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VOLUNTEERING IN CROATIA REGULATION AND SUPPORT



THE CROATIAN LAW ON VOLUNTEERING (L.O.W. 2007/2013/2021)

This Law regulates basic terminology regarding volunteering, basic principles of volunteering, value of volunteering, volunteering requirements, rights and obligations of volunteers and the ones organizing it, terms of making a volunteering contract, adopting the Code of Ethics for Volunteering, issuing certificates about competences gained through volunteering, National Volunteer of the Year Award and supervising enforcement of this Law
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NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTEERINGPENDING 7 YEARS

Government of the Republic of Croatia through Ministry in charge of volunteering, Office for Cooperation with NGOs and National Council for Development of Volunteering tried but failed two times so far to create this document that would represent further operationalization of The L.O.W. and cross-connection with some other important regulations in order to support sustainability of volunteer efforts.



ANNUAL REPORT OF ORGANIZED VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

As a voluntary organization you are obliged to the L.O.W. to report your annual statistics of volunteer activities (people, hours, demographic, total costs etc...). Confirmation that the NGO has reported this might be sometimes necessary or sometimes be valued as extra points at certain Calls for Projects
volonteri.mdomsp.hr

ANNUAL STATE AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING

The highest state awards for outstanding achievements in the field of volunteering are granted by National Council for Development of Volunteering in three categories (volunteer, organization, coordinator). Legal basis for this is regulation on awards and recognitions in the field of volunteering. There are also similar practices on local and regional level via Volunteer Centers



SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING:

MINISTRY OF LABOUR, PENSION SYSTEM, FAMILY AND SOCIAL POLICY

Supports the following programs: education and training programs for volunteers, volunteer work exchange, promotion and valorisation of volunteering via Volunteer Centers. Also Red Cross and Mountain Rescue Service via special laws.



CROATIAN VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

CVDC is an organization based on membership –members can be local and regional volunteer centers in Croatia. The primary mission of is to lead the development and support the strengthening of resources for the affirmation of volunteering in Croatia.
<https://www.hcrv.hr/>



VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTERS

There are two types of these support structures: Local and regional volunteer centers. Their activities are framed by standards for VC and include education, volunteer work exchange facilitation, promotion, valorization and also research and advocating
<https://www.hcrv.hr/centri-heading/mapa>

DATA FOR 2019:

64 280

total number of volunteers

1 502

voluntary organizations and organizations with a voluntary program

3 043 954

hours of volunteer work



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