

# Croatia



Reported ODA: EUR 180 million  
**0.21 % GNI** (↑ from 3.60% in 2023)

Non-inflated ODA: EUR 180 million  
**0.21 % GNI** (↑ from 0.02% in 2023)

Total inflated ODA: EUR 0 million  
**0 % of total**

**“Croatia continues its slow and steady progress toward increasing ODA, although it still falls significantly short.”**

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## Main trends

Croatia has increased its ODA in 2024 to 0.21% of GNI, in comparison to 0.2% in 2023. **This represents a continuation of the existing trend from the past several years of gradual increases in ODA disbursements.** Croatia still needs to devise a strategic policy framework with clearly defined ODA priorities. Croatia became an OECD candidate country in 2022, with the expectation of accession in 2026, which could potentially serve as an impetus to intensify its efforts in the field in preparation to becoming a full member of the OECD DAC.

Although Croatia adopted the Act on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid in 2024, the national development cooperation strategy has not yet been developed, **which means there is still a policy vacuum following the expiration of the previous strategy in 2021.**

## Government's relationship with civil society

The Act on International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid adopted in February 2024 aims to enable more dynamic cooperation with development stakeholders that were not included in the implementation of the current Act, in particular CSOs and the private sector. It also specifically lists CSOs as both actors who undertake development cooperation and through whom development projects can be financed. **CROSOL has been included in the multistakeholder committee for international development cooperation and humanitarian aid** and has been invited to provide its inputs during the process of drafting the new law.

# Recommendations

- **Step up efforts to create a clear policy direction and priorities in the ODA sector by drafting and adopting the new National Strategy for Development Cooperation.** This is urgent as 4 years have now passed since the expiry of the previous strategy.
- **Significantly increase the share of ODA for LDCs.**
- **Remove the focus on ethnic Croats and Christians from its international development programming** and disburse aid in partner countries without discriminating against non-Croats or non-Christians.
- **Exclude in-donor refugee costs and funds for security or migration from its ODA figures.**