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# Results of the National Research in Croatia



**Entrepreneurial education  
understanding from the youth  
perspective**



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## Entrepreneurship in Croatia:

Entrepreneurship is the basis of the state's economy, and a way to turn ideas into real action to achieve goals and profit. It's the way of life, an endeavor in which the goal is to achieve added value, to put together a product, a service for the purpose of making a profit.

Young entrepreneurs in Croatia are the future of the country and greatly contribute to it's economic development. However, due to the better economic situation in other countries, more and more young people are migrating. The basis of today's society should be the reduction of the number of unemployed and the creation of new jobs.



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In the Republic of Croatia, there is currently NO national strategy related to entrepreneurship education. The last one that was implemented was from 2010 to 2014. Entrepreneurship education is defined in the National Framework Curriculum, which was created by the Ministry of Science and Education in 2010. The work on the same curriculum is supported by the Regional Center for the Development of Entrepreneurial Competencies for the Countries of Southeast Europe, or SEECCEL (Regional Center for the Development of Entrepreneurial Competencies for the Countries of Southeast Europe).



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Young people would like to start their own business and thus enter the world of entrepreneurship, but there is something that prevents them from doing so, namely the lack of knowledge, the lack of funds, that is, the capital that they would invest in the start-up itself. In addition to the above, they are also prevented by the fact that they think that the Republic of Croatia does not help enough young people who want to start their own business, but still they are the programmes and Institutions for supporting and encouraging the development of entrepreneurship in Croatia, just they need to be more present among youth.

They believe that it is necessary to develop new methods, strategies and approaches so that young people have opportunities for education about entrepreneurship and involvement in entrepreneurship. Finance, entrepreneurship and the general functioning of the public and private sector are topics and areas that they consider useful in education in order to start an entrepreneurial path.



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Young people have entrepreneurial ideas, but they lack experience, information, courage and the appropriate knowledge to realize them. They have the need to constantly renew and upgrade their knowledge in order to be competitive on the market, and that they should be encouraged with good information. Entrepreneurship should be brought closer to young people so that they have knowledge about the entrepreneurial world and at the same time to suppress the barriers that prevent them from realizing business ideas, and so that they enter the entrepreneurial world with less risk.

The work should be done on greater support for young people, and the legal framework is often unclear. The focus should be on the local level, with the support of local self-government units and local associations, as well as a great step forward can be made in supporting entrepreneurs, primarily beginning entrepreneurs.



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The main factor that needs to be pointed out is definitely constant work on the entrepreneurship education from all the spheres so that the young people can get appropriate informations, knowledge, skills and be motivated to act in the filed of entrepreneurship.

Therefore, there are numbers of ngo's and youth organisations young people can be involved as well as EU programmes like Erasmus + programme and European Solidarity Corps programme where young people can get new skills and knwoledge through mobilty and connection with other young people from a short or long term period in their own country or abroad.



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Apart from that, there are institutions for supporting and encouraging the development of entrepreneurship in Croatia that can provide additional info and services for young people:

1. Croatian Agency for Small Business, Innovation and Investments
2. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development
3. Croatian Chamber of Commerce
4. Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts
5. Croatian employers association
6. The Croatian Association of Cooperatives
7. The Croatian Employment Service
8. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
9. The Ministry of Regional Development and Funds of the European Union





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10. Entrepreneurship centers

11. Business incubators

12. Entrepreneurial zones

13. Other forms of support institutions – various associations for encouraging entrepreneurship, local development agencies, organizations for connecting entrepreneurs, associations for encouraging quality and obtaining certificates of international standards, associations for encouraging innovation, introducing environmental protection systems and similar

14. Technology centers.



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