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## Croatia will hold the EU rotating Council Presidency

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Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic communicated recently the priorities of the Croatian presidency to the European Parliament and Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. For the first time since joining the European Union in 2013, Croatia will hold the rotating Council Presidency from 1 January to 30 June 2020. Croatia is a parliamentary, representative democratic republic, where the Prime Minister of Croatia

is the head of government in a multi-party system. Executive power is exercised by the government and the President of Croatia. Legislative power is vested in the Croatian Parliament. The judiciary is independent of the executive and the legislature. Parliament adopted the current Constitution of Croatia on 22 December 1990 and decided to declare independence from Yugoslavia on 25 May 1991. The Croatian Parliament is the unicameral representative body of the citizens of the Republic of Croatia. According to the Croatian Constitution, the 'Sabor' represents the people and is entrusted with legislative power. Since 19 October 2016, the Prime Minister of Croatia is Mr Andrej Plenkovic.

There are four deputy prime ministers: Davor Božinovic, Zdravko Maric, Damir Krsticevic and Predrag Štromar. The government ministers are from the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) and the Croatian People's Party - Liberal Democrats (HNS), with two further ministers being independent politicians. The Croatian Democratic Union (Croatian: Hrvatska demokratska zajednica or HDZ, literally Croatian Democratic Community) is a liberal conservative political party and the main centre-right political party in Croatia. It is one of the two major contemporary political parties in Croatia, along with the centre-left Social Democratic Party (SDP). It is currently the largest party in the Sabor with 55 seats.

Under the motto "A Strong Europe in a World of Challenges", the Croatian presidency aims to provide appropriate answers to European citizens' concerns, emphasized Prime Minister Plenkovic in his speech presenting the four main priorities of this presidency: a Europe that is developing, that connects, that protects and that is influential.

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/vod.html?mode=unit&vodLanguage=EN&vodId=1578989519930&date=20200114#>

The work of the Croatian presidency will be concentrated on an agreement on the new Multiannual Financial Framework, the orderly withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, coordinating the EU-Western Balkans summit in May and preparing the Conference on the Future of Europe.

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Commission President Ursula von der Leyen stressed that in order to move forward, it is important for the EU to have a new budget that is balanced and fair, but also modern.

MEPs supported the Croatian presidency's plans, with some of them expressing concerns about the treatment of migrants on the Croatian-Bosnian border. "Regarding migration, we look forward to the new initiatives on the Dublin package. We must finally create a balance between responsibility and solidarity", replied Croatian Prime Minister.

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