

## LEGAL SOURCES AND LEGAL BASIS FOR STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS AND SPORTS RECREATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

**Abstract:** *The author clearly analyzes the legal framework of international, European and Croatian sports law, as a basis for the development of sports development strategies at the level of local self-government in the Republic of Croatia. As part of the discussion on this topic, insight is given into the reference provisions of the revised Law on Sports and as well as the purpose and goals of the new National Sports Program 2019-2026. The paper finally explores the strategic documents of local and regional self-government units in the Republic of Croatia in the field of sports development and sports recreation, and points to the needs of a new legal and strategic basis at the national level.*

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