**PRESS RELEASE**

**ON UPGRADING OF GeoSTAT[RH] PORTAL OF THE CROATIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics has presented the new version of the GeoSTAT[RH] portal, which was developed at the end of November 2015. Since then, it has continually been updated with new statistical data. Hence, today we provide a data series from national accounts, education, construction, business demography and the Register of Business Entities.

For users, the option of cartographic presentation of statistical data has been simplified and extended by adding a set of various functions. The new version of the GeoSTAT[RH] portal will provide for presentation of various statistical data at new spatial levels. Along with the presentation levels that already exist: the Republic of Croatia, NUTS 2013 – level 2, counties, towns, municipalities, settlements and 1 000 m grids, data will be also presented at the levels of local self-government units, grids sized 250 m and 500 m, etc. Users will have the opportunity to use new functions on the toolbar, from identification of certain items, change of colour and classes in the legend, creation of statistical reports, parallel review of several types of data by using the slider and permalinks to possibility to share displayed contents on social networks. For certain types of data, users will be able to review and download selected data in the Excel format. It is very interesting and useful to present statistical data using various types of charts (pie, column, bar and doughnut), which users will be able to see in the new version of the GeoSTAT[RH] portal. Another introduced option is adding of external data layers by using various network services (e.g., WMS and WFS) from other institutions.

Using the GeoSTAT[RH] portal is also available on touch-sensitive devices. Finally, the upgrade of the portal is necessary for easier and more efficient use of statistical data of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics. A set of new tools and functions will make statistical data more accessible and understandable to end users.