01. Quote
The Croatian node is run by SRCE - University of Zagreb, University Computing Centre. For many years, SRCE has been building elements of national infrastructure for open science that gathers the entire research and higher education community in Croatia.

Besides developing technical infrastructure further, SRCE will, as an RDA node, initiate the development and strengthening of collaboration between researchers, funders, policy makers, librarians and infrastructure in order to encourage sharing publicly funded research data and all other research outputs.

02. Node team
SRCE
Draženka Geljak (Coordinator), Ljiljana Jertec Musap (Coordinator), Zoran Bekić, Ivan Marić

Key personnel, representatives of major university libraries, DABAR’s WG for research data

03. Focus
building a network of institutions and individuals that will get involved in national and global RDA activities and provide researchers with the support necessary for effective data sharing; the network will be built starting with the university libraries of 4 largest universities in Croatia

building capacity (skills) of higher education and research libraries to engage in RDA activities, manage research data and support researchers at their institutions (based on “23 Things: Libraries For Research Data”)

establishing communication channels with funding bodies (HRZZ, MZO) with the goal of defining national priorities and action plans regarding research data management and sharing

04. Future planned activities
- MoUs with national partners that will contribute to national RDA node activities
- A RDA events and trainings between February and April 2020 that will promote RDA vision & mission, RDA outputs and best practices in research data management.

05. Takeaway
SRCE is successfully building technical infrastructure (bridges), and, as a national node and with the help of RDA community, it strives to build social bridges between researchers, funders, libraries and infrastructure necessary to support data sharing and reuse.

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