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High-level meeting communiqué

“Statistical Cooperation in the Context of the Discussion on OECD Accession and Membership of the European Statistical System”

A high-level meeting was held on Monday 5 December 2022 on ***‘Statistical Cooperation in the Context of the Discussion on Accession to the OECD and Membership of the European Statistical System’***.

Mrs Lidija Brković, Director General of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, addressed the opening speech to the participants of the meeting. She welcomed the representatives of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Statistics and Data Directorate, Ms Asa Johansson, Deputy Director of the Directorate, and Mr Julien Dupont, analyst and statistician in charge of global relations and accession.

She also welcomed the delegation of the National Statistical Institute of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr Atanas Atanasov, President, and Mr Teodor Dinev, Senior Adviser in the International Cooperation Department, and representatives of the National Institute of Statistics in Romania, Mr Tudorel Andrei, President, and Ms Daniel Stefanescu, Director of European Affairs and International Cooperation. She thanked them all for their cooperation, stressing the importance of Croatia’s accession to the OECD.

She especially thanked Mr. Gordan Grlić Radman, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, who is also the chief negotiator for Croatia’s accession to the OECD.

The Minister supported the initiative to hold this high-level meeting, thanking OECD representatives and colleagues from Romania and Bulgaria for their participation. He recalled that this year the Republic of Croatia marks 30 years since gaining independence and stressed that this path has been difficult, but Croatia has since fulfilled many foreign-political goals, the most important of which was accession to the EU and NATO, while we still have to enter Schengen and the Eurozone from 1 January 2023, and join the OECD.

The minister reviewed the path to meeting the conditions for joining the OECD, noting that, although the cooperation officially started in 2017, it had actually started back in 1993. He also stressed that there are still objectives to be achieved.

Lidija Brković, the Director General, thanked all participants of the meeting for their support for the initiative to hold this meeting with the hope of further successful cooperation in the OECD accession process.