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In Croatia were conducted parliamentary elections September 11, 2016. Negotiations to form a government. It is expected that the Government formed the HDZ and its coalition partners. In the previous period the HDZ's government had more understanding toward doctors.

Croatian health system is in crisis, the lack of funding allocated to health and creates losses

The government conducted a survey Milanović download medical institutions and temporarily took over ownership of the institutions under the pretext of rehabilitation. The removal had a negative impact on the quality and availability of health services and the position of employees and especially doctors.

The government of the former survey Milanovic changing labor laws reduce the rights of workers and doctors tried to pacify excluding them from social dialogue and collective bargaining. The law gave the right to Croatian Professional Trade Union of Nurses, the Trade Union of Workers in the Health Service that no doctor contracted the rights of doctors.

The government formed after the parliamentary elections in November 2015, the now former government did not keep its election promises and returned confiscated right doctors.

Croatian Medical Union / HLS / water disputes in the Supreme and Constitutional Court for annulment of the collective agreement that we signed and the adoption of the law HLS- denied the right to the name of the physician contract law physician. Judgment that we get to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg Government ignored.

In early 2016 met conditions for the previously agreed wage increase across the public sector current technical government has turned a deaf ear. How will behave the newly elected government to be seen. Trade unions in the public sector are preparing for trade union action.

Croatia is faced with a large deficit of doctors, relatively low salaries, overtime and hard work. This further complicates the situation and significantly affect the quality and availability of health care. Therefore, the entry into the EU increased departure of doctors from the Croatian.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize again that in Croatia miss about 4,500 doctors and 30% of the total number of doctors. With a significant reduction in funding to the difficulty of putting all professional standards, positive directives and EU standards.

Zagreb, 3 October 2016.