

## **Croatian Defense Industry Competitiveness Cluster**

## Zagreb / Cluster

Advanced materials, Cybersecurity, Electronics, Energy, ICT, Land sector, Maritime, Naval, Robotics

Based in Zagreb, the Croatian Defense Industry Competitiveness Cluster – or HKKOI, as known by its Croatian acronym – brings together the country's relevant SMEs in cooperation with Croatia's Ministry of Defence to spin out commercial applications from military technologies.

HKKOI's members are active mainly in the fields of advanced materials, cyber security, electronics, energy, ICT, robotics and the land, maritime and naval sectors, with 90 percent of its activities arising from defence.

The cluster is linked to Croatia's national smart specialisation strategy according to which it aims to develop the following dual use areas: unmanned vehicles and vessels, advanced digital and communication technologies, anti-riot capabilities and tools to counter biological agents.

HKKOI is focused on boosting the capacities of its SMEs by linking them to the value chains of larger enterprises to develop new products and services. The cluster is also expanding its international cooperation, and currently has contacts with the European Defence Agency and the region of Andalusia

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