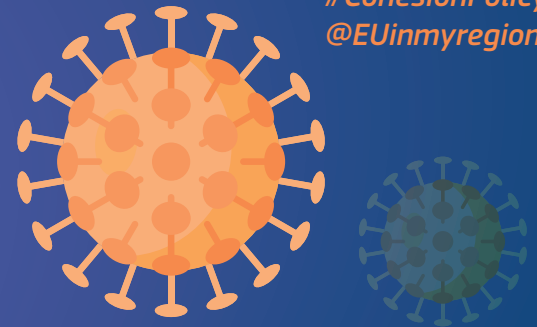




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# THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE IN CROATIA



## EU COHESION POLICY FUNDING SUPPORTING THE HEALTH SECTOR, HELPING THE ECONOMY AND PROTECTING JOBS

In 2014-2020, the EU invests in Croatia **€8.5 billion** through cohesion policy.

Thanks to the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative, in total **€400 million** are now being mobilised to tackle the current crisis and its effects.

### Some examples:



#### **HEALTH SECTOR**

- €50 million for the country's health sector to better respond to the emergency by purchasing life-saving medicines and personal protective equipment (for over 1200 hospitals, other health institutions and elderly homes)



#### **SMALL BUSINESS**

- €165 million for liquidity to micro, small and medium-sized businesses through fast online procedures and very favourable conditions of loans and guarantees
- More than 400 enterprises have already benefited from this funding and the measures will altogether help 1500 SMEs



#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 84.000 employers are benefitting from measures which are helping to preserve 485.000 jobs
- Subsidies for wages, covering pension insurance contributions and other employment related measures in Croatia are estimated to exceed €1 billion

## OTHER PROJECTS CO-FUNDED BY THE EU HELPING WITH THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY



- Through e-School project, €40 million have been invested in increasing the use of online tools in primary and secondary education in Croatia, particularly useful during the coronavirus crisis. Thanks to the new IT equipment and applications on schools and teachers, the Croatian students and teachers could enjoy continuity in the educational process also during lockdown



- €48 million from the European Regional Development Fund have been invested in world-class health research centre for children. Thanks to this the Children's Hospital in Srebrnjak, on the outskirts of Zagreb, will not only ensure better treatment of common and chronic diseases in children and adolescents but will also make possible the research on and development of new medicines, thus retaining talented medical researchers and practitioners in Croatia



- In 2014-2020, cohesion policy invests €200 million for improved access to high-quality primary and emergency health care services and to hospital care. The project covers:

- improving the equipment and the infrastructure in primary health centres in 16 counties
- better emergency services in hospitals and clinical centres in six Croatian cities
- modernisation and better accessibility of 25 daily hospitals and clinical centres around the country
- procurement of six fast boats for the needs of the Emergency Naval Medical Service