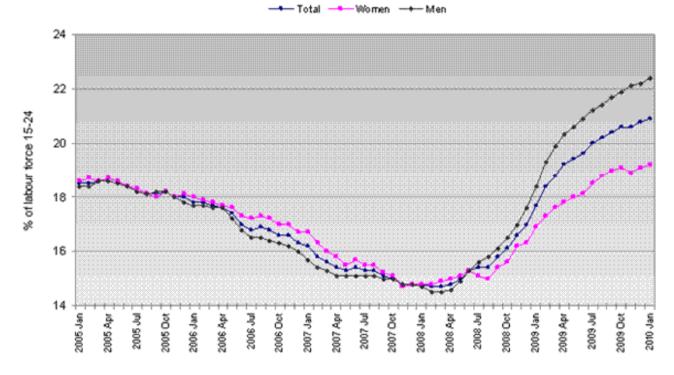


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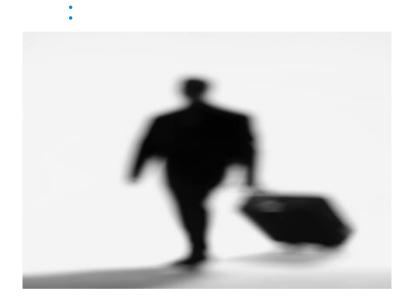
Source: Eurostat, Series on unemployment. Data seasonally adjusted.



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	Number of unemployed persons: Unemployement figure for total population:	358.214 19,6%
•	Number of unemployed young persons (15-24) No work experience	72.378 36.502
•	Unemployment figure for youth (15-24)	38%

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- Republic of Croatia has the highest level of "brain drain" in Europe, every third
 Croat with University degree lives outside the country;
- The official data: during the last 3 years more than 32 000 people left Croatia, but "non-registered" patterns not included, thus making the figure certainly higher



Active Labour Market (ALM) policies in Croatia

List of existing tax incentives and other forms of benefits for companies when employing young people:

The incentive package aimed specifically at youth: Young and Creative

- 1) With half-and-half to the first job: Employment of young people without working experience (incentives for employers, 50% or 30% of the gross-salary, depending on the size of the company, length of support is 12 months).
- 2) Your initiative your workplace: Supporting self-employment; training in entrepreneurial skills and also incentives 50% of the annual gross salary, 12 months
- 3) **Together we're stronger**: employment of cooperative's managers (incentives for employers, 50% or 30 % of the annual gross salary, depending on the size of the company), duration is 12 months;
- 4) I'm learning and working: training programmes for newly employed persons, cofinancing education and training expences for from 25 % - 70% depending on the size of the company, the length of training programmes - up to 6 months



ALM policies in Croatia

List of existing Youth Guarantee schemes/measures:

- 5) **Knowledge pays off:** goal of this measure is to increase the youth employability through additional education/trainings and to bridge the gap between offer and demand at the labour market (financing up to 100% training expences)
- 6) **Helping yourself helping others**: employment of youth in institutions caring for vulnerable groups, helping them to reintegrate in the labour market, form of public works.
- 7) **Employment and experience:** target group: unemployed youth with University degree without experience, incentives for employers: paid contributions for health and pension insurance and "allowance" of 1600 kn. (approx. 210 euros). Successful measure: 9.585 beneficiaries.



The opportunities offered to young entrepreneurs

The Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts launched in 2012, so called,

Entrepreneurial impulse – Plan for fostering entrepreneurship and handicrafts.

The Project is based on the system of individual grants, the lowest being 20.000 kn, and the highest 100.000 kn. (3-15.000 euros)

Another project: **Novice entrepreneur**, for start-ups, aiming at supporting the entrepreneurial activities in order to achieve growth and self-employment. The support ranges from 20.000 kn to 100.000 kn (individual support).



Youth

- Young people are the engine of future economic development and growth;
- Demographic changes (ageing of population and negative demographic trends)
 make them even more important!
- Their contribution is enormous they bring new ideas, new skills, enthusiasm, creativity, openness for learning processes and new technologies; mobility and adaptability;
- Government is responsible for creating the policy framework, including this segment. What can we do, as a social partner?



Our views

- Our main task is to intervene in the of decision making process,i.e- to try to influence in the process of drafting of all policies, including the employment policies;
- We advocate for better investment and entrepreneurial climate which will eventually attract more FDIs and create new and better jobs.
- We are emphasizing the importance of social dialogue (especially within Economic and Social Council)
- We lobby for education reform in order to have educational system which would create adaptable workforce for future labour demands.



and last but not least...



The entrepreneurial climate should be improved, new jobs can only be created by entrepreneurs!!!!