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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ON THE VISIT OF MR RADERMACHER, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EUROSTAT, TO THE  
CROATIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

Mr Walter Radermacher, the Director General of Eurostat, made today his official visit to the Croatian Bureau of Statistics. It is the first visit of Mr Radermacher after the Croatian accession to the European Union. Before that, he visited the Croatian Bureau of Statistics in December 2008, when the main topic of the visit was the closing of the Chapter 18 Statistics.

During his visit this year, Mr Radermacher met with Mr Marko Krištof, the Director General of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, and with other expert statisticians, who presented on this occasion the operation of the official statistics system of the Republic of Croatia as well as the achieved progress in the harmonisation of the Croatian statistics with the European one.

Within the modernisation process, a special emphasis was placed on the introduction of the Integrated Statistical Information System, which provides for the standardisation of metadata and business processes of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, faster development and processing of statistical surveys and a significant cost-effectiveness. In addition, the stress was placed on the setup of the quality base, which provides for the analysis and creation of reports on carrying out of statistical surveys through all quality dimensions – coherence, availability and clarity, comparability, relevance, accuracy, timeliness and punctuality.

During the visit, discussions were also opened on the possibility of funding of further activities of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics from the EU funds, on the preparation for the 2021 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings and on the possibility for the Croatian Bureau of Statistics to be the organiser of the Conference of Director Generals of National Statistical Offices (DGINS) in 2016.

Apart from the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, Mr Radermacher also visited the Ministry of Finance and the Croatian National Bank.

The visit of the highest official of Eurostat provided a unique opportunity for the exchange of experiences and the discussion on possibilities and challenges faced by the official statistics.

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