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**IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE USE OF
TECHNOLOGY DURING AND AFTER THE CRISIS**



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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

- » MEMBER OF EU SINCE 2013
- » POPULATION : 4,28 M
according to the 2011. census
- » Prisoners: 3300
- » Number of employees: 2607



PRISON SYSTEM IN CROATIA



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❖ HEAD OFFICE	❖ Penitentiary – 7	❖ Probation Offices -14
❖ Prison System	❖ Prison – 14	
❖ Probation	❖ Correctional institution - 2	
	❖ Center - 2 (Diagnostics and Training)	

COVID 19 in Croatia (* on 23.9.2020)

First Case in Croatia

- » February 24 - imported from Italy

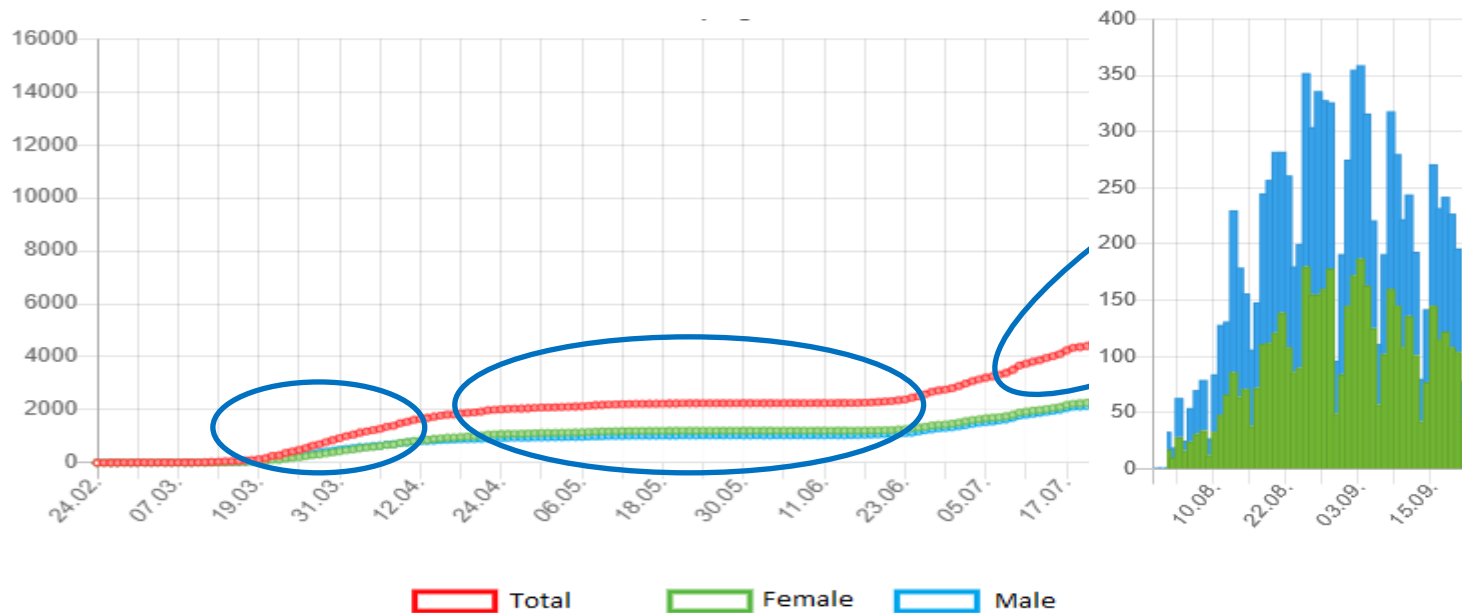
Total number of cases

- » Confirmed cases: 15.340
- » Deaths: 257

Active cases of infection:

- » 1268

The course of the COVID 19 crisis



*Source: <https://www.koronavirus.hr/>

Earthquake

March 22, 2020 6:24h

- » 5.5 degrees on the Richter scale
- » Epicenter within the city of Zagreb
- » The city center, where the old buildings are located, has suffered major damage.

Impact on the Prison System

- » No significant damage to buildings
- » No influence on the organization of prisons or prisoners
- » Prisons ICT remained up and fully functioning




GENERAL MEASURES IN THE PRISON SYSTEM



ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES

- » Visits are prohibited (From March 14 to May 25)
- » Additional phone calls have been approved
- » Special procedures and instructions (Head Office and Croatian National Institute of Public Health)
- » Conversion of the semi-open ward of the Zagreb Prison

*The first measures and recommendations in the prison system started on 8.2. while the first case in the Republic of Croatia was 24.2.

A Venn diagram consisting of three overlapping circles. The left and right circles are white with a grey border, and they overlap with a central blue circle. The text is placed within each circle.

ORGANIZATION OF
SEPARATE TEAMS
A, B, C

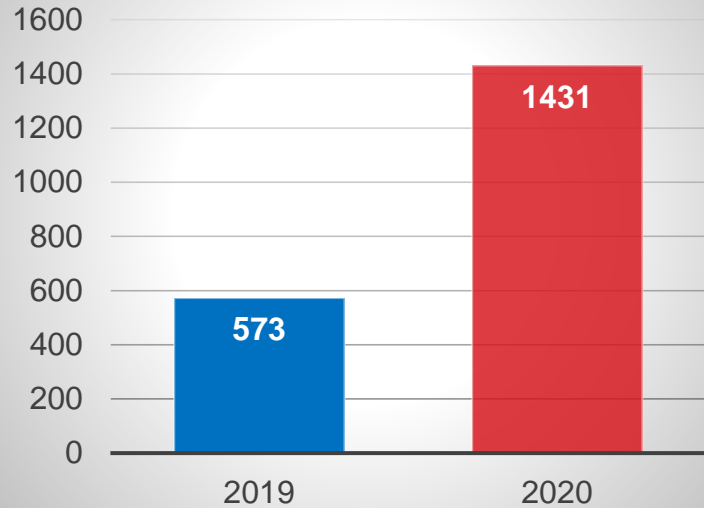
WORK
ORGANIZATION

WORK FROM HOME
19.3. - 1.6.2020.

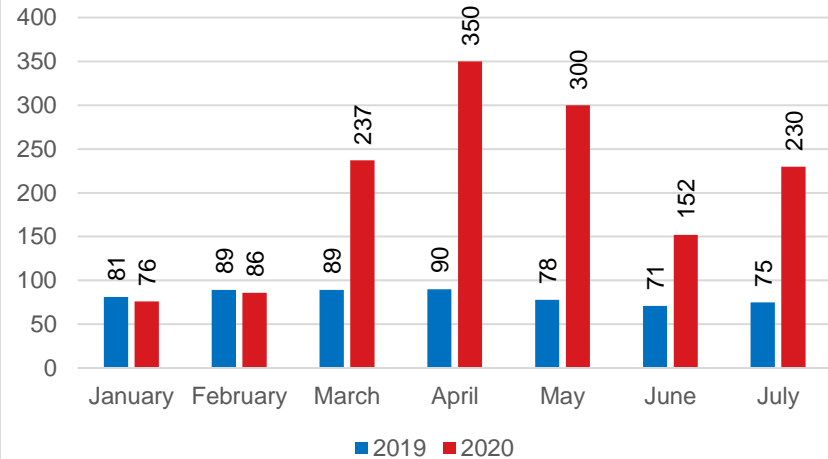
ICT ORIENTED MEASURES – VIDEO LINK



Video Link



Impact of COVID 19



ICT ORIENTED MEASURES – VIDEO VISITS

Pilot project "Video visits" in cooperation with UNICEF

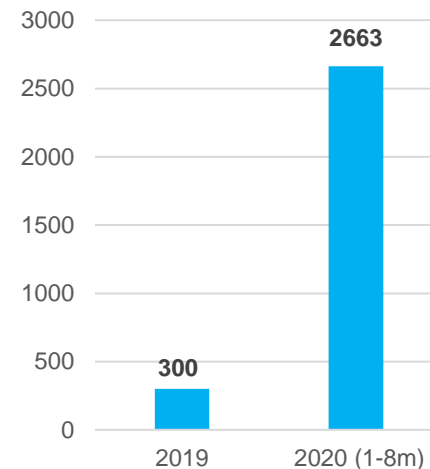
- » Started in 2019
- » It is carried out in 13 prisons
- » Children's visits to prisoners on the execution of a prison sentence

» Impact of COVID 19

- » From April 2, 2020:
- » Roll out in all prisons
- » For all types of prisoners
- » Visits are not limited to children

Month	2020
January	38
February	52
March	89
April	306
May	558
June	492
July	558
August	570

Impact of COVID 19 on Video visits



»Increasing link speed in prisons



»COVID 19 web application

- Verification of measures imposed on citizens
- Developed by the Ministry
- Access to National Data

»Checking body temperature

- At the start - handheld thermometers
- Later - specialized fixed cameras at the entrances



COVID 19 did not spread in prisons

- » Several cases of COVID 19 occur among new prisoners – successfully prevented the spread of infection (Prescribed procedures for separating prisoners when entering prison)
- » Several cases of COVID 19 among staff - successfully prevented the spread of infection
- » The crisis has proven the good management potentials and flexibility of the system
- » All our employees are responsible for the successful implementation of measures and prevention of the spread of the virus

Despite numerous bad impacts on all segments of society

- » COVID 19 has contributed to the increased use of ICT technologies in prisons
- » Mindset change - During the crisis, employees' confidence in new technologies increased
- » Awareness of the importance of new technologies has increased, which will make it easier to implement new projects in the future

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