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Country:

Croatia

Region:

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City size:

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Population:

790 000

Area:

649.00km²

Unemployment rate:

6.20%

City challenges:

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Overview:

A historical inland centre in southeast Europe:

Zagreb, a major economic entity in both Croatia and Eastern Europe, boasts a rich history dating back to Roman times. Today, it faces urban development challenges, particularly mobility, as it continues to develop its modern identity.

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Background:

Zagreb is the political as well as economic capital of Croatia, offering all of the culture of a modern cosmopolitan city while serving as the source of most of the nations' profits. A major transport hub at the intersection of Southeast Europe, the Mediterranean and Western Europe, Zagreb is a significant international node and likely to remain an important urban city for years to come.

Challenges:

In 1945, Zagreb was made the capital of Croatia in response to its population boom following the Second World War. This explosion caused urban sprawl and the demand for rapid housing development which happened quickly, stressing the transportation and general urban infrastructure. Mobility is thus one of the prominent issues in Zagreb.

Current Initiatives:

Zagreb has created strategies like its [City of Zagreb Development Strategy](#) [18] to address its mobility challenges. Zagreb also participates in partnerships with other European cities, namely the [CH4ALLENGE](#) [19] project, which improves sustainable urban mobility planning. Numerous pieces of

legislation further advocate for the use of alternative methods of transport including public transportation, cycling and walking.



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