

CONSULTATION – PROCEDURAL DATA AND THE PLANNED PROJECT

Are procedural data available (e.g. on the number of comments received, analysed, accepted (fully/partially/duly noted/rejected), on the lengths of consultation, on the share of consultations)?

According to the data collected from the e-Consultations portal on May 7, 2021, during 2020, a total of 761 consultations was conducted through the portal, in which a total of 7 211 users participated. A total of 21 798 comments were received, of which, according to current data, 3 321 comments were accepted, 2 057 were partially accepted, 4 902 were not accepted, 10 519 were noted, and 999 were unanswered.

In regards to the lengths of consultation, the average length of consultation in 2020 for all types of regulation was 17 days.

Please note that these are not final data as for some of the consultations, reports on the conducted consultation have not yet been published. The comprehensive report on the conducted consultations in 2020, which includes also the statistics of other forms of consultation, is currently being prepared and will be send to the Government adoption procedure.

These comprehensive reports on the implementation of public consultation are being prepared since 2010, in accordance with the best practice established by the Code of Practice on consultation with the interested public in the process of adopting laws, regulations and other legal acts. They contain information gathered from the state administration bodies on the conducted consultations, as well as statistical data available on the “e-Consultations” portal. The reports for previous years are publicly available on the following link: <https://savjetovanja.gov.hr/dokumenti/10>

Are any reforms in this area in the pipeline?

In 2021, improvements to the e-Consultations Portal are planned, aimed mainly at the expanding and upgrading the existing functionalities. The Central State Office for the Development of Digital Society and the Government Legislation Office are partners in this project and have applied for direct allocation of funds from the European Social Fund. The signing of the contract is expected in the period ahead, as soon as the Operation Proposal is approved.

Improvements to the portal will focus on simplifying the work in the application, both for the users themselves and for competent officials in state bodies. This will be achieved through the implementation of the "ESF project e-Consultations - the central state Internet portal for consultations - expansion and upgrades. “