

# PENJANJE FOR ALL CLIMBING ZA SVE



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## Climbing for all – Analysis

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**HPS is the ONLY mountaineering association in Croatia**

Type of sport/activity	YES/ NO
Indoor climbing	YES
Rock climbing	YES
Bouldering	YES
Multi-pitch Sport climbing	YES
Winter mountaineering	YES
Ice climbing/dry-tooling	YES
Mountain hiking	YES
Ski-mountaineering	YES
Snowshoeing	YES
Alpine climbing	YES
Mountain leadership	YES
Caving	YES
Mountain SAR	YES
Trail Marking	YES



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# Federation Analysis

## Members

Age Cohort	Number of members
0-17	6,000
18-65	17,000
65+	8,000



- HPS members can only be basic mountaineering organisations, county and city associations, MG stations and the HGSS and its stations.
- In reality, a single member becomes member of two organisations – individually a club member and collectively of HPS. Under the age of 14 a consent letter must be provided by the legal guardian.
- Further mountain sport/activity development is preconditioned with the level of education the member attains.



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# Federation Analysis

## Organizational structure

- **General Assembly** is the highest ruling body of HPS. President and Vice President mandate is 4 years.
- The Assembly also votes in the President of the **Executive Committee** tasked for the every-day decision making and supervision of the HPS Office run by the **Secretary General**.
- **HPS Commissions** - commissions for sport, specialist activities and organizational activities
- The HPS does not have formal regional representations.
- The HPS gathers **336 member societies** categorized as 286 independent clubs and societies, 13 regional and city associations, 12 mountain guide stations, the Croatian Mountain Rescue Service and its 24 stations.



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# Federation Analysis

Main authorities/stakeholders

- Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education and Sport, Ministry of Environment Protection
- Croatian Olympic Committee (HOO)
- International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, International Federation of Sport Climbing, International Ski Mountaineering Federation, Balkan Mountaineering Union, European Ramblers Association.
- Croatian Mountain Rescue Service (HGSS) is member of ICAR and funding member ECRA (European Cave Rescue Association).



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# Federation Analysis

Financial resources, services, trainers

Type of resource	Approx. contribution to the overall budget (%)
Public subsidies (HOO)	24%
Membership fees	37%
Publications sales	25%
Rent, advertisement and services	4%
Commission's income (mostly training in 2015)	10%

## TRAINERS!

Due to local legislation most of the training is of internal character and steps are being taken, including this project, to harmonise and better harmonise the training with local (very restrictive) legislation.

Field of operation	YES/NO
Youth	YES
Training/education	YES
Nature preservation	YES
Information (libraries, databases, weather etc.)	YES
Competitions	YES
Others (please specify)	YES

The HPS, through its commissions caters for organisational and content aspects of all mountain activities in its care (education, guides, alpinism, paths, sport climbing, speleology) while supporting also mountain huts/shelters, mountain history, nature protection, legal issues, insurance, etc.



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## Membership benefits

- **50% overnight discount in mountain huts** managed by HPS member clubs (no charge for leaders when bringing at least 10 members and HGSS members when in SAR action). Due to contracts with PZS and PS HB (in BiH) 50% reciprocity rate applies too.
- HPS individual membership includes limited **joint insurance** policy for injury and death.
- Membership also includes **50% discount of mountain Nature and National Parks** entry fees in Croatia.
- Club membership includes **right to apply** for limited financial assistance from HPS for mountain hut maintenance.

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Type of event	YES/NO	Frequency (how many times a year)
Festivals	NO	
Competitions	YES	2-3
Summer camps	YES	2-3
Methodical training	YES	20-30
Major gatherings of club members are often organised by clubs and local federations. The HPS itself also organises a few such events celebrating Croatia's highest peak Dinara, Croatian Mountaineering Day and several other events in cooperation.		

# Federation Analysis

## Events and Media communication tools

- **Hrvatski planinar** - after 116 years of existence it is the most relevant mountain publication in Croatia.
- **Web based promotion** is growing since HPS started using it in 1999. [www.hps.hr](http://www.hps.hr)
- **Publication** - To date the HPS has produced eight handbooks, 27 guides, 80 maps, six historical monographies, 15 novels and 18 other publications.
- The HPS does not use social media.







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- Path Marking – 1.175 members
- Guides/Leaders – 1.400 members
- Cavers – 350
- Alpinists/Rock Climbers – 380
- Sport Climbers – 320
- Rescuers – 830

# Federation Analysis

Specialist/expert membership and  
 climbing/mountaineering activities

Type of activity	Very popular	Rather popular	Rather unpopular	Marginal
Indoor climbing		<b>x</b>		
Rock climbing			<b>x</b>	
Bouldering			<b>x</b>	
Multi-pitch climbing		<b>x</b>		
Winter mountaineering			<b>x</b>	
Ice climbing/dry-tooling				<b>x</b>
Mountain hiking	<b>x</b>			
Ski-mountaineering				<b>x</b>
Snowshoeing			<b>x</b>	
Caving		<b>x</b>		
Deep Water Solo		<b>x</b>		



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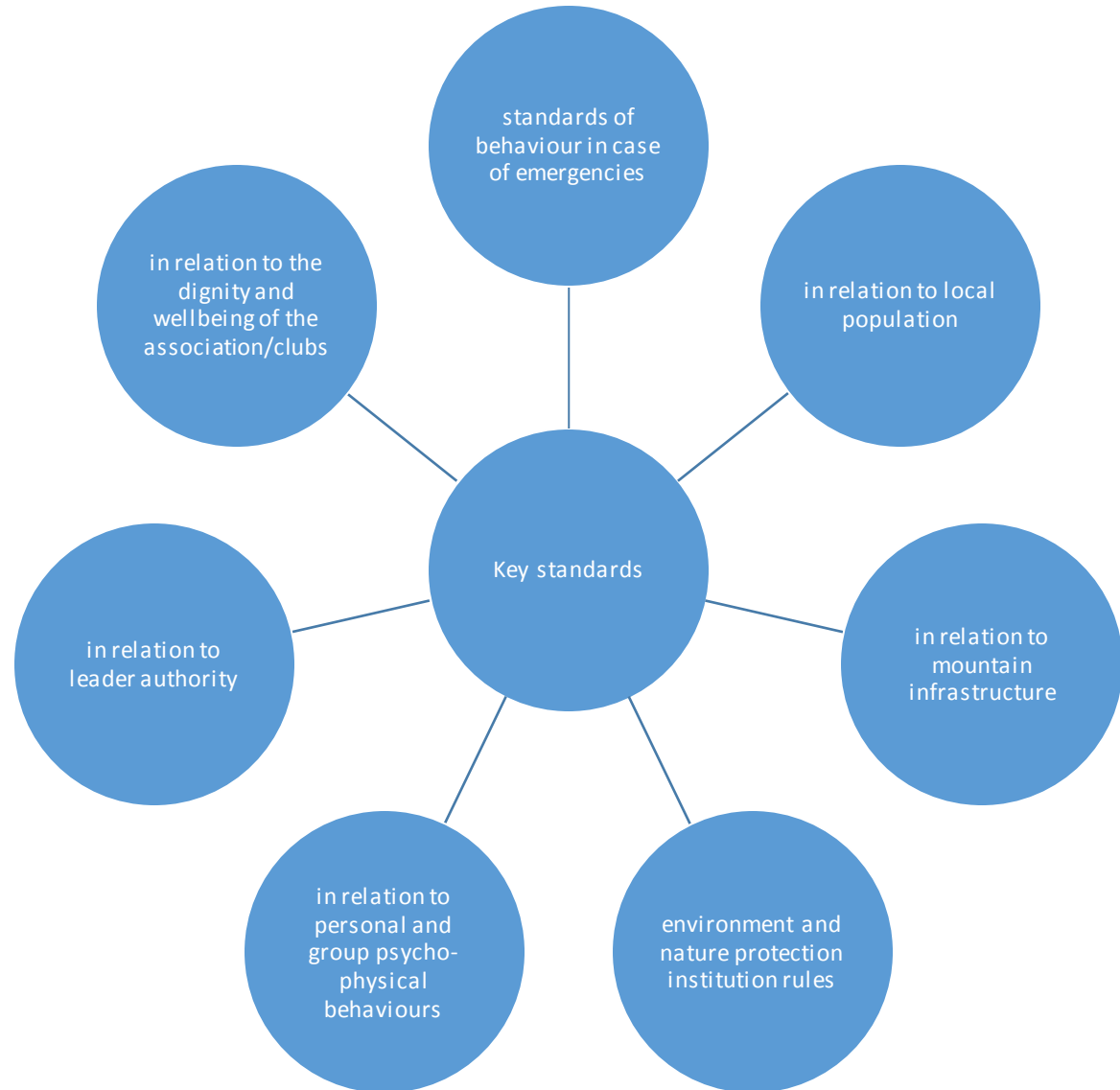


# Federation Analysis

Mountaineering values

- Statute
- 2002 Tyrol Declaration
- “Code of mountaineering ethics (1987)”

Suitability is not achieved by regulatory documentation only !!!



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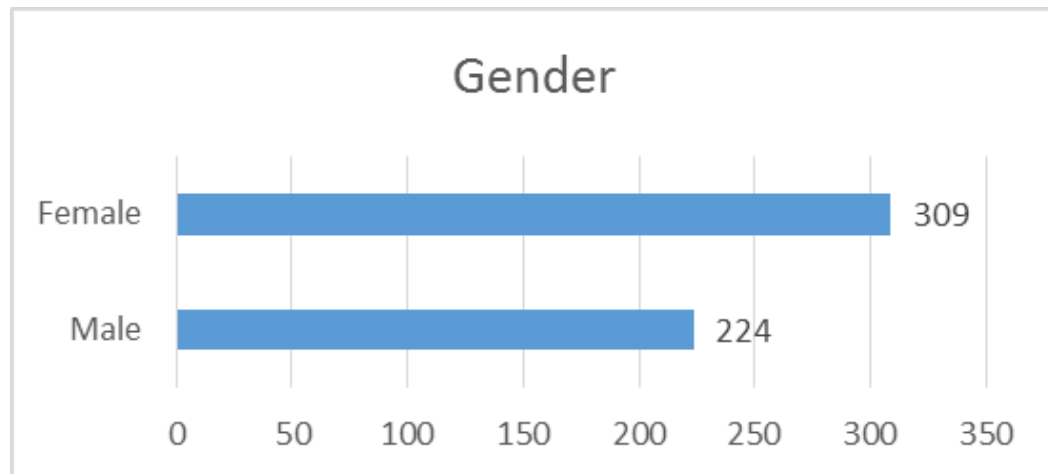
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# Questionnaire for the climbing community

Gender, Membership and rationale for

Membership	Number	%
Yes	456	86%
No	77	14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>100%</b>



Reason for membership (459/533)	%
Friendship/climbing partnership/group activities/community	31%
Discount on National park's fees/hut's prices and other discounts	9%
Insurance	3%
Education/Knowledge and experience sharing	12%
Indoor climbing and gear rental/buying	4%
Love of nature/climbing/physical activity	1%
Ease of access to information	1%
Other	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

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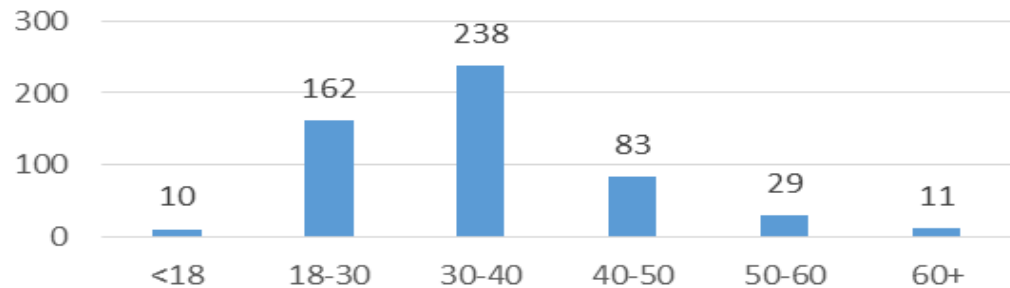
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# Questionnaire for the climbing community

Responder's age cohorts and length of participation in  
Mountain activities

Age Cohort



Years of practicing climbing/mountaineering or related sports	%
<5	38%
6-10	26%
11-15	10%
16-20	7%
20+	18%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Questionnaire for the climbing community

Main branch of Mountain sports/activities, Values and Reasoning

Main branch of Mountain sports/activities	HIGHEST
Indoor Sport Climbing	Often
Outdoor Sport Climbing	Sometimes
Bouldering	Never
Alpine Climbing	Rarely
Ice Climbing/Dry-tooling	Never
Summer Hiking/Walking	Sometimes
Winter Hiking/Walking	Rarely
Ski Mountaineering	Never
Snowshoeing	Never
Other	Never

Mountain Values	%
Love of Nature/ Enjoy nature	23%
Teamwork/ Friends	15%
Self-discipline	10%
Respect	7%
Freedom	3%
Responsibility	10%
Healthy Lifestyle/ Relaxation/Inner Peace	12%
Other	19%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Reasons for Practicing Sport/Activity	%
Stay in Nature	32%
Teamwork/Friends	12%
Physical Activity and Health/Lifestyle	11%
Relaxation, Peacefulness and Pleasure	12%
Sense of Freedom	6%
Challenge/Adrenaline/Adventure	7%
Self-cognition	1%
Other	18%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Questionnaire for the climbing community

## Suggestions and Conclusion

The analysis shows that **improvements are needed in**

- **Mountain sports educational programmes**, as key tools to attract membership
- **Education for mountain sports organisers, trainers and leaders** in need of institutional support strengthening;
- A new range of interesting, multi-disciplinarian, sustainable and **modernized activities** designed to promote the sports and the involve the public
- Mountain **organizational and support activities** such as publishing, promotion, safety, leadership, medicine, etc. improved
- HPS and most of its member associations to provide **environments** better suited for attracting membership of different needs without losing core mountain values so well preserved in the past.

What could HPS do to help?	%
Improve trail maintenance	6.2%
Improve education standards and widen the scope	5.2%
Enhance its engagement in working with children and youth	13.5%
Improve information dissemination, especially for educations	1.1%
Organizing more specialist hiking/climbing camps	6.5%
Improve condition and legal security of Mountain Huts	4.6%
Ensure travel subsidies	0.3%
Provide higher insurance	0.9%
Ensure more international cooperation and lecturers	2.6%
Ensure more Indoor and Outdoor Climbing facilities	8.9%
Insure equipment discounts	0.7%
Web and Smartphone based trail maps and applications	0.7%
Better support to clubs in activities	4.2%
Enhance promotional activities	13.5%
Enhance support for competitors	1.4%
No need for further activities	13.1%
Other	16.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>