

**MODERNIZATION  
FROM  
A SMALL MILITARY  
PERSPECTIVE**

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# AGENDA



## **NATIONAL DEFENSE OF SMALL STATES**



## **KEY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR SMALL MILITARY MODERNIZATION**



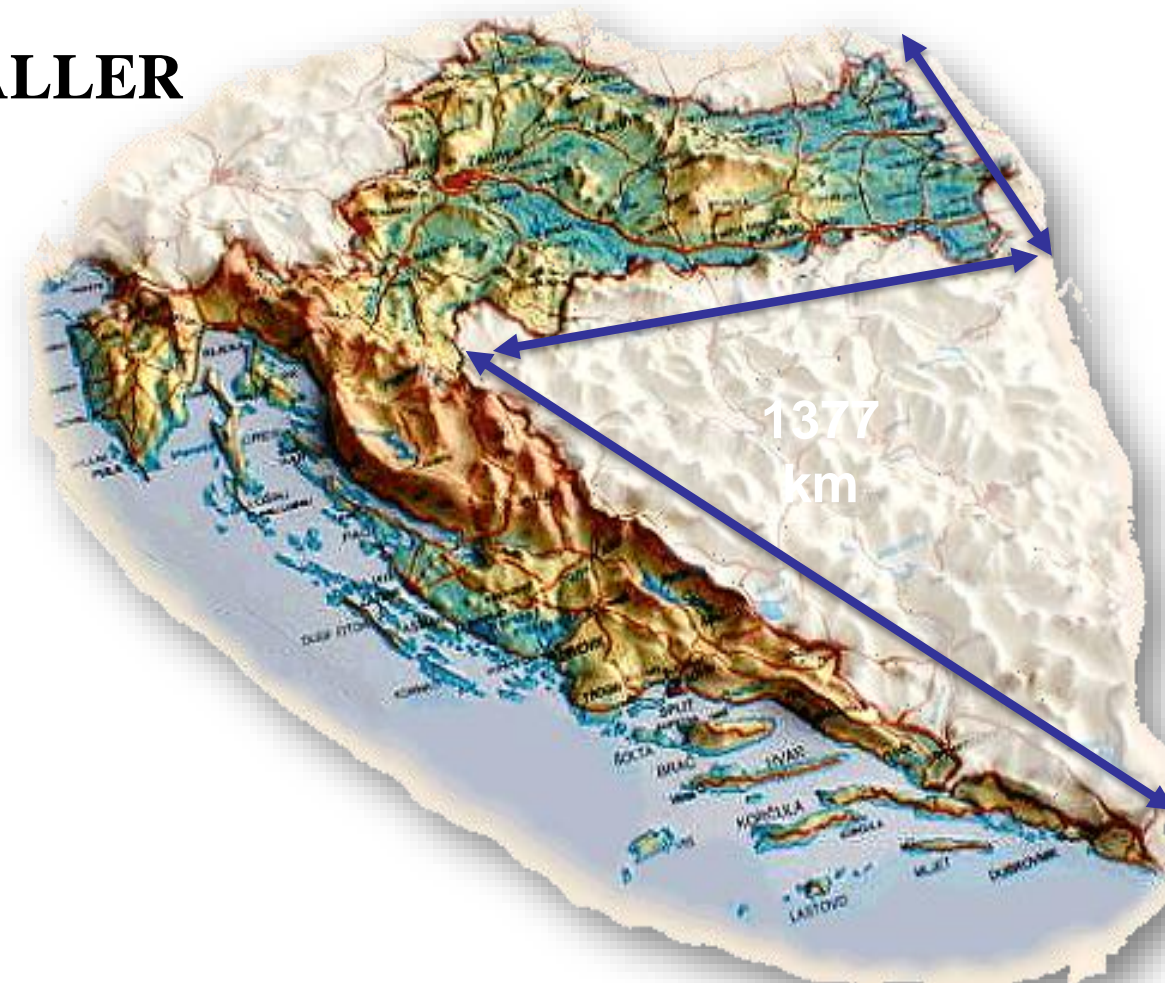
## **CHALLENGES FACED BY CROATIAN LAND FORCES**



## **STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE MODERNIZATION**

# NATIONAL DEFENSE OF SMALL STATES

- ❑ ONE OF THE SMALLER
- ❑ THE LONGEST



# CURRENT AND FUTURE THREATS

**GEOPOLITICAL INSTABILITY**

**HYBRID AND CYBER WARFARE**

**TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME**





# COMPREHENSIVE DEFENSE

- **SYNERGY BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY COMPONENTS**
- **MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO SECURITY**
- **ROLE OF SOCIETY IN DEFENSE**
- **FLEXIBILITY IN VARIOUS CONDITIONS**



# MODERNIZATION PROCESS LOEs

ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC  
PLANNING

RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND  
BUDGETING

PROCUREMENT AND ACQUISITION OF  
TECHNOLOGY

PERSONNEL TRAINING AND  
STRUCTURAL REFORMS

MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND  
CONTINUOUS ADAPTATION



ARMY

NAVY

AIR





# KEY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR SMALL MILITARIES MODERNIZATION



ALL THIS NEEDS TO RESULT IN A GOOD ENOUGH FORCE STRUCTURE THAT ANSWERS CURRENT AND FUTURE SECURITY CHALLENGES



Flexible and mobile units



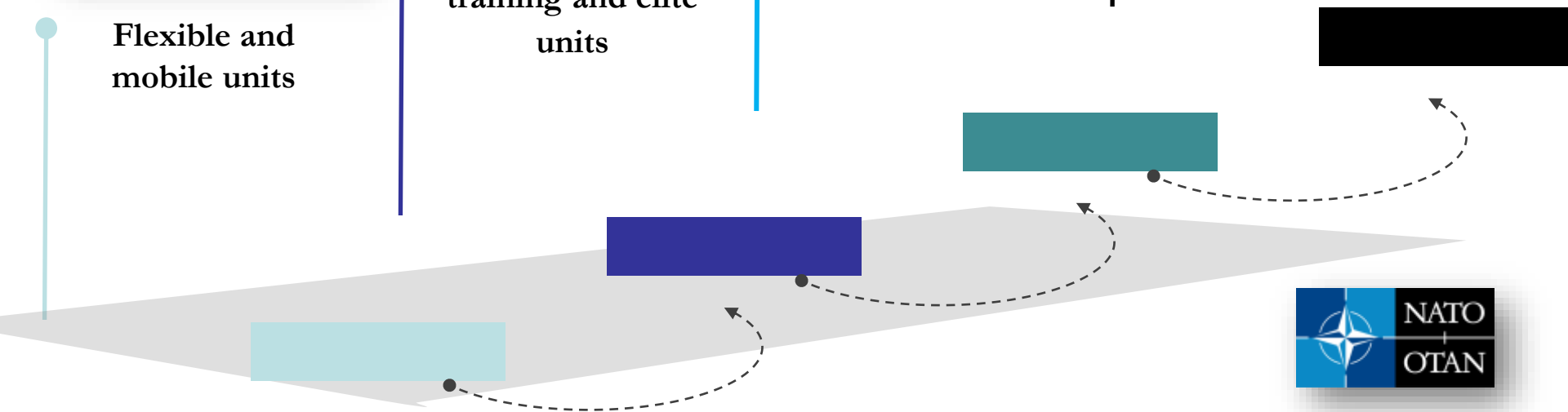
Specialized training and elite units



Interoperability with allies



Technology and equipment upgrades







# CHALLENGES FACED BY CROATIAN LAND FORCES



FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

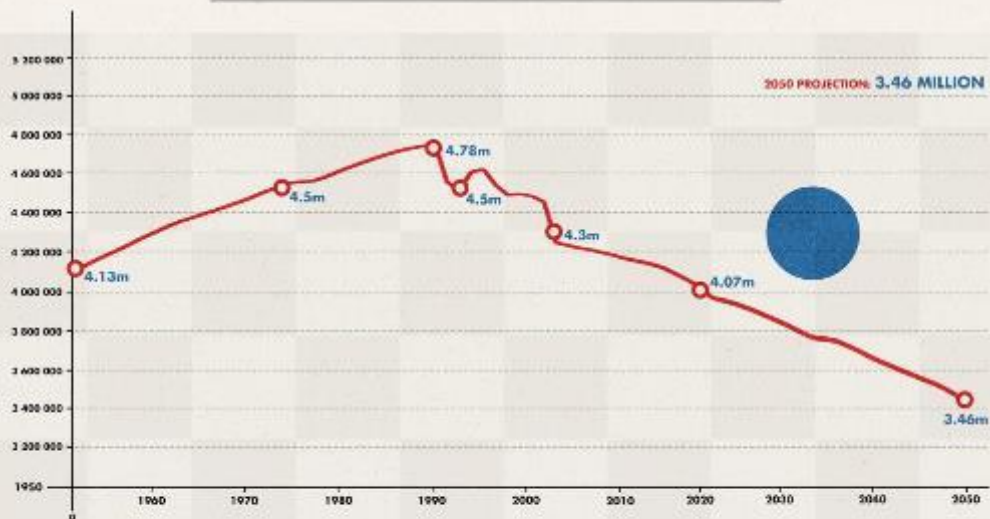
LIMITED MANPOWER

GEOPOLITICAL PRESSURES



## CROATIA'S CHANGE IN POPULATION

Actual and projected population 1950-2050



Source: Eurostat, Croatia Bureau of Statistics. The censuses of 1971, 1981 and 1991 included citizens working and living abroad. In 2001, the census only included those with a valid address in Croatia. In subsequent census estimates are made based on the 2011 census. In 2011, foreigners only included those residing in Croatia.

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# CHALLENGES FACED BY CROATIAN LAND FORCES



- THE ADAPTATION AND CHANGE OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CROATIAN LAND FORCES
- REPLACEMENT OF SOVIET/YUGOSLAV- ERA SYSTEMS
- UPGRADE OF EXISTING COMBAT SYSTEMS



EMBRACE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

FOCUS ON CYBER AND HYBRID WARFARE

STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



Long-Term Development Plan (LTDP) - the core planning document



# CAPABILITY PRIORITIES

**ENHANCED MOBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY**

**ADVANCED RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE**

**CYBERSECURITY AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE**

**LOGISTIC RESILIENCE**

**INTEROPERABILITY**





# INTEROPERABILITY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE

- NATO Bi-SC CAPABILITY CODES AND CAPABILITY STATEMENTS (CC&CS)
- NATO MINIMUM CAPABILITY REQUIREMENTS (MCR)
- STANAGs
- CREVAL ...



*"The ability to act together coherently, effectively and efficiently to achieve Allied objectives"*



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