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YEARS OF CROATIAN STATISTICS

INTERESTING POINTS

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The Land of Tulips to Take Hold of Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Council of the European Union was established in 1958 under the name of Council of the European Economic Community with its seat in Bruxelles. Along with the European Parliament, it negotiates and adopts EU laws based on proposals from the European Commission. Further on, it coordinates policies of EU Member States, develops the EU foreign and security policy based on the European Council's guidelines, concludes agreements between the European Union and other countries or international organisations and adopts the annual EU budget in coordination with the European Parliament. Each EU country holds the presidency on a 6-month rotating basis. Member States holding the presidency work together closely in groups of three, called 'trios'. This system was introduced by the Lisbon Treaty in 2009. The trio sets long-term goals and prepares a common agenda determining the topics and major issues that will be addressed by the Council over an 18-month period. On the basis of this programme, each of the three countries prepares its own more detailed 6-month programme.

Starting on 1 January 2016, the Netherlands will hold the presidency of the Council of the European Union for the 12th time and we take this opportunity to cordially congratulate them. On view of that, we provide a comparison of data on the Netherlands and Croatia. In which areas do we have the most similar results and in which areas are our differences the most obvious? While we are patiently waiting for our first nomination for the presidency of the Council of European Union, this is how we stand in relation to the Netherlands.



 **1 January 1958**

 **1 July 2013**

date of accession to the European Union

GDP 
per inhabitant, 2014

NL 39 300 €
HR 10 200 €

NL 4.7 bln €
HR 0.2 bln €
total contribution to the EU Budget, 2013



NL 26
HR 11
number of seats in the European Parliament, 2014



NL 11
HR 0
presidency of the Council of the EU (1960-2004)



NL
Euro since 1 January 1999

HR
Croatian kuna since 30 May 1994



NL 41 540 km²

land area

HR 56 594 km²



 **NL 16.8 mln**
HR 4.2 mln
population, 2014

 **NL 498.4**
HR 75.2
population density per km², 2013



NETHERLANDS CROATIA



NL 10.4
HR 9.3
crude birth rate, 2014



NL 50.5%
HR 51.8%
share of women in population, Census 2011

 **% EU**

population as a percentage of the total EU-28 population, 2014
NL 3.3% **HR 0.8%**



median age of population, 2014
NL 42.0 **HR 42.6**



NL   
HR   
major import partners, 2014



NL 4.0 mln 29.1%
HR 0.6 mln 16.4%
population aged 15 and over who completed more than upper secondary education, Census 2011



NL 96%
HR 68%
level of internet access - households, 2014



NL 34.4 mln
HR 61.1 mln
tourist nights spent by non-residents, 2014



NL 14
HR 18
FIFA Ranking
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