



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
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**ICOM International Council of Museums  
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Dear Mr Garlandini,

Please allow me to thank you for your expressions of solidarity and help extended to the Republic of Croatia and communicated through Mr Darko Babić, President of ICOM Croatia who kindly informed me of your message.

The earthquake that hit the towns of Petrinja, Sisak and Glina, as well as surrounding villages – the third grave earthquake that struck Croatia in 2020 – caused enormous damages to the whole built fabric of these towns, meaning both movable and immovable heritage as well as the entire historic urban areas were devastated. The Ministry of Culture and Media is currently working on setting up the steps towards a detailed damage assessment and evacuation of movable cultural property while the first, emergency damage assessment on the properties with safe access was completed.

The earthquake provoked serious damage to almost all individually protected cultural properties in Sisak-Moslavina County. This comprises churches – around 50 sacral buildings; all of the total of 527 historic buildings in the historic core of Petrinja; 800 of the total of 1188 buildings in the historic cores of Sisak and Glina –30 of which are individually protected; and around 29 individually protected movable cultural properties, collections or inventories. We have immediately started the works on the emergency reconstruction of the Museum of Sisak in order for it to be able to house all movable collections that are to be evacuated. The sacral collections will be housed by the Sisak Diocese.

We are working tirelessly on the safeguarding of all properties and objects. However, these activities are rendered more difficult, dangerous and often impossible by the continuous ground movement and shaking. Moreover, further damage has been observed on monuments in Zagreb since this earthquake was strongly felt in the capital as well. These monuments will also be inspected for any possible new devastations.

My colleagues and I will continue to update you and will also be in contact with Mr Babić to ensure coordination and timely and appropriate reactions.

I wish to thank you once again for your support that in these difficult times is of exceptional significance to us.

Yours sincerely,



**MINISTER**  
**Nina Obuljen Koržinek**