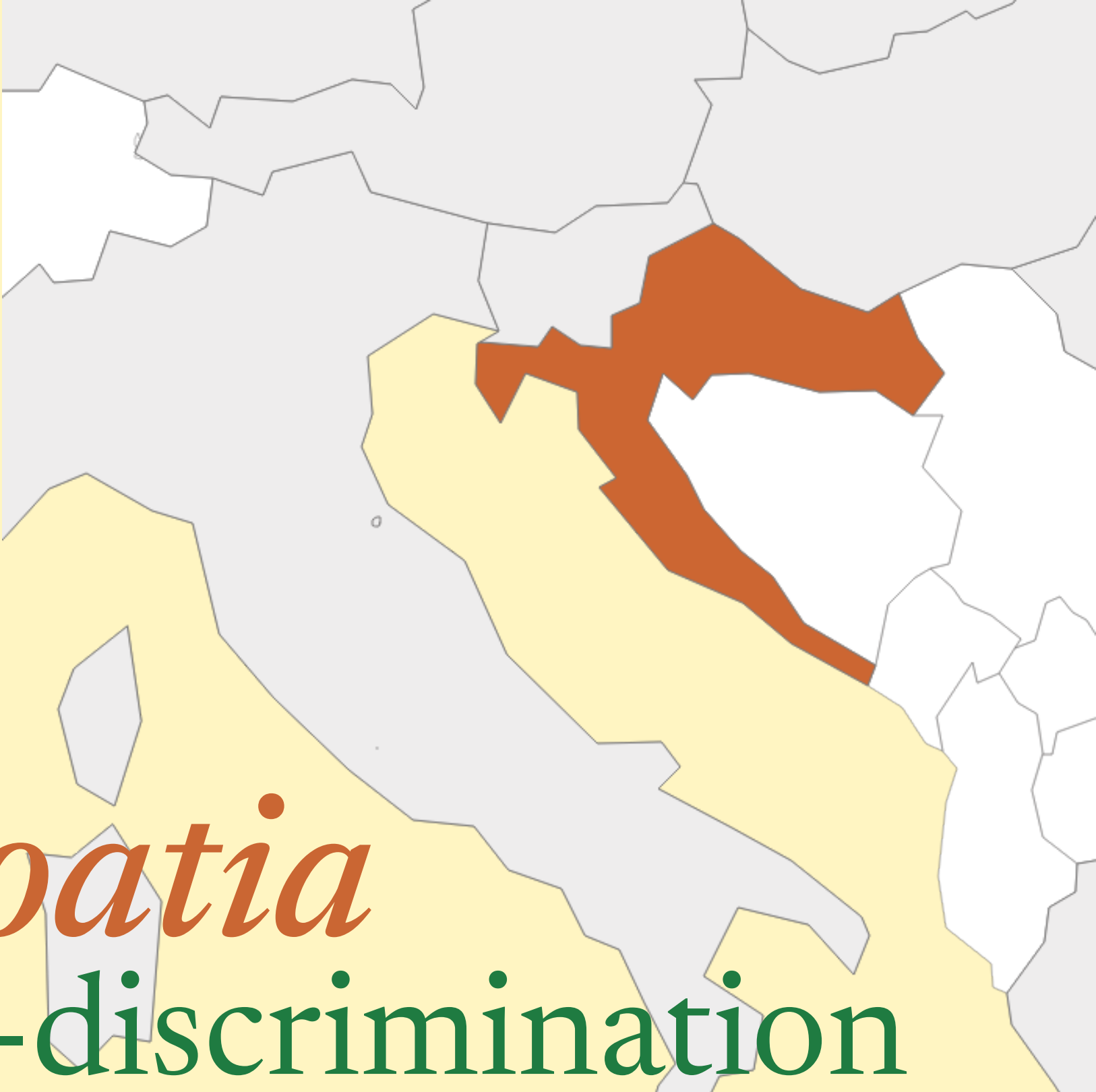
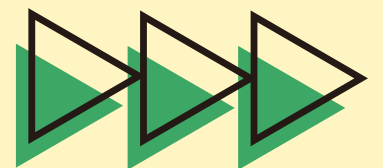




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Key highlights

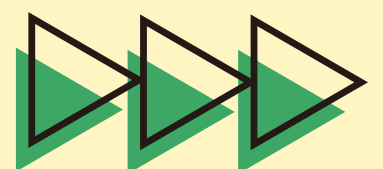


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Comprehensive Legislation

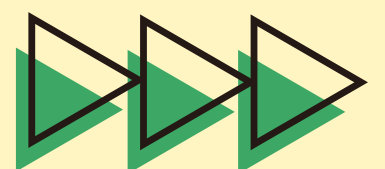
Croatia has a broad anti-discrimination framework covering numerous protected grounds and applying across both public and private sectors. No major legislative changes were introduced in 2025.





Human Rights Action Plan

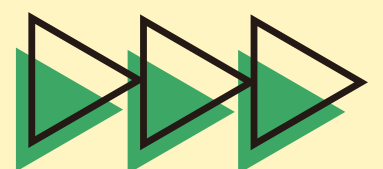
The National Plan on Human Rights and Non-Discrimination remains in force until 2027, supported by a 2025 action plan focused on prevention, victim support, awareness-raising and structural inequalities.

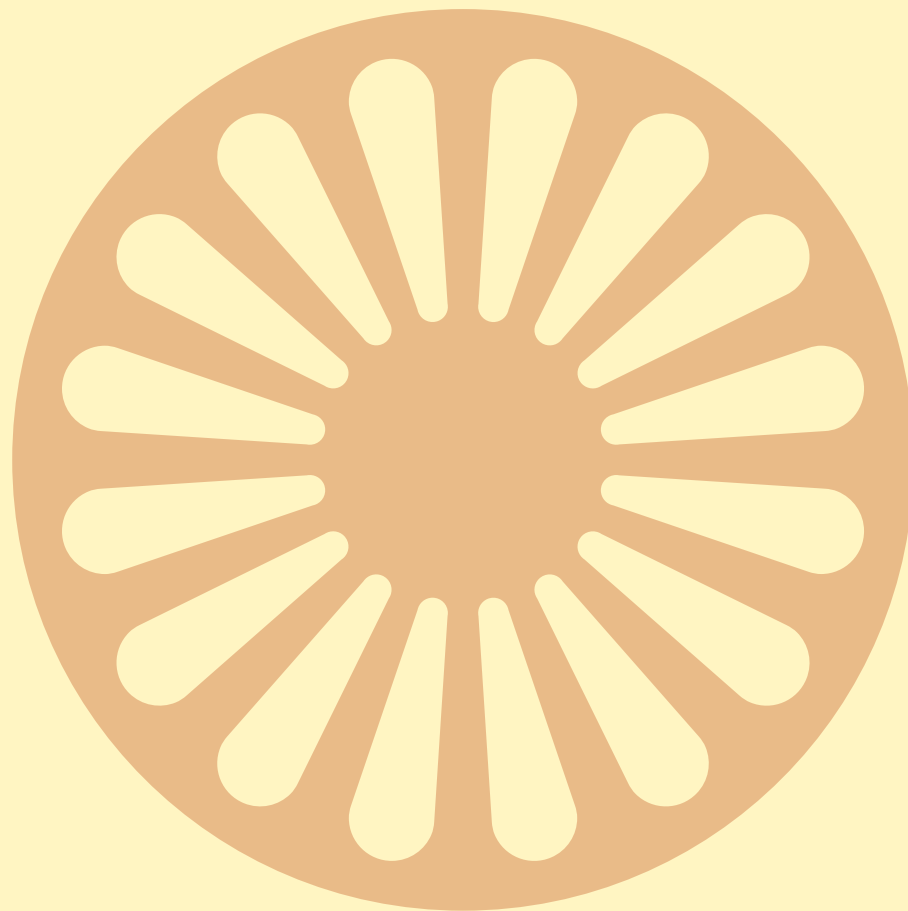




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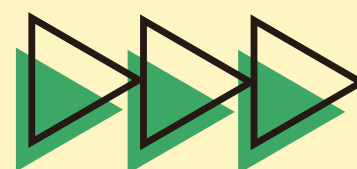
Courts continued to address failures to provide reasonable accommodation and accessibility. Architectural barriers in public buildings, transport and services remain a significant source of discrimination.





Roma Inclusion

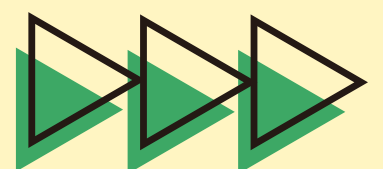
Roma children continue to face segregation in education, including Roma-only classes. International bodies again urged Croatia in 2025 to strengthen inclusive education and eliminate de facto segregation.





Minority Protection

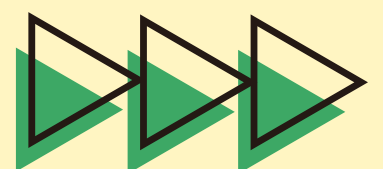
Croatia has a well-developed legal framework for national minorities, but implementation remains uneven. Serbian communities continue to experience hate speech, discrimination and incidents of ethnically motivated hostility.





Migrant Worker Rights

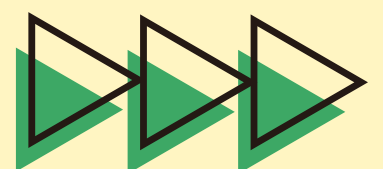
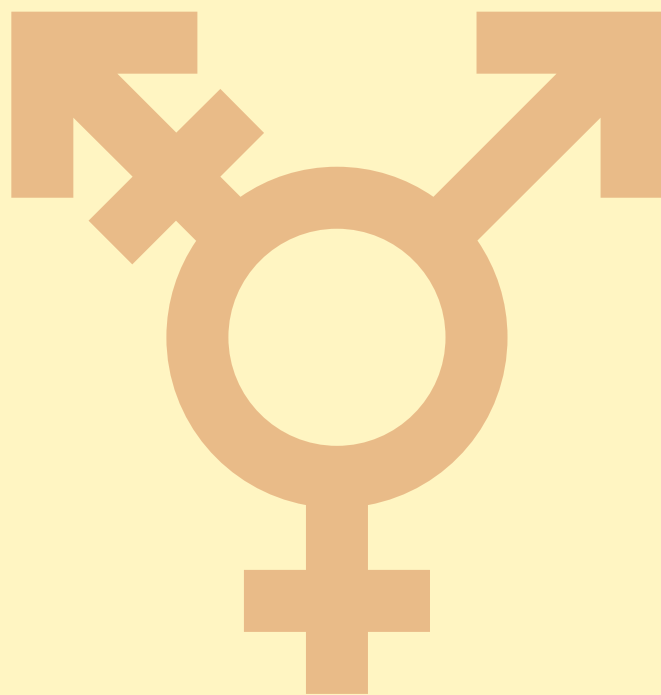
Rapidly growing numbers of foreign workers face exploitation, poor living and working conditions, hate speech and discrimination, while integration policies remain insufficiently developed.

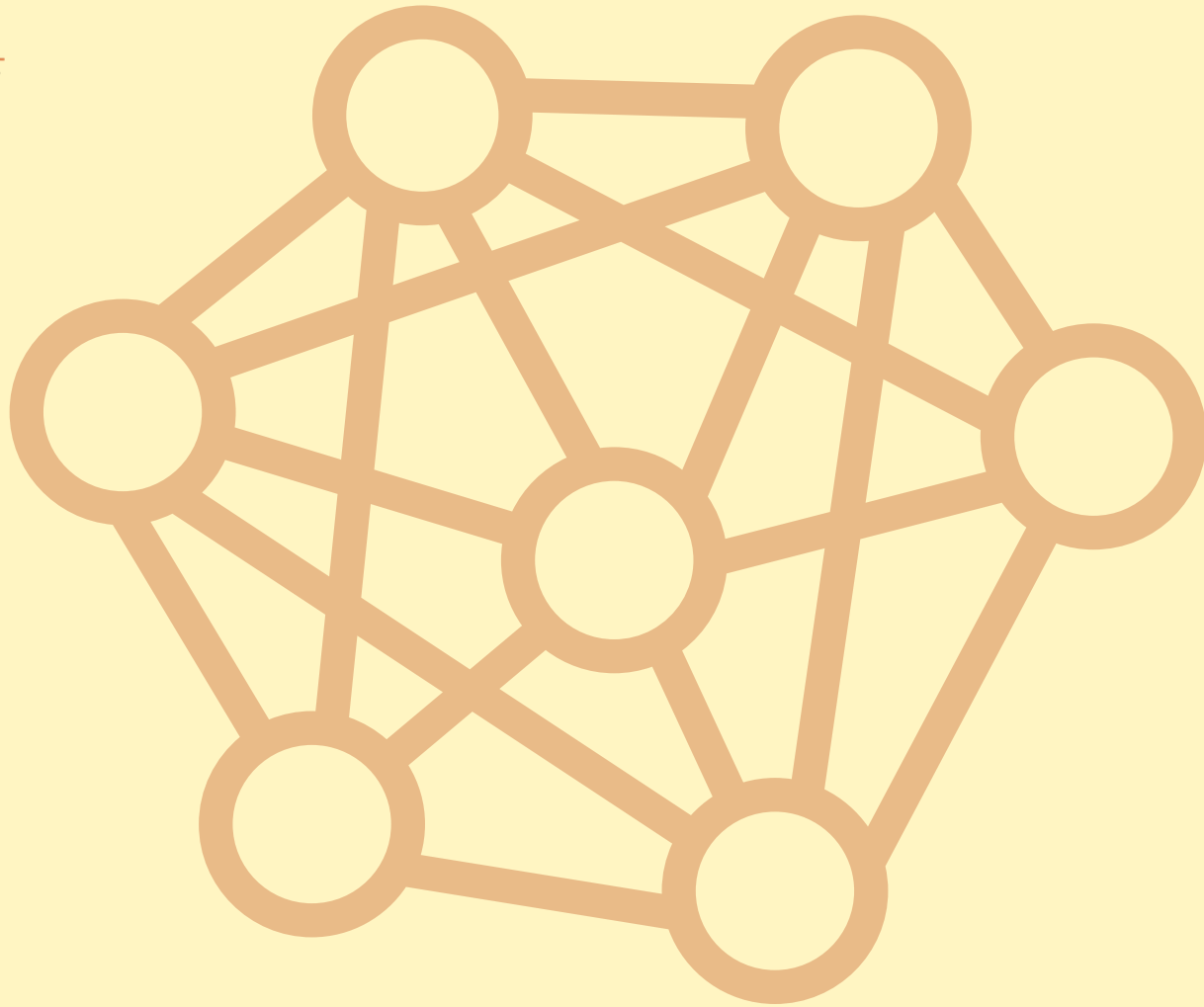




LGBTIQ+ Rights

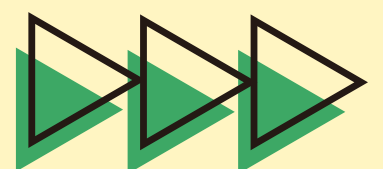
Courts continued to provide protection against discriminatory and hostile treatment, including a ruling against campaigns targeting same-sex adoption. Yet national strategies still lack sufficiently targeted measures against anti-LGBTIQ+ discrimination and hate crime.





Access to Justice

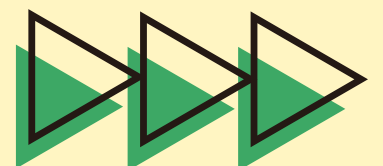
Victims have several legal avenues and benefit from a shifted burden of proof, but excessively lengthy court proceedings continue to undermine the effectiveness of anti-discrimination remedies.





Low Reporting Rates

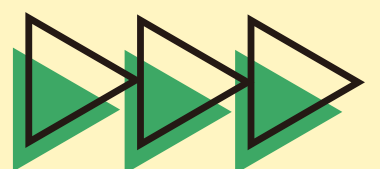
Many victims remain reluctant to pursue discrimination claims. Survey data show that only a minority of those experiencing discrimination seek court protection, often because proceedings are considered lengthy, costly or ineffective.

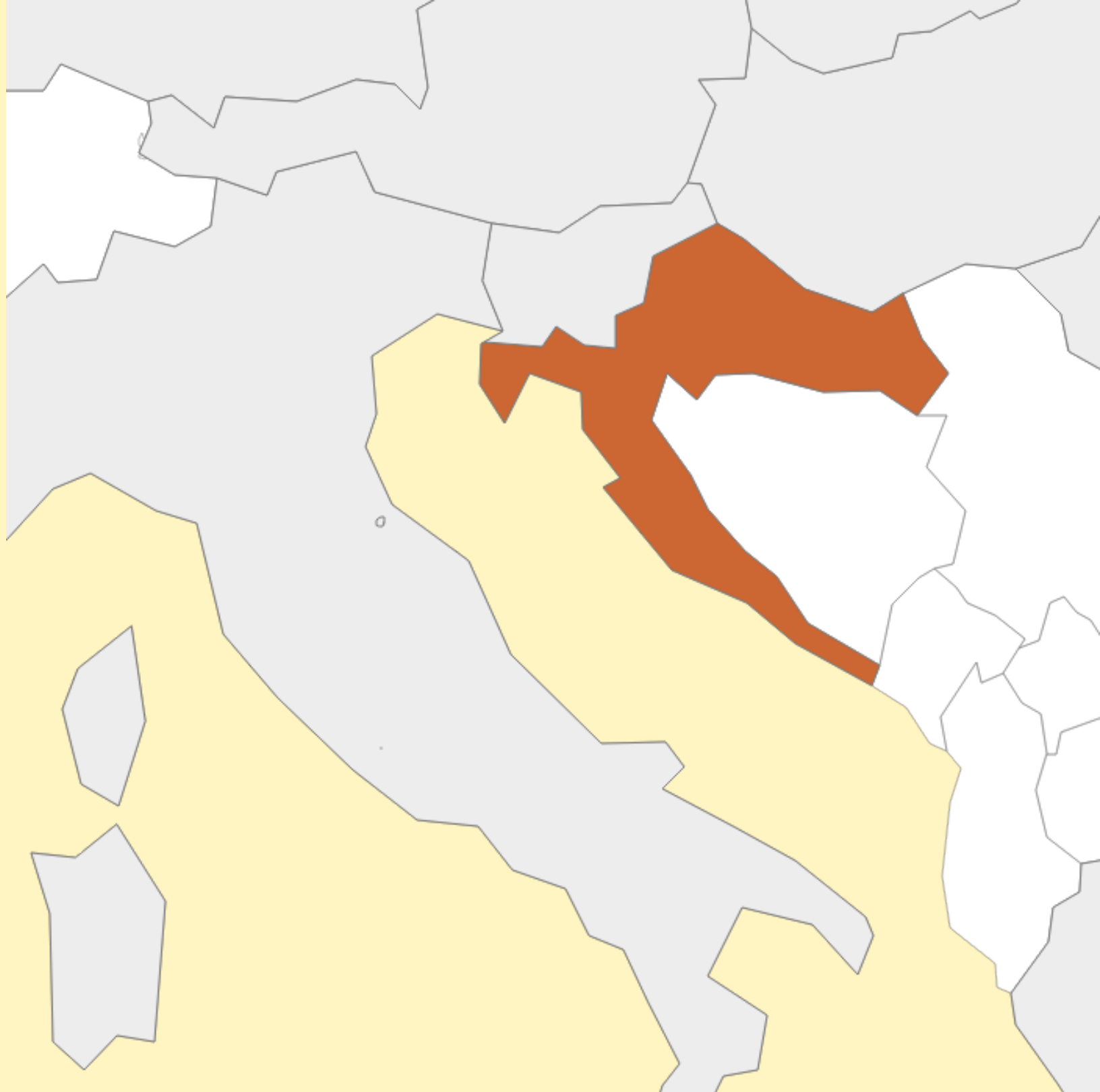




Active Equality Bodies

The People's Ombudsperson and Disability Ombudsperson remain active and accessible equality bodies, combining victim support, monitoring, recommendations and awareness-raising activities.





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