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New Government of the Republic of Croatia was formed in summer of 2020, after parliamentary elections in Croatia. In the new Government, the competent state body for youth is the Central State Office for Demography and Youth ([Središnji državni ured za demografiju i mlade](#)), founded in the August of 2020 by the Regulation on Internal Structure of the Central State Office for Demography and Youth (OG 97/2020) ([Uredba o unutarnjem ustrojstvu Središnjeg državnog ureda za demografiju i mlade \(NN 97/2020\)](#)). The newly formed Central State Office took the main responsibilities of the former Ministry for Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy in the youth field.

A national working group for the drafting of the new National Youth Programme ([Nacionalni program za mlade – novo](#)) has been formed in November 2017. The national working group is made of representatives from state administration bodies, youth organisations, research and educational institutions, employers and other relevant stakeholders. The group had two meetings during which they defined 10 priority areas:

1. Employment and entrepreneurship
2. Education and life-long learning
3. Active youth participation
4. Social inclusion
5. Health and sport
6. Youth in rural areas
7. Youth and sustainable community development
8. Culture
9. Youth work
10. Youth in the European and global context

Public e-consultation on the National Youth Programme Draft was held in January 2020. According to the information available on the official web page of the Central State Office for Demography and Youth, the Government of the Republic of Croatia should have adopted the new National Youth Programme by the end of the first quarter of 2020, which didn't happened.

There is no available information on the current status of the National Youth Programme.