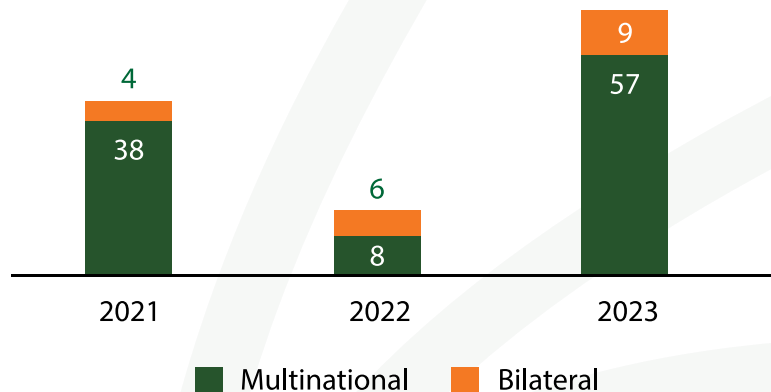


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While the Croatian MoD does not respond to FOI requests, the open-source search led to the compilation of data through the Croatian MoD's website and relied on the plan of military exercises that the Croatian government adopted in early 2023. Based on these two sources of data, it was established that Croatia had 66 military exercises in 2023. Most of these were multilateral exercises, totalling 57 of which 47 were with NATO or multilateral exercises led by major NATO powers to boost interoperability with NATO and the application of NATO standards. Two exercises were held with the EU. There were also eight regional exercises done under the auspices of various regional initiatives, including three with the Regional Multinational Division Centre, one with the Adriatic Charter (A-5), two with the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (ADRION), one with the Defence Cooperation Initiative (DECI) and one with the Central European Defence Cooperation. Bilaterally, there were nine international military exercises, including the US (5 exercises), France (2 exercises), the UK (1 exercise) and Italy (1 exercise). These exercises were diverse in scope and nature as the individual exercises involved regular troops, special forces, the navy, air force, military police, cyber defence and computer-assisted exercises, among others.

DONATIONS

Just like in 2021 and 2022, the US again became Croatia's largest military donor. The combined value of donations and grants from the US to Croatia is USD 202.1 million. These involve an agreement with the US on a foreign military assistance programme worth USD 140 million (EUR 152 million). The acquisition of 89 infantry fighting vehicles, Bradley from the US, involves Croatia providing USD 145,2 million and the US providing USD 57 million. Croatian special forces also received three Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs) from the US worth USD 5.1 million. The UK donated IT equipment of unspecified monetary value.¹

TOP FOREIGN DONORS 2023

United States of America
USD 202.1 million

1 Doniranje informatičke tehničke opreme Upravi J2 Zajedničkog štaba Oružanih snaga Bosne i Hercegovine [Donation of IT technical equipment to the J2 Directorate of the Joint Headquarters of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina], 2 February 2023, Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, http://os.mod.gov.ba/vijesti/default.aspx?id=471110&langTag=en-US&template_id=181&pageIndex=1



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