

Ministry of interior (checks and balances)

(also by e-mail) The 2025 Report found “Significant progress on further improving the follow-up to recommendations and ensuring a more systematic response to information requests of the Ombudsperson.” Could you provide information on how many times and how in whole 2025 and until now the Ministry of the Interior responded to the Ombudsperson’s requests for information in the Ministry’s information system on the treatment of irregular migrants, including regarding related data and documents?

During 2025, the Ombudsman visited police stations seven times, mostly in border areas. Each time she requested information, including data from the Ministry of Interior Information System, which she immediately received in writing.

Ministry of Justice, Administration and Digital Transformation (SLAPP)

2025 Rule of Law Report reiterated the recommendation to Croatia to “continue efforts to address the issue of **strategic lawsuits against public participation targeted at journalists**, including by reviewing the legal provisions on defamation and encouraging wider use of procedural rules that allow dismissing groundless lawsuits, taking into account the European standards on the protection of journalists”. We take note of the information in the written contribution on the ongoing legislative work on the transposition of the Anti-SLAPP Directive. Nevertheless, in view of the recommendation of the Rule of Law Report, could you please:

- Provide us with the statistics on SLAPPs cases affecting journalists since the publication of the 2025 Rule of Law Report? [by email]

Analysis of information is in progress, will be available soon.

Ministry of Justice and Public Administration and Digital Transformation (anti-corruption)

Prevention of corruption

[Min of Finance competence – will reply in writing] Could you briefly elaborate to what extent the **Foreign Investment Screening Act**, which entered into force on 13 November 2025, addresses concerns over corruption and weak oversight in high-risk sectors?

Answer will be available in coming days.

Regarding the implementation of the ~~2025-2027 Anti-Corruption Action Plan~~, which included 62 actions for 2025, could you elaborate briefly on the ~~main legislative initiatives in 2025~~ and their level of implementation? [By email, once published] Could you provide us with the implementation report scheduled for Q1/2026, once published? ~~Apart from this monitoring, is a mid-term and final evaluation planned to inform policymaking and future strategies and action plans? What are the main legislative initiatives planned for 2026 under the current Action Plan?~~

Implementation report will be available upon adoption.

Government Legislation Office

[preliminary data by email- final data end March] Since the new Law on Better Regulation set additional standards for the public consultation process, which must last for 30 days in case of draft laws what are the data for 2025 regarding the number of consultations, their average length, and number of comments (submitted, replied to unanswered)?

According to data generated by the e-Consultations portal on January 27, 2026, during 2025, a total of 809 consultations were conducted through the e-portal, in which a total of 6,905 individuals and legal entities participated. A total of 25,584 comments were received, of which, according to current data, 2,429 comments were accepted, 1,516 were partially accepted, and 8,570 were not accepted while 5,920 were taken consideration. Average length of consultations was 24 days.

7,149 comments were not answered (however, at this moment not all Reports on the consultations conducted in 2025 have been completed so this number can change). In the first quarter of 2026, the Government Legislation Office will prepare the Annual Report on the implementation of public consultations, which, in accordance with Article 30 paragraph 1 of the Act on Policy Instruments for Better Regulations ("Official Gazette" No. 155/23), will be adopted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Office for Human Rights and Minority Rights

[also by e-mail by Feb] Could you provide the analysis of the state of implementation in 2025 of Ombudsperson's Recommendations, following the collection of results of the questionnaire? How would you assess the progress in implementation of these recommendations in 2025?

The Ombudsman's report for 2024 contains 158 recommendations, out of which 46 are recurring (29%).

Responses on the implementation of 158 recommendations were requested from 60 addressees via a Questionnaire. So far, 49 addressees (81%) have responded. The addressees with the largest number of recommendations have not yet submitted response on implementation status.

For 59.49% of the recommendations for which self-assessment of implementation was received:

- 47% are labelled "implemented, in implementation or planned for implementation";
- 2% are untagged with a self-assessment status;
- 11% are labelled with "not implemented, not in implementation nor planned for implementation".

The new report on the implementation of the recommendations is planned by the end of February 2026. It will be followed by further improvements in accordance with the agreements reached with the Office of the Ombudswoman as well as addressees. Giving that information on implementation is missing for 40.5% of the recommendations and that in depth analysis can start only upon receiving all the responses, it is too early to make an assessment of the progress.