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Hrvatski Telekom and Crnogorski Telekom contract Ericsson Nikola Tesla for the deployment of Ericsson's dual-mode 5G Core for its 4G and 5G core network

- Expansion of cooperation in mobile core network area
- Fulfilling the preconditions for future generation of advanced 5G services
- Creating new opportunities for development of advanced digital solutions and Industry 4.0

Hrvatski Telekom and Crnogorski Telekom have selected Ericsson Nikola Tesla as the sole supplier of software and connected services for implementation of its new 4G/5G Core network. Ericsson's cloud-native dual-mode 5G Core will be implemented and integrated into Hrvatski Telekom's and Crnogorski Telekom's new generation T-CaaS cloud infrastructure.

This latest agreement continues the long-term cooperation in the implementation of Ericsson's most advanced communication solutions, which Ericsson Nikola Tesla successfully implements in the markets of Croatia and Montenegro. The new technological breakthrough will further contribute to faster economic and social development.

The implementation of new 5G network functions further strengthens Hrvatski Telekom's leadership position in the application of cloud technologies in the field of telecommunications and ICT solutions. The deployment of the new 5G Core network ensures that Hrvatski Telekom and Crnogorski Telekom can provide their customers with faster introduction of new services and features. It also enables the introduction of 5G standalone network (5G SA) that uses the latest 5G technologies such as network slicing and edge computing, and with it the offer of new innovative services to customers.

"I am glad to announce the next phase of our 5G services development. It is clear that 5G technology helps Croatian economy to increase the competitiveness by creating more sophisticated export products and services as well as by improving the efficiency across many sectors like agriculture, manufacturing and transport. New 5G core will enable us to fulfil the customers' expectations in even better and more granular way wherever it is about application they use as consumers or ICT use case/solution they are utilizing as enterprises. We are proudly continuing this journey with Ericsson Nikola Tesla with whom we already achieved a number of the 5G important milestones and market breakthroughs in Croatia", stated Kostas Nebis, Hrvatski Telekom CEO.

Gordana Kovačević, president of Ericsson Nikola Tesla stated her pleasure with this important contract: *"I am happy to see the continuation of strategic cooperation in the advancement of mobile networks of Hrvatski Telekom and Crnogorski Telekom with the latest functionalities of the fifth generation of mobile communications. It makes me proud that Ericsson Nikola Tesla proved a reliable and trustworthy partner in all projects of advancement and modernization of telecom networks of our customers. Ericsson Nikola Tesla's experts actively participate in the development and implementation of Ericsson's 5G technology through our service and expert centers and within our R&D center, which is the largest in Croatia and the region."*



“Our commitment is to provide superior 5G service for our customers in Croatia. The new 5G core network solution will further enhance the capabilities and performance of our 5G stack. I am looking forward to this project that will bring two leading components of 5G Core Network together - network functions software from Ericsson and our telecommunication cloud native infrastructure”, concluded Boris Drilo, CTIO, Hrvatski Telekom.

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