

## EFFORTS TO CREATE CROATIAN NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY

### Summary

*The article presents connection of the Croatian nation-building thought and needs for the establishment of the national news agency. Right after the Republic of Croatia became independent, on December 22, 1990, conditions have been created again for the initiation of national agencies: in the Republic of Croatia HINA has been established and Habena in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Author researched factors which have determined the development of HINA and he implied two parallel processes which slowed down the transition of political-propaganda agency towards news agency of democratic and civil society: the first of them as unusual active interest of politics for maintaining the control over the agency in spite of the change of Law on HINA. That law prevented the direct control and sluggish change of a journalist from the ideological concept of sociopolitical employee to the professional journalist.*

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