

English for Tax Administration 1

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State Governance and Administration of Justice



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Separation of Powers

- ▶ separation of powers:
 - legislative power
 - executive power
 - judicial power

 - ▶ What do you remember about the legislative branch of government?
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The Legislative Branch

- ▶ Discuss the meaning of the following terms and try to translate them into Croatian:
 - legislature
 - parliament
 - legislative chamber
 - unicameral/bicameral
 - elected
 - state budget
 - draw up
 - legislative proposal
 - enact law

The Executive Branch

- ▶ executive branch:
 - central body – the GOVERNMENT
 - in English-speaking countries: the CABINET
 - presided over by a PRIME MINISTER
 - other executive bodies: the ministries, administrations, government offices, agencies, the police, the tax administration, etc.
 - in some countries also: PRESIDENT
 - in presidential systems, the president has considerable powers (France, USA)
 - in semi-presidential, his powers are limited (Croatia)

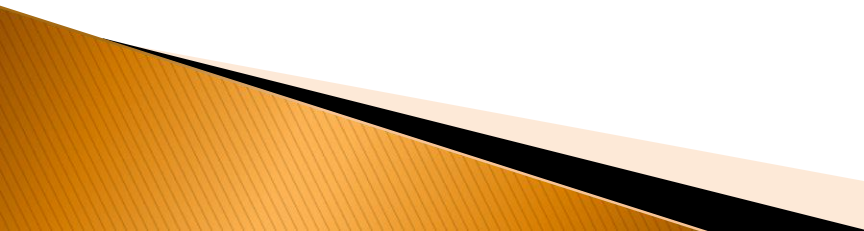
The Executive Branch

- ▶ the government/cabinet consists of ministers
 - ▶ sometimes also known as 'secretaries'
 - ▶ each is responsible for a government department (ministry)
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- ▶ Q: What are the typical powers of the executive branch?
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The Executive Branch

- ▶ typical powers:
 - designing policies in all areas of the life of a state (educational, social, employment, agricultural, industrial policy, etc.)
 - allocation of state budget funds
 - state budget proposed to the legislature for confirmation
 - once confirmed, it is implemented (money is spent as planned)
 - policies require a legislative basis – drawing up legislative proposals to be voted and enacted by the legislature

The Executive Branch

- ▶ constituting a government:
 - the party who wins the election chooses a person to be the prime minister
 - usually the president of the winning party, but it may be anybody
 - the choice may be subject to the approval by the legislature and/or the president
 - the prime minister selects member of his government/cabinet
 - this may also be subject to the approval by the legislature
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The Executive Branch

- ▶ Discuss the meaning of the following terms and try to translate them into Croatian:
 - design policies
 - implement a development strategy
 - allocate state budget funds
 - government (in the narrow sense)
 - government department
 - subject to approval by the legislature

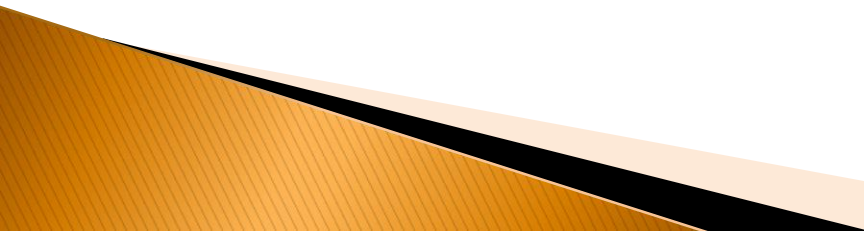
The Executive Branch

- design policies – kreirati politike
- implement a development strategy – provoditi strategiju razvoja
- allocate state budget funds – dodijeliti proračunska sredstva
- government (in the narrow sense) – vlada
- government department – ministarstvo
- subject to the approval by the legislature - podliježe odobrenju od strane zakonodavnog tijela

The Judicial Branch

- ▶ the court system
- ▶ a hierarchy of courts with a supreme court on the top
- ▶ first-instance courts: trial courts
- ▶ they hear cases
- ▶ second-instance courts: appeal courts
- ▶ multiple levels possible
- ▶ specialized courts also very common
- ▶ the supreme court: last instance for appeals

The Judicial Branch

- ▶ powers:
 - forums for resolution of disputes and prosecution of crimes
 - enforcement of law/adjudication in all types of cases
 - ▶ crucial requirement: impartiality
 - ▶ judges prohibited from engaging in political activity
 - ▶ however, judicial appointments may be subject to political involvement: the choice of the legislature or the executive in some countries
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The Judicial Branch

- ▶ Discuss the meaning of the following terms and try to translate them into Croatian:
 - enforce the law
 - adjudication
 - consistent application of the law
 - first-instance court
 - court of appeal
 - supreme court

The Judicial Branch

- ▶ Discuss the meaning of the following terms and try to translate them into Croatian:
 - enforce the law – provoditi zakon
 - adjudication – sudsko odlučivanje
 - consistent application of the law – dosljedna primjena zakona
 - first-instance court – prvostupanjski sud
 - court of appeal – žalbeni sud
 - supreme court – vrhovni sud

Checks and Balances

- ▶ Do you know of ways in which the powers vested in the three branches overlap?
 - ▶ What mechanisms of mutual control do you know between the three branches?
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Checks and Balances

- ▶ legislative power – sometimes conferred on the executive branch
 - government can make emergency regulations
 - ministers, local authorities, and other executive bodies may sometimes issue regulations
 - the legislature can vote to remove members of government or the entire government (cast a vote of no confidence)
 - in some countries, some courts can abolish provisions of laws, entire laws and/or invalidate decisions if they find them to be unconstitutional

Checks and Balances


- ▶ Discuss the meaning of the following terms and try to translate them into Croatian:
 - to expedite a procedure
 - lay down an emergency law
 - take effect
 - cast a vote of no confidence
 - abrogate a provision of law
 - invalidate a decision

Checks and Balances

- ▶ Discuss the meaning of the following terms and try to translate them into Croatian:
 - to expedite a procedure – ubrzati postupak
 - lay down an emergency law – donijeti hitan propis
 - take effect – stupiti na snagu
 - cast a vote of no confidence – izglasati nepovjerenje
 - abrogate a provision of law – ukinuti odredbu zakona
 - invalidate a decision – poništiti odluku

Words easily confused

- ▶ enact a law
 - ▶ enforce the law
 - ▶ implement a strategy, a policy

 - ▶ legislative
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Words easily confused

- ▶ enact a law – donijeti zakon
- ▶ enforce the law – **provoditi** zakon
- ▶ implement a strategy, a policy – **provoditi** strategiju, politiku

- ▶ legislative, adj. – zakonodavni
- ▶ legislature, n. – zakonodavno tijelo
- ▶ legislation, n. – zakonodavstvo (zakoni)

The State Budget

- ▶ propose the state budget
 - ▶ adopt the state budget
 - ▶ implement the state budget

 - ▶ Q: Who does these actions and what do they mean?
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The State Budget

- ▶ propose the state budget
 - predložiti proračun (vlada)
- ▶ adopt the state budget
 - usvojiti proračun (parlament)
- ▶ implement the state budget
 - provoditi proračun (vlada)

Vocabulary practice

- ▶ exercises pp.42-43/III-VII

Thank you for your attention!

