl. pulley tackle and hoists, winches and capstans, jacks, cranes of all kinds, mobile lifting frames and straddle carriers, works trucks fitted with a crane, fork-lift trucks	0.41

		and other works trucks fitted with lifting or handling equipment)	
8	8307	Flexible tubing of base metal, with or without fittings	0.39
9	4707	Recovered "waste and scrap" paper or paperboard (excl. paper wool)	0.39
10	2934	Nucleic acids and their salts, whether or not chemically defined; heterocyclic compounds (excl. with oxygen only or with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only)	0.34

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

S. No.	HS code	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)
1	9801	PROJECT GOODS	56.93
2	8908	VSSLS AND OTHR FLOATNG STRCTRS FR BREAKNG UP	5.66
3	4407	WOOD SAWN OR CHIPPED LENGTHWISE, SLICED OR PEELED, WHETHER OR NOT PLANED, SANDED OR ENDJOINTED, OF A THICKNESS EXCEEDING	3.10
4	8536	ELCTRCLS APPRTS FR SWITCHNG/PRTCTNG ELCTRCLCIRCUITS ETC.(E.G.SWTCHS RELAYS ETC.) FOR A VOLTAGE NOT EXCDG 1000 VOLTS	2.92
5	4701	MECHANICAL WOOD PULP	2.70
6	2933	HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS WITH NITROGEN	2.25
7	8503	PARTS SUITABLE FOR USE SOLELY OR PRINCIPALLY WITH THE MACHINES OF HEADING 8501 OR 8502	1.49
8	1507	SOYA BEAN OIL AND ITS FRACTNS W/N REFINO BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED	1.38
9	8443	PRINTNG MACHNRY,INCL INK-JET PRINTNG MCHNSEXCL HDNG. NO 8471; MCHNS FR USES ANCILARY TO PRINTNG.	1.21
10	2836	CARBNTS;PEROXO CARBNTS (PERCARBNTS);CMMRCLAMMONIUM CARBONATE CONTNG AMMONIUM CARBMTS	1.20

Data source: Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Department of Commerce

d) Import overview of Croatia from India during 2023 (January – September, including September)

Commodity	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
Food and live animals	2,056.15	2.14

Beverages and tobacco	624.16	4.08
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,493.14	1.84
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	97,322.98	81.37
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2.6	0.02
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1,539.14	48.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	40,167.55	39.8
Machinery and transport equipment	3,004.45	14.97
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,066.07	27.55
		220.57

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

e) Export overview of Croatia to India during 2023 (January – September, including September)

Commodity	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
Food and live animals	100.71	0.22
Beverages and tobacco	10.7	0.12
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	14,008.66	5.62
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	NA	NA
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	209.15	2.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,237.28	1.33
Machinery and transport equipment	351.36	3.66
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8.24	0.8
		13.95

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

f) Countries exports to Croatia ranking during 2023 (January – September, including September)

1. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials

Rank	Country name	Quantity in SUQ	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
1.	Italy	41,831	1,305,902.52	1,119.9
2.	Slovenia	3,366,328	695,280.58	799.7
3.	United States	39,462	799,730.18	680.41
4.	Azerbaijan	NA	981,666.87	634.08
5.	Oman	12,421	227,820.04	558.68
11.	India	NA	97,322.98	81.37

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

2. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.

Rank	Country name	Quantity in SUQ	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
1.	Germany	15,572,401	127,307.41	715.54
2.	Slovenia	24,936,213	199,375.76	499.23
3.	Hungary	10,060,289	97,236.87	404.2
4.	Italy	21,759,086	235,219.32	383.12
5.	Austria	7,107,403	114,736.29	260.28
21.	India	148,049	1,539.14	48.8

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

3. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material

Rank	Country name	Quantity in SUQ	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
1.	Italy	35,203,554	706,695.79	1,057.9
2.	Germany	25,234,166	224,744.72	766.5
3.	Slovenia	202,495,542	431,750.49	592.68

4.	Austria	48,617,394	265,423.43	402.16
5.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,966,368	569,308.19	325.68
19.	India	2,522,064	40,167.55	39.8

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

4. Machinery and transport equipment

Rank	Country name	Quantity in SUQ	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
1.	Germany	13,424,992	104,228.91	1,682.94
2.	Slovenia	2,313,686	68,175.2	933.14
3.	Italy	4,420,987	72,165.81	836.02
4.	China	11,310,708	52,606.75	601.57
5.	Hungary	2,250,037	24,694.08	528.36
31.	India	838,820	3,004.45	14.97

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

5. Miscellaneous manufactured articles

Rank	Country name	Quantity in SUQ	Net mass (t)	Statistical value (US\$ million)
1.	Germany	123,937,171	31,494	656.53
2.	Italy	156,227,189	34,961.85	655.06
3.	Slovenia	70,702,838	28,128.84	340
4.	Poland	40,964,454	32,148.36	262.59
5.	Austria	29,807,580	11,916.35	233.78
23.	India	3,147,575	1,066.07	27.55

Data source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics

II. Qualitative data

Month: November 2023

a) Market access alerts (attach copy of notification)

1. Alerts on tariff changes, non-tariff barriers (SPS, TBT measures, import and export procedures/restrictions/prohibitions/licencing etc); trade policy developments

S. No.	Notification no. and date or other references	Details	Effective from
1	Croatia is a member of the European Union (EU) and commercial policy is regulated by the European Commission. EU trade system, exporting and importing are covered by EC Regulations: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business_en	NA	NA

2. Alerts on trade defence measures taken by respective country (Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti-subsidy)

S. No.	Notification no. and date or other references	Details of products/sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from
1	Croatia is a member of the European Union (EU) and commercial policy is regulated by the European Commission. EU trade system, exporting and importing are covered by EC Regulations: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business_en	NA	NA

III. Other feedback

Month: November 2023

a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns set-up in that country and Indian trade visitors to that country

S. No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General feedback (Max. 200 words)
1	NA	NA	NA	NA

b) Feedback on major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S. No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	No. of participants from India	Name(s) of large/key participants from India	Feedback received	Source of funding (MAI TA/TC)
1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; number of Business Visas issued

S. No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max. 200 words)
1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

d) Number of Business Visas issued

S. No.	No. of Business Visa issued during the month (November 2023)
1	18

IV. Any other submission

1. 15.3% more tourist arrivals and 4.0% more tourist nights in September 2023. In September 2023, the last summer month, there were 2.4 million arrivals and 11.6 million nights in commercial accommodation establishments, which was 15.3% more tourist arrivals and 4.0% more tourist nights compared to September 2022. Domestic tourists realised 235 thousand arrivals and 650 thousand nights, which was 13.8% more tourist arrivals and 8.1% more nights compared to September 2022. Foreign tourists realised 2.2 million arrivals and 10.9 million nights, which was 15.5% more tourist arrivals and 3.7% more tourist nights compared to September 2022. Of all foreign tourists, those from Germany realised the most tourist nights, as much as 3.6 million of them, which accounted for 33.1% of the total realised foreign tourist nights. This is the fourth month in a row this year that the number of nights realised by German tourists was smaller than in the same period of 2022. Thus, in September 2023 the number of nights realised by tourists from Germany was 9.1% lower than in September 2022. These were followed by tourists from Austria (10.8%), Poland (7.5%), Slovenia (6.5%), the Czech Republic (5.6%), the United Kingdom (5.2%) and Italy (2.8%). All tourists from the above-mentioned countries realised more nights in September 2023, as compared to September 2022, except for the tourists from Poland. (Source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics)

2. Prices 5.8% higher in October at the annual level. In October 2023, compared to October 2022 (at the annual level), the prices of goods and services for personal consumption, measured by the consumer price index, increased by 5.8% on average, while compared to September 2023 (at the monthly level), they increased by 0.5% on average. Observing the main divisions of the ECOICOP classification, at the annual level, the highest increase on average in consumer prices was recorded in the following divisions: Restaurants and hotels, of 12.1% (contribution to the growth of +0.61 percentage points), Food and non-alcoholic beverages, of 8.7% (+2.31 percentage points), Recreation and culture, of 6.7% (+0.35 percentage points), Clothing and footwear as well as Miscellaneous goods and services, of 6.6% in each division (contribution to the growth of +0.40 percentage points in the division Clothing and footwear and of +0.41 percentage points in the division Miscellaneous goods and services), Health, of 6.4% (+0.20 percentage points), Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, of 6.3% (+0.36 percentage points), Education, of 5.5% (+0.04 percentage points), and Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, of 5.4% (+0.27 percentage points). In October 2023, compared to October 2022 (at the annual level), the prices of goods and services for personal consumption, measured by the harmonised index of consumer prices, increased by 6.7% on average, while compared to September 2023 (at the monthly level), they increased by 0.3% on average. (Source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics)

3. Average net earnings in September amounted to 1,156 euro. The average monthly paid net earnings per person in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia for September

2023 amounted to 1,156 euro, which represented a nominal decrease of 0.6% and a real decrease of 1.1% as compared to August 2023. The average monthly gross earnings per person in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia for September 2023 amounted to 1,596 euro, which represented a nominal decrease of 1.1% and a real decrease of 1.6% as compared to August 2023. The highest average monthly paid net earnings per person in paid employment in legal entities for September 2023 were paid in the activity Air transport and amounted to 1,857 euro, while the lowest earnings were paid in the activity Manufacture of wearing apparel and amounted to 754 euro. The average monthly gross earnings per person in paid employment in legal entities for September 2023 were the highest in the activity Air transport and amounted to 2,692 euro, while the lowest earnings were paid in the activity Manufacture of wearing apparel and amounted to 987 euro. The average monthly paid net earnings per person in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia for September 2023 were 14.2% higher in nominal terms and 7.0% higher in real terms as compared to the same month last year. The average monthly gross earnings per person in paid employment in legal entities in the Republic of Croatia for September 2023 were 16.5% higher in nominal terms and 9.2% higher in real terms as compared to the same month last year. Median net earnings for September 2023 amounted to 998 euro, while median gross earnings amounted to 1,341 euro. (Source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics)

4. In the third quarter of 2023, the gross domestic product increased by 2.8% compared to the same quarter of 2022. The quarterly GDP increased by 2.8% in real terms in the third quarter of 2023 compared to the same quarter of 2022. The first estimate shows that the quarterly gross value added (GVA) increased in real terms by 1.7% in the third quarter of 2023, as compared to the same quarter of 2022, based on non-adjusted data. The increase in GVA is visible in most activity sections, which was mainly influenced by the increase in Wholesale and retail trade, transportation, storage, accommodation and food service activities, and Professional, scientific, technical, administrative and support service activities. The household expenditure in real terms increased by 3.0% in the third quarter of 2023, which was mainly affected by the increase in the turnover from retail trade. In the third quarter of 2023, the general government final consumption expenditure in real terms increased by 2.1% compared to the same quarter last year. In the third quarter of 2023, both the exports and the imports of goods and services in real terms decreased, by 8.5% and by 12.1%, respectively. (Source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics)

B. TRADE AND INVESTMENT

a) Significant trends in trade and investment

S. No.	Details of significant trends (Max. 200 words)	Analysis (Max. 200 words)
1	NA	NA

b) Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/suppliers (USD 15 million & above)

S. No.	Tender/procurement notice no. and date	Sector	Value of tender/procurement
1	NA	NA	NA

c) Information regarding upcoming major investment in India from respective country

S. No.	Particular of the asset/company	Sector of investment	Quantum of investment
1	NA	NA	NA

d) Trade Queries for imports/exports (if not uploaded on the Indian Trade Portal)

Trade Queries from India for Import/Export attended by the Mission in November 2023				
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product	Import/Export	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Rajvarsh Industries	Strech wrap films	Export	Query rcv: 01/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
2	Adarsh Chemical	Caustic soda	Export	Query rcv: 01/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
3	Vittiyam Pumps	Submersible pumps	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
4	CR Stone	Marble, granite and quartz	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
5	Parshwa Industries	Groundnuts	Export	Query rcv: 01/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
6	SeaWay Corporation	Paper products	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
7	Amity Corporation	Cotton yarn	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
8	Orgentek Agri Products	Oyster Mushroom	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
9	Superior Traderz	Leather products	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
10	Angels C Exim	Leather products	Export	Query rcv: 02/11/2023 Query answ: 02/11/2023
11	A To Z Exports	Agricultural commodities and plastic products	Export	Query rcv: 03/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023

12	Virun Global Trade	Fasteners and spare parts	Export	Query rcv: 03/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
13	AAR ESS Enterprises	Transformers	Export	Query rcv: 03/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
14	Stallion Enterprise	Organic chemicals, plastic and rubber	Export	Query rcv: 05/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
15	Yesha Engineering	Industrial equipment and machinery	Export	Query rcv: 05/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
16	Interva Global Exports	Food products and spices	Export	Query rcv: 06/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
17	SAK Export	Clothing	Export	Query rcv: 06/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
18	Meta Aerospace	Metal products	Export	Query rcv: 06/11/2023 Query answ: 06/11/2023
19	AV Internationals	Animal feed	Export	Query rcv: 07/11/2023 Query answ: 07/11/2023
20	Trade Devi Global	Household copper utensils	Export	Query rcv: 07/11/2023 Query answ: 07/11/2023
21	Hitesh Mahire	Gelatin capsules	Export	Query rcv: 07/11/2023 Query answ: 07/11/2023
22	Pramukh Exim	Spices	Export	Query rcv: 07/11/2023 Query answ: 07/11/2023
23	GMAC Exim	Dehydrated onion and garlic	Export	Query rcv: 08/11/2023 Query answ: 08/11/2023
24	Marbilano Ceramica	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query rcv: 09/11/2023 Query answ: 09/11/2023
25	Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation	Agricultural commodities, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and engineering products	Export	Query rcv: 09/11/2023 Query answ: 09/11/2023
26	Sarva Labs	Pharmaceuticals	Export	Query rcv: 09/11/2023 Query answ:

				10/11/2023
27	Pebbles Digital	Honey	Export	Query rcv: 09/11/2023 Query answ: 10/11/2023
28	RVH Export	Fruits	Export	Query rcv: 10/11/2023 Query answ: 10/11/2023
29	Umesh Pokal	Chili powder	Export	Query rcv: 10/11/2023 Query answ: 10/11/2023
30	Vin Zen Expo Qualities	Food, minerals, animal products, machinery, leather products and plastic molded products	Export	Query rcv: 13/11/2023 Query answ: 14/11/2023
31	Triventa Exports	Rice, tea, coffee, coconut products and spices	Export	Query rcv: 12/11/2023 Query answ: 13/11/2023
32	Shubham Mithe	Furniture	Export	Query rcv: 10/11/2023 Query answ: 13/11/2023
33	Shakti Global Impex	Agricultural commodities	Export	Query rcv: 14/11/2023 Query answ: 14/11/2023
34	Gemini Group	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query rcv: 15/11/2023 Query answ: 16/11/2023
35	SNG Cosmetics	Skincare products and cosmetics	Export	Query rcv: 16/11/2023 Query answ: 16/11/2023
36	Alps Coton Apparel	Caps and hats	Export	Query rcv: 16/11/2023 Query answ: 16/11/2023
37	Khyati Healthcare	Toothpaste and soap	Export	Query rcv: 16/11/2023 Query answ: 16/11/2023
38	TMR Fino Global	Medical/surgical products, electrical products and uniforms	Export	Query rcv: 16/11/2023 Query answ: 16/11/2023
39	Pratap Enterprises	Clothing and home textile	Export	Query rcv: 16/11/2023 Query answ: 17/11/2023
40	Paayo Exim Solutions	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query rcv: 17/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
41	Anastar Traders	Fabrics	Export	Query rcv: 21/11/2023

				Query answ: 22/11/2023
42	Herbojit International	Coffee, tea and spices	Export	Query rcv: 20/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
43	Shree Ram Daliya Industries	Food products	Export	Query rcv: 20/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
44	Cmol Infra	Eggs	Export	Query rcv: 21/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
45	Azzura Ceramica	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
46	M. S. Associates	Pulses and makhana	Export	Query rcv: 21/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
47	Inder Trade and Industry	Guar gum powder	Export	Query rcv: 18/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
48	Manish Kashyap	Electric inverters	Export	Query rcv: 19/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
49	Ascend Global Trade	Bathroom and kitchen linen	Export	Query rcv: 21/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
50	M/S Krity Enterprises	Maggi	Export	Query rcv: 20/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
51	M R Group	Coco peat	Export	Query rcv: 20/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
52	Harsh Creation	Paper products	Export	Query rcv: 20/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
53	Ayanika Foods	Dried onions and dehydrated onion powder	Export	Query rcv: 21/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
54	World Link Exports	Garments, briquettes, granite, spices, novelties and confectionary	Export	Query rcv: 21/11/2023 Query answ: 22/11/2023
55	Javin Enterprises	Paper products, food, pharmaceuticals, cement, edible oils, plastic, rubber, chemicals and auto parts	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023

56	Sparshak International	Incense sticks	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
57	Trade Devi Global	Cotton yarn	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
58	Derate Exporters	Cosmetics	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
59	Varoge OPC	Leather products	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
60	Siddhi Vinayak Trading Co	Agricultural commodities	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
61	Pravat Timbers	Food grains and dried fruits	Export	Query rcv: 22/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
62	Danube Exports	Food products and spices	Export	Query rcv: 23/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
63	DTC Lace	Lace	Export	Query rcv: 23/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
64	Dura Moto	Tractor parts	Export	Query rcv: 23/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
65	RM Diamonds	Diamonds, gemstones and jewellery	Export	Query rcv: 23/11/2023 Query answ: 23/11/2023
66	Gautam Sawraj	Honey	Export	Query rcv: 23/11/2023 Query answ: 24/11/2023
67	Dash Globex	Stones	Export	Query rcv: 24/11/2023 Query answ: 24/11/2023
68	Young Yield Ventures	Coconut products	Export	Query rcv: 24/11/2023 Query answ: 28/11/2023
69	Wudnik International	PVC garden pipes	Export	Query rcv: 25/11/2023 Query answ: 28/11/2023
70	Shreeji Chemical Industries	Chemicals	Export	Query rcv: 25/11/2023 Query answ:

				29/11/2023
71	Utthan International	Clothing	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
72	Fire Stone Metal	Aluminum productst	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
73	Ash Global	Surgical products	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
74	Sanpra Global	Spices, food products, paper products and incense sticks	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
75	Jinex Spices	Spices, seeds, peanut butter and rice	Export	Query rcv: 25/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
76	Hindustan Manufacturing and Trading	Construction materials	Export	Query rcv: 25/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
77	Foodever Trading	Agricultural commodities, food products, clothing, PVC pipes and clay	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
78	Credence Ceramic	Ceramic tiles and sanitary ware	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
79	Jai Shree Perforator	Perforated sheets, wire mesh and metal products	Export	Query rcv: 25/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
80	Coeus International	Pharmaceuticals, agricultural technology, FMCG, food, jewellery and consulting services	Export	Query rcv: 26/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
81	Rara Exports	Fabrics	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
82	Monostone International	Tiles	Export	Query rcv: 28/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
83	Young Yield Ventures	Garments	Export	Query rcv: 27/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
84	Varoge OPC	Batteries	Export	Query rcv: 28/11/2023 Query answ: 29/11/2023
85	ILA Exports	Packaging machinery	Export	Query rcv: 28/11/2023

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86	Khodiyar Textile	Fabrics	Export	Query rcv: 29/11/2023 Query answ: 01/12/2023
87	Arjun Polymers	Paver moulds	Export	Query rcv: 29/11/2023 Query answ: 01/12/2023
88	V7even Infotech	IT solutions	Export	Query rcv: 29/11/2023 Query answ: 04/12/2023
89	Parteek Sharma	Workforce	Export	Query rcv: 30/11/2023 Query answ: 04/12/2023
90	Shrestha Bio Organic	Fertilizers	Export	Query rcv: 30/11/2023 Query answ: 01/12/2023
91	Chitkara Exports	Cosmetics	Export	Query rcv: 30/11/2023 Query answ: 01/12/2023
92	Yaj Exim	Saffron	Export	Query rcv: 30/11/2023 Query answ: 01/12/2023

Trade Queries from Croatia for Import/Export attended by the Mission in November 2023				
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product	Import/Export	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Last Subject j.d.o.o.	Parklift	Import	The company representative reached out to the Embassy regarding the necessary certificates for import, as well as information on taxes and procedures. The Embassy recommended that he contact the Croatian Customs Administration and the specific company from which he intends to import.
For the month of November 2023, the Mission has received 1 trade inquiry from Croatia.				

e) Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies

novilist.hr, MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED EXHIBITORS FROM 13 COUNTRIES WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES AT INTERLIBER

At the presentation of the program of the 45th edition of our most significant and longest-running book fair, the Indian diplomat and writer Vikas Swarup, the author of the novel "Q&A" and the famous movie "Slumdog Millionaire" directed by Danny Boyle, who won four Golden Globes, seven BAFTA awards and eight Oscars, was also a guest. Swarup himself will present himself to the audience on November 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the 7th pavilion, moderated by Jasen Boko, and the author will also be available for answers from the audience, while the presentation will be followed by a signing of the book "Slumdog Millionaire", which is in Croatia published by Znanje. **(03/11)**

<https://www.novilist.hr/ostalo/kultura/knjizevnost/na-interliberu-ce-se-predstaviti-vise-od-tri-stotine-izlagaca-iz-13-zemalja/>

glasistre.hr, MORE THAN 300 PUBLISHERS FROM 13 COUNTRIES ARE EXHIBITING AT INTERLIBER 2023

The guest of the press conference was the Indian diplomat and writer Vikas Swarup, whose novel "Q&A" was adapted into the film "Slumdog Millionaire", which will be presented to the audience on November 7 at 6 pm in the 7th pavilion. Along with Swarup was Indian ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava. **(03/11)**

<https://www.glasistre.hr/kultura/2023/11/03/na-interliberu-2023-izlaze-vise-od-300-nakladnika-iz-13-zemalja-894163>

zv.hr, AUTHOR OF "SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE" VIKAS SWARUP - CHIEF GUEST OF INTERLIBER

As a special treat at this year's book fair, we are announcing the guest appearance of the world-famous writer and Indian diplomat, Vikas Swarup, whose novel "Q&A" (Questions and Answers) was the basis for the famous, multiple award-winning and Oscar-winning film "Slumdog Millionaire". **(04/11)**

<https://www.zv.hr/press-10/press-informacije/interliber-sajam-za-sve-generacije-9598/9598>

geopolitika.news, THE INDIAN HEAD OF DIPLOMACY CRITICIZED EUROPE: HE OPPOSES UNILATERAL SANCTIONS. BY NON-ALIGNING TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD!

In fact, India is a key country of the so-called Global South, along with Brazil, which, due to its size, demographic, military and economic strength and potential, is wanted in its camp by opposing global poles - on the one hand, the West led by the USA, and on the other, the East, led by China and Russia. However, as things stand now (and will probably remain so for a long time to come), India will continue on its traditional path of neutrality, participating with one side or the other in those projects or organizations that represent its national interest. At the same time, she will not use them for attacks or hostility towards anyone from the opposite camps, even if she is asked to do so. The best example of this is India's simultaneous membership in the pro-American military organization Quad, and conditionally speaking in the pro-Chinese and pro-Russian formats and organizations BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization – SCO. **(06/11)**

<https://www.geopolitika.news/vijesti/indijski-sef-diplomacije-kritizirao-europu-protivi-se-jednostranim-sankcijama-nesvrstavanjem-do-vrha-svijeta/>

- the same news was published by [dnevno.hr](https://www.dnevno.hr)

tportal.hr, IN NEW DELHI THEY INTRODUCE 'EVEN-ODD' DRIVING: AIR QUALITY IN THE 'HEAVY' CATEGORY

The Indian city of New Delhi will restrict vehicle use for the week of November 13-20 to reduce air pollution, the local government's environment minister said on Monday, as air quality remained in the "severe" category despite efforts to improve the situation. Under the rule, vehicles with odd numbered license plates would be allowed to drive on odd dates and those with even numbers on even dates. **(06/11)**

<https://www.tportal.hr/vijesti/clanak/u-new-delhiju-uvode-voznju-par-nepar-kvaliteta-zraka-u-teskoj-kategoriji-20231106>

slobodnadalmacija.hr, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S IN INDIA, BUT IT IS IN SPLIT: 'WE LIVE IN SHIPYARD, WORK FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE...' LOCALS HAVE THEIR OWN VERSION

On Monday, at least 30 Indians gathered in front of Dr. Milena Matulić's Occupational Medicine clinic to undergo the medical examination necessary for issuing a work permit. According to information from the PU of Split-Dalmatia, by October, 14,629 residence and work permits were issued in the territory of Split-Dalmatia County, which is equivalent to the city of Omiš with 14,000 inhabitants. The largest number of permits was issued to citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, North Macedonia, Nepal and India. **(08/11)**

<https://slobodnadalmacija.hr/split/izgleda-kao-da-je-u-indiji-ali-u-splitu-je-ovo-zivimo-u-skveru-radimo-za-minimalac-domaci-imaju-svoju-verziju-1337111>

jutarnji.hr, THEY ARE THE BIGGEST WINNERS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND EUROPEAN SANCTIONS: THEY SAVED ALMOST THREE BILLION DOLLARS ON RUSSIAN OIL!

Access to cheap Russian oil has allowed them to reduce imports from the Middle East, where prices have risen. By importing cheap Russian oil, India saved approximately \$2.7 billion in the first nine months of this year, Reuters calculated based on government data. India is the third largest importer and consumer of oil in the world, accounting for approximately one third of the total value of its imports. This year, it replaced Europe as the largest buyer of Russian crude oil delivered by sea, since the West imposed sanctions on Russia after the entry of Russian troops into Ukraine. **(08/11)**

<https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/svijet/oni-su-najveci-dobitnici-rata-u-ukrajini-i-europskih-sankcija-na-ruskoj-nafti-ustedjeli-gotovo-tri-milijarde-dolara-15392362>

zagrebmojgrad.hr, PRESENTATION OF INDIA AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

The Embassy of India in Croatia and Integral Travel organized a presentation of India as a tourist destination at the Westin Hotel, under the title "A Journey to India to Discover Oneself". During the evening, Integral's 9-day package-arrangement to India was presented, which includes the so-called The Golden Triangle (New Delhi, Agra and Jaipur) and Mumbai, which is planned for the period from January 23, 2024 to January 31, 2024. With it, Integral proves its focus on opening new distant destinations, especially in Asia, as well as the continuation of the strategic market positioning. **(09/11)**

<https://zagrebmojgrad.hr/predstavlanje-indije-kao-turisticke-destinacije/>

tportal.hr, INDIAN SCIENTISTS HOPE TO CLEAN NEW DELHI'S AIR BY 'CLOUD SEEDING'

Indian scientists plan to 'seed clouds' for the first time to induce heavy rains in parts of New Delhi, hoping to reduce the smog problem choking the world's most densely populated capital, the project leader announced on Thursday. Around November 20, scientists expect a dense cloud over the city and plan to 'sow' salt into it to cause heavy rain, said Manindra Agrawal, an expert from the Kanpur Institute of Technology. **(09/11)**

<https://www.tportal.hr/tehno/clanak/indijski-znanstvenici-nadaju-se-da-ce-sijanjem-oblaka-ocistiti-zrak-u-new-delhiju-20231109>

- the same news was published by [dnevnik.hr](https://www.dnevnik.hr)

zicer.hr, HOW TO LAUNCH A STARTUP IN INDIA MARKET?

Did you know that India is the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, after the USA and China, with more than 100,000 startups? India has more than 100 unicorns, and even more than 50 of them have been created in the last year and a half. Organized by EU-India Innocenter, Frane Šesnić, director of ZICER, is staying in India this week, where through the exchange of knowledge and experience, he is working on opening new business opportunities for ZICER's startups, with an emphasis on the best ones with a Global Growth perspective. **(09/11)**

<https://www.zicer.hr/kako-lansirati-startup-na-trziste-indije/>

baustela.hr, SURAT DIAMOND BOURSE COMPLETED IN INDIA, THE LARGEST OFFICE BUILDING IN THE WORLD

Indian architecture firm Morphogenesis has completed one of the most monumental projects it has ever worked on. It is the center of the world's largest community of diamond traders, the Surat Diamond Bourse building. It is the largest office building in the world and is located in the city of Surat in the west of India. It was designed as a 'city within a city', and the project cost around 355 million euros. **(09/11)**

<https://baustela.hr/novosti/video-u-indiji-dovrsen-surat-diamond-bourse-najveca-poslovna-zgrada-na-svijetu/>

mediaservice.hr, FOR MS, AUTHOR OF "SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE" AND AMBASSADOR OF INDIA: "CROATIA IS AN INSPIRING COUNTRY, FULL OF SIMILARITIES WITH INDIA"

The special guest of this year's Interliber, the famous Indian writer and diplomat Vikas Swarup, the author of the book "Q and A" translated into 43 languages, and based on which the acclaimed movie "Slumdog Millionaire", winner of eight Oscars, was a guest in the Media Service Interview. We talked about his inspiration, his next book and the importance of books and the written word. We discussed relations between India and Croatia with the Ambassador of the Republic of India, His Excellency Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava. **(10/11)**

<http://www.mediaservis.hr/index.php/component/k2/228914-228914-za-ms-autor>

jutarnji.hr, RUSSIA AND INDIA JOINTLY PRODUCE KALASHNIKOVs, NOW THEY ARE NEGOTIATING THE JOINT PRODUCTION OF ANOTHER WEAPON

Russia is India's largest arms supplier - 45 percent of India's defense imports in 2022 came from Russia. Russian state arms exporter Rosoboronexport is in talks with Indian companies to jointly produce aircraft weapons for the Indian Air Force, Russian state news agency RIA said on Tuesday. **(14/11)**

<https://www.jutarnji.hr/vijesti/svijet/rusija-i-indija-zajedno-proizvode-kalashnikovske-sada-pregovaraju-o-zajednickoj-proizvodnji-jos-jednog-oruzja-15394028>

- the same news was published by *tportal.hr*, *index.hr*, *balkans.aljazeera.net*, *danas.hr*, *nacional.hr*

universitas-portal.hr, FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE: VISIT TO INDIA AS A CONTINUATION OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION

Cooperation with the Republic of India began in 2022, when fifteen undergraduate and graduate students in the field of agronomy from various universities from the Federal State of Assam visited the Faculty of Agriculture. Zagreb scientists will collaborate with their Indian colleagues in the field of sustainable agriculture and renewable energy sources. Employees of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb - dean prof. Ph.D. Ivica Kisić, vice dean for international and inter-institutional cooperation, associate professor Ph.D. Kristina Kljak and vice dean for science and infrastructure prof. Ph.D. Klaudija Carović-Stanko – they visited the Republic of India. Specifically, the federal state of Uttar Pradesh, where they held a meeting with several higher education institutions in the field of biotechnical sciences and agreed to cooperate with them. **(20/11)**

<https://www.universitas-portal.hr/agronomski-fakultet-posjet-indiji-kao-nastavak-uspjesne-suradnje/>

f) Sectoral insight from Croatia

Croatia Infrastructure Report 2024

Key View

According to Fitch's latest report on Croatian infrastructure, Croatia's construction industry will remain in positive real growth territory in the near term, with EU investment offering a boost for the longer-term infrastructure outlook. Fitch predicts that Croatia's construction industry will exhibit real growth of 1.9% y-o-y in 2023, marking a moderation in its growth relative to its recent historical average between 2015 and 2022. Additionally, the disbursement in the near term of the EU's NextGenerationEU recovery funding will spur infrastructure activity in Croatia during the medium term, with around EUR3.2bn of Croatia's EUR6.4bn funding allocation earmarked for infrastructure-related investments.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent energy crisis that has ensued have provided Croatian authorities with impetus to further diversify its liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports away from Russia, accelerate the deployment of renewable energy assets, and to address its domestic energy security. The deployment of renewable energy assets, combined with a push for greater interconnectivity across Europe, will sustain grid infrastructure in Croatia as an attractive investment opportunity in the long term.

Structural Trends

Fitch forecasts Croatia's construction industry to exhibit real growth of 2.4% and 2.3% y-o-y in 2022 and 2023, marking a moderation in its growth relative to its recent historical average between 2015 and 2021. Fitch's positive outlook for the industry's expansion is particularly based on continued infrastructure investment, with transport infrastructure projects set to continue serving as the main driver of growth in the industry. Croatian infrastructure has received sustained EU financing since its accession in 2013, often via the development of the EU's TEN-T transport network corridors. Between 2015 and 2022, the industry registered continuous positive real growth, averaging 7.3% y-o-y over the period. These figures, however, partly reflect the extent of the construction industry's decline in value following the Global Financial Crisis (GFC). As of 2008, Croatia's real construction industry value stood at an all-time high of EUR3bn, after which the market saw a decline to just EUR1.5bn as of 2014. Ultimately, Croatia's construction industry remains in recovery following the GFC, and is expected to surpass its 2008-high only by 2030. The disbursement in the near term of the European Union's (EU) NextGenerationEU recovery funding will spur infrastructure activity in Croatia during the medium term, with around EUR3.2bn of Croatia's EUR6.4bn funding allocation earmarked for infrastructure-related investments. Notably, this includes EUR0.8bn to enhance the energy efficiency of buildings, EUR0.5bn for renewable energy and hydrogen-related developments, and EUR0.4bn for investments to facilitate low-emission travel, such as EV purchase subsidies. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has prompted greater acknowledgement of the need for investment in the energy efficiency of buildings to ensure the realisation of the low-carbon energy transition. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent energy crisis that has ensued have provided Croatian authorities with impetus to further diversify its liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports away from Russia, accelerate the deployment of renewable energy assets, and to address its domestic energy security. Croatia continues to benefit heavily from support from EU institutions which promote the development of renewables projects, in order to improve its cohesion with member states in Western Europe. Following the invasion, the EU's RePowerEU policy slate to reduce reliance on imported Russian energy will further spur the development of renewables in Croatia.

Transport Infrastructure

Fitch forecasts that Croatia's transport infrastructure sector will grow by 2.8% in real terms in 2023, and at a robust annual average of 3.1% over 2023-2032. The transport sector will be a major growth driver in Croatia's construction market over the coming decade, underpinned by the strong project pipeline and ongoing funding from the EU. The road sub-sector will post the fastest rate of growth over the 10-year forecast period and will account for the largest proportion of the total transport industry value. However, Fitch also forecasts robust growth in the rail sub-sector and to a lesser extent in the ports sub-sector. The airports sub-sector will be the main drag on growth, with no major projects in the pipeline even prior to the sharp economic upheaval to global aviation brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Energy & Utilities Infrastructure

Croatia's energy and utilities infrastructure sector exhibits a limited project pipeline across power, water and oil infrastructure. The sector will continue to benefit from EU funding, particularly in the renewable energy sector, and the transmission and distribution segment, amid the EU's long-term efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Fitch predicts that Croatia's energy and utilities infrastructure sector will see a low growth figure in 2023 of 0.3% y-o-y. The power segment will be the most important component of the total industry value in the energy and utilities infrastructure sector, although growth in the water infrastructure sub-sector will be strong as a number of EU-funded wastewater treatment plants progress through the pipeline. Growth in the oil pipeline infrastructure sub-sector will be mostly flat over the coming decade.

Residential/Non-Residential Building

Growth in Croatia's residential and non-residential building sector will reach 2.3% y-o-y in 2023, Fitch predicts. Efforts by manufacturers to enhance the resilience of their supply chains, in light of the perceived weaknesses highlighted by the pandemic's disruption to global trade, will boost non-residential activity in Croatia, and see Central and Eastern Europe emerge as a notable beneficiary of European companies seeking to onshore their operations. Tourism volumes have remained high in Croatia, aside from the global tourism downturn seen during 2020 amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the long term, this will serve to support investment into the non-residential building sector.

Competitive Landscape

Croatia features numerous domestic contractors undertaking large-scale construction roles in its competitive landscape, alongside several of Europe's construction majors that each maintains a presence in the market. Financing from EU institutions is a mainstay in the development of Croatian infrastructure, with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and other multilateral lenders also frequently undertaking project financing roles. Chinese contractors maintain a muted but growing presence in the market, reflective of Croatia's increased engagement with China in recent years via its involvement in the 17+1 initiative to promote greater Chinese investment in Central and Eastern Europe. Domestic contractors are frequently active in large-scale construction roles across Croatia's competitive landscape, alongside the presence of several major European construction players. Data from Fitch's Key Projects Database (KPD) show domestic contractors accounting for 45% of construction roles in the market's project pipeline, followed by Austrian, Italian, and Bosnian-Herzegovinian companies with 13%, 8% and 6% respectively. Austria's Strabag SE holds the largest number of construction roles of any individual contractor, reflective of its presence across numerous European construction markets. GP KRK, Viadukt, Kamgrad and KFK are among the most active domestic contractors involved in large-scale projects, with the latter two having been previously involved in the USD326mn expansion of the Franjo Tudman International Airport. The expansion, completed in 2016 under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework, featured the Government of Croatia and Aeroports de Paris among its sponsors, with financing from the European Investment Bank (EIB), Austria's Erste Group and Italy's Unicredit. More broadly, Viadukt stands as one of the leading domestic players in the construction of airports infrastructure, while state-owned entities Croatian Motorways, Croatian Roads and Rijeka-Zagreb Motorway each specialise in the development of Croatian roads infrastructure.

Data Source: Croatia Infrastructure Report 2024 by Fitch Solutions Group Ltd.

C. TOURISM

a) Visa issued: November 2023

S. No.	No. of Visa issued during the month (November 2023)
1	Total: 55 e-Visa: NA

b) Use of Social Media/Print Media/Electronic Media for Promoting Tourism

Facebook and Twitter post, A unique evening in Zagreb with Croatia, India & international friends in the field of tourism, media & diplomacy, with Amb Vikas Swarup **(06/11)**

Facebook and Twitter post, Glimpses of the unique evening in Zagreb with Croatia and India, & international friends in the field of tourism, media & diplomacy, with Amb Vikas Swarup where he presented India, the country which makes one discover oneself. We are sure we have more International visitors including our Croatian friends, coming to India in 2024, than what we have seen so far. A great evening enjoyed both by guests as well as hosts. **(06/11)**

Facebook and Twitter post, Nature's symphony in Munnar: lush greenery, tranquil hills, and majestic elephants wandering through the scenery. Whether you're seeking a spontaneous escape or planning a family adventure, Munnar's wonders await. Incredible India - Oh, to roam wild and free in the lush greens of #Munnar. anoopchandran006 (Instagram) thanks for sharing the video, these beautiful greens will surely beat our #MondayBlues! Click the link to learn more - <https://shorturl.at/jKQRU> **(22/11)**

c) Any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India

S. No.	Advisory	Reason	Action taken
1	Caution and detailed information before traveling is recommended due to COVID-19 pandemic and tensions in the Indian-Pakistani border	<p>Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs emphasized that there are still dangers regarding COVID-19 pandemic when traveling internationally, especially for people who are not fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Also, the Ministry warned of the increased possibility of terrorist attacks, regarding the tensions in Indian-Pakistani relations along the border in Kashmir.</p>	<p>It is recommended to inform about the state of the pandemic and current and the detailed information on methods of arrival, testing and quarantine before the trip with the Indian diplomatic and consular representation, as well as the airline company.</p> <p>Regarding the possibility of terrorist attacks, the Ministry recommend increased caution when visiting places of a possible terrorist attack, such as bazaars, cinemas and other similar places of gathering.</p> <p>It is also strongly recommended to avoid any travel to the border areas, with the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the town of Wagah between Amritsar and Lahore (land Indian-Pakistani border crossing); - Jammu and Kashmir, with the exception of within the city of Jammu, air travel to the city of Jammu - the federal territory of Ladakh, but away from the India-China demarcation line <p>The Ministry also recommended avoiding the tourist destinations of Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Sonamarg, avoiding any travel to the city of Srinagar or traveling on the national highway between the cities of Jammu and Srinagar.</p>
2	It is not recommended to travel to Imphal, the capital of Manipur	The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs said that there have been frequent political protests against the proposed registration of citizens.	Before traveling to the northeast of India, travellers should check the latest information, and avoid public gatherings upon arrival.
3	Travellers should be cautious in New Delhi	The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs stated that India has faced an increase in crime, especially in the capital city of New Delhi, which is manifested in a higher number of murders, rapes and kidnappings of women.	It is recommended to avoid moving around the city at night, especially for women. Also, it is advised not to use public transport at night, as well as visiting isolated places.

4	Travellers should be cautious regarding the epidemiological situation.	The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs emphasized that Dengue fever is a real danger in India, as well as malaria and other viral and bacterial diseases.	Croatian citizens are advised to get detailed information about the current epidemiological situation on the World Health Organization website (www.who.int) before traveling. Also, special caution is advised when consuming food and drinks.
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d) Interactions held with Tour operators for promoting tourism in India

S. No.	Tour operator	No. of interactions held
1	Integral Zagreb d.o.o.	On the 3rd of November 2023, the Embassy of India, in collaboration with Integral Zagreb Travel Agency, co-hosted an evening at the Westin Hotel in Zagreb with the aim of promoting India as a tourist destination. The distinguished guest for the event was Mr. Vikas Swarup, a renowned Indian diplomat and author of the Q&A book, the inspiration behind the multi-award-winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire." The event was attended by approximately 50 invitees, including tourism journalists, representatives from the tourism and travel sector, diplomats, and friends of the Embassy.

D. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO INDIA

a) New technology identified/covered in Press

S. No.	Name of technology	Details	Usage	Sector	Company
1	ECOcube – floating facility for reception of vessels waste	ECOcube is a floating object made of natural fibers and bioepoxy resin which is suitable to receive waste water from vessels, receive solid waste from vessels, and replenish vessels with desalinated water. ECOcube is autonomous and powered	Nautical transport	Nautical industry	MARSERVIS d.o.o.

		by batteries and solar panels. It is monitored remotely, through built-in sensors.			
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b) Any science/technology exhibition held

S. No.	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
1	CroAgro Date: 30 November - 03 December 2023. Venue: Zagreb Fair	Agricultural equipment and machinery	CroAgro - the top national and the central agricultural event brought together farmers, manufacturers and experts from the entire region under a single roof. The exhibition, professional and educational segments of this fair include the most modern agricultural machinery and equipment, agricultural and food products, seedlings and seeds, means for plant protection and increasing the natural soil fertility and all necessary equipment and raw materials for production. It was organized jointly with Food and Healthy Living Fairs and a total of 416 exhibitors from 32 countries were presented. India was a partner country of Food and Healthy Living Fairs.	Renoveeners Rubbers Pvt. Ltd.

c) Any press coverage on new patents/designs/IPR filed/granted

S. No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of applicant
1	NA	NA	NA	NA

d) Any other information

NA

E. DETAILS OF TRADE RESEARCH, INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ACTIVITY OF THE COMMERCIAL WING

a) Business & Commercial

S. No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars, etc.) (Max. 200 words)	Details of seminar/conf erence (date/venue, no. of participants) or research (Max. 200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max. 200 words)
1	Monthly Newsletter for Public Diplomacy and Outreaches	November issue distributed	Monthly newsletter (November 2023) can be found at the link: https://www.indianembassyzagreb.gov.in/page/embassy-of-india-zagreb-newsletter/
2	Tourism promotion event	3 Nov Westin Hotel Zagreb	On the 3rd of November 2023, the Embassy of India, in collaboration with Integral Zagreb Travel Agency, co-hosted an evening at the Westin Hotel in Zagreb with the aim of promoting India as a tourist destination. The distinguished guest for the event was Mr. Vikas Swarup, a renowned Indian diplomat and author of the Q&A book, the inspiration behind the multi-award-winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire." The event was attended by approximately 50 invitees, including tourism journalists, representatives from the tourism and travel sector, diplomats, and friends of the Embassy.
3	Opening ceremony of International Book Fair - Interliber	7 Nov Zagreb Fair	The opening ceremony of the 45th International Book Fair - Interliber - 2023, the largest literary event in Croatia with more than 300 exhibitors from 13 countries was opened by H.E. Mrs. Phd. Nina Obuljen Koržinek, Minister of Culture and Media with inaugural speeches by Amb Vikas Swarup & Ambassador Srivastava, Ms Renata Suša, Director of Zagreb Fair and Mr. Tomislav Tomašević, Mayor of the City of Zagreb. The special guest of this year's Interliber, the author Vikas Swarup: "Books are much more than ink on paper, they connect us through time and space. They are bridges to the past, maps to the present, and guides to the future. We celebrate the written words here". Ambassador Srivastava pointed out that the 30 chapters in the recently published book, would be expanded exponentially in the next decade driven by people to people ties as Croatia and India have convergence in Democracy, complementarity in Demography, and commonality in Diversity. The director of Zagrebački Velesajam, Renata Suša, assessed that Interliber has long gone beyond the limits of the Zagreb Fair. She added that her goal is to connect all stakeholders of the publishing

			industry: readers, institutions, publishers, the cultural and economic sector, and the media, with the desire for further development and qualitative growth of the country's central literary event.
4	Participation at CroAGRO and Food and Healthy Living Fairs	30 Nov Zagreb Fair	The opening ceremony of CROARGO and Food and Healthy Living Fairs witnessed the speeches of Renata Suša, director of the Zagreb Fair, Mr. Mladen Jakopović, president of the Croatian Chamber of Agriculture, H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr. Tugomir Majdak, State Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia and Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, M.Sc. sc. Martina Ciglević, assistant adviser to the President of the Republic of Croatia for the economy and representative of the President of the Republic. The event was opened by Mr. Tomislav Tomašević, Mayor of the City of Zagreb. Ambassador Srivastava referred to the legacy of Nikola Tesla that secrets of universe can be understood by thinking in terms of frequency, vibration and energy, and expressed his happiness that fair started with blissful Indian classical music on Sitar & Tabla—. Ambassador also mentioned that the opening of the Fair coincided with the ending of India's G20 presidency whose motto Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which translates to "One Earth, One Family, One Future," is also a mindset matter where we see our existential reality which is of Unity.
5	Information dissemination	NA	The Embassy has disseminated information on Excon 2023 – Global Exhibition and Conferences on Construction Equipment & Technology. It was sent to important companies within the construction sector.
6	Information dissemination	NA	The Embassy has disseminated information on BHARAT TEX 2023. It was sent to important companies within the textile industry.

b) Government & Political

S. No.	Nature of activity (Max. 200 words)	Discussion content and other details
1	NA	NA

F. DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED OUT OF TRADE PROMOTION BUDGET

Be for current financial year (Rupee)	Re for current financial year (Rupee)	Amount utilized (Rupee)	Details of activity in November 2023 (Max. 200 words)
Rs. 10 lakh (Market expansion activities)	NA	Rs. 550,191.68	Rs. 129,124.28 / Organizing an evening event presenting the tourism offer of India to stakeholders in the field of tourism, media and diplomacy
Rs. 4 lakh (State facilitation abroad)	NA	NA	

G. ACTION TAKEN ON THE PREVIOUS JWGs, JOINT COMMISSIONS, SUB-COMMISSIONS ETC.

S. No.	Details of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 words)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	2nd session of the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of India was held virtually on 13 Oct 2022.	JCEC promotes economic cooperation between India and Croatia and supervises the implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of India on Economic Cooperation.	On the 25th of October 2023, the Indian side sent the protocol of the 2nd Session of the India-Croatia JCEC to the Croatian side, with one suggestion in the agenda point, i.e., Defence Cooperation.

H. COMPLAINTS FROM FOREIGN BUYER/SUPPLIER ON QUALITY AND TRADE DISPUTE

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred	Any outcome (Max. 200 char)
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

I. COMPLAINTS OF INDIAN EXPORTER/IMPORTER

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the	Any outcome (Max. 200 char)
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NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

J. ANY OTHER ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE

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