

Earthquake Croatia, 29 December 2020

A devastating earthquake struck Croatia on 29 December at 12:19 local time.

The epicenter was 5 km SW of the town of Petrinja in Central Croatia. The magnitude of the earthquake was 6.3 according to the Richter scale, with the epicenter intensity of VIII-IX according to the Mercalli-Cancani-Sieberg scale, followed by numerous and continued aftershocks. The earthquake was felt throughout Croatia and in neighboring countries. The death toll stands at 7 so far, while dozens of persons were injured and rescue teams are still searching for survivors. The most affected are the towns of Petrinja, Sisak and Glina with the surrounding villages. Downtown Petrinja is heavily damaged. The total number of destroyed buildings will be known in the following days.

This natural catastrophe comes amid the COVID-19 crisis and after the Zagreb earthquake from March this year, which caused severe damage to Croatia's capital.

Presently all Croatian operational forces (civil protection, military, police, mountain rescue service, firefighters, Red Cross) are deployed in the area and are dealing with the devastating consequences of the earthquake. Significant damages have been recorded in a wide region, including again the capital Zagreb and other counties. Thousands of people have been affected and hundreds taken to temporary shelters. COVID-19 and other hospital patients from the area had to be transported to other regions of Croatia.

Until now, assistance has been offered by various countries and organizations. The EU Civil Protection Mechanism has also been activated.

The most efficient way of offering support to Croatia in times of the pandemic and in particular from distant donors, is via financial contributions, which are highly appreciated (please find bank transaction data enclosed to this information).



Financial donations for relief efforts can be made directly to the Croatian State Budget using the following details:

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Zagreb 10 000, Croatia

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Katančičeva 5
Zagreb 10 000, Croatia

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