

# Croatia to hold run-off presidential vote

Former Croatian prime minister Zoran Milanović will face incumbent president Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović in a run-off election on January 5 after no candidate won an outright majority in a first round of voting



**Zoran Milanović, 53**  
*Social Democratic Party (SDP)*  
Outspoken former Prime Minister backed by liberal opposition, has accused ruling party of widespread corruption and of turning Croatia towards right-wing nationalism during past several years

**Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, 51**  
*Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ)*  
Known for flirting with extreme right while seeking also to portray herself as peoples' president. Retaining post is important for HDZ, as Croatia prepares for its six-month term in EU presidency

**FIRST ROUND VOTING:** After 99 percent of votes counted\*

**29.5%**



**Zoran Milanović**  
*SDP*

**26.7%**



**Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović**  
*HDZ*

**24.4%**



**Miroslav Škoro**  
*Independent*



*Coat of arms of President of Croatia*

President's role is largely ceremonial – office holder cannot veto laws, but has say in foreign policy and defence matters

\*Top three candidates shown. First two out of 11 candidates go to second round of voting