

Lengthy negotiations finally deliver on trade union demands

Croatia

On 26 April, at the 14th session of negotiations between public service unions, including the [HSSMS-MT](#) nurses' union and [SDLSN](#) public administration union, and the government, it was confirmed that the general public sector pay increase will be 4% backdated to 1 April. This is a positive outcome for the trade unions as the government had been pushing for a 2% rise from 1 May and then a further 2% later in the year. The meeting was joined by six ministers along with the prime minister. The unions also secured a commitment to further negotiations on pay in September and an increase in the transport cost allowance from HRK 1.00 to HRK 1.35 per km after the government had only offered HRK 1.30.

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