

'WE ARE FORMING A SHADOW GOVERNMENT'

New leadership of HDZ

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On 21st May 2012, the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) elected its fourth President. After a three-month-long fierce and contentious campaign, HDZ now has a new leadership. The party suffered a painful defeat at the December parliamentary elections. Within-party debates, accusations and position fights prevented the party from reacting as a real opposition to the work of new coalition government, which is lead by the social democrats. The new party president, Tomislav Karamarko highlighted the party's unity in his first speech. He announced to form a shadow government thereby emerging as an efficient opposition in the Croatian Parliament (Sabor). HDZ forms the second largest coalition in the Sabor by occupying 44 of 151 seats.

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