

# World Atlas of the Lexicographic Institute

## "Miroslav Krleža"

When Miroslav Krleža the Lexicographic Institute published the first edition of the World Atlas in 1961, it soon became its brand name and a popular manual. After almost two decades (the sixth edition of the atlas was published in 1988), it was time for another revised edition.

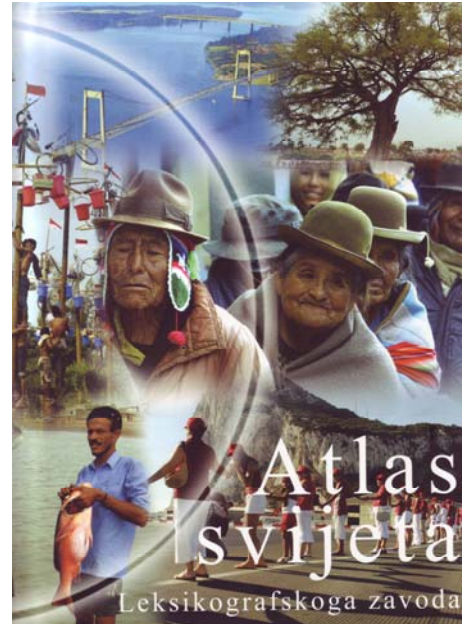
The seventh edition of the World Atlas brings contemporary data for 194 independent states and many dependent areas, along with many other improvements.

The content of the Atlas is divided into four chapters. The first part contains a political map of the world, and the textual part is supplemented by thematic maps of the world presenting processes like: decolonization in the world, division of the world epicontinental belt, production, consumption and reserves of oil in the world. After that, the Atlas brings some data about the state members of UN, UN peace operations, etc.

The second part of the Atlas gives an overview of the existing independent states and dependent areas classified according to continents. The presentation of each state includes general data of an individual state (official name, capital, area, political structure, data about state symbols, overview of natural features (placement, relief, climate, hydrography, vegetation), data about population (demographic and cultural features), economic data, and a concise history (with the accent on the 20th century). The presentation of each state is enriched with all kinds of details: pictures, physical map, administrative division map, etc. This part encompasses 27 000 lines of text, two hundred tables and almost 800 thematic maps. The presentations of states are enriched with illustrations from the archives of the world-known photographic agency, Reuters.

The third part of Atlas consists of 93 maps presented on 126 pages altogether. It starts with a political map of the world at the scale of 1:90 000 000, and then the maps are classified according to continents. For each continent, there is an overview presented that makes the search for a certain map easier, and then the first political map of an individual continent is given, and the physical maps of states, i.e. regions.

The presentation of Europe starts with the presentation of the Republic of Croatia that is, of course, dealt with in more detail. The physical map of Croatia is given on 6 sheets at the scale

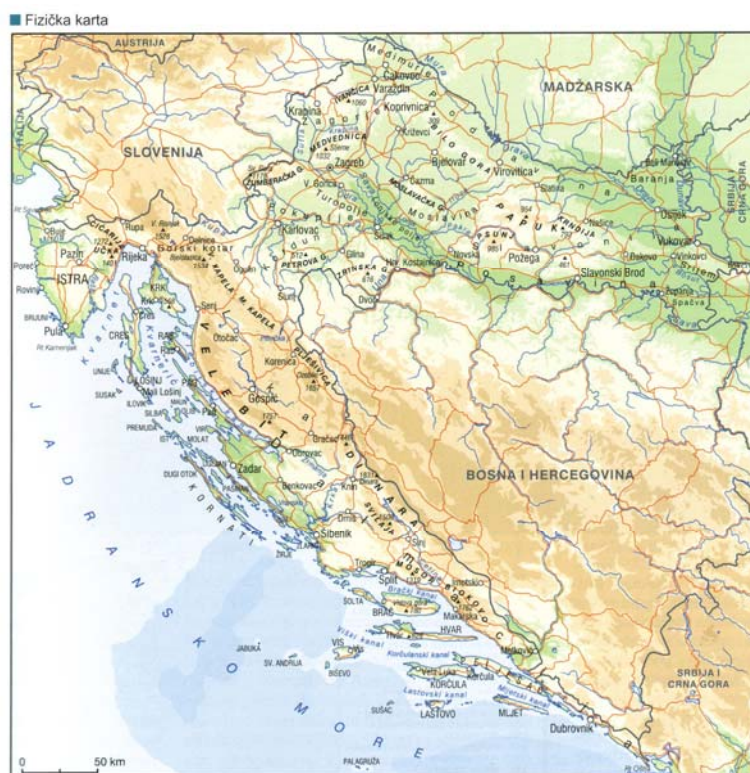


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of 1:1 000 000. After Croatia there are first neighbouring countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia) and then the other European countries. The physical maps are given in various scales, i.e. the presentation of certain country of a group of countries is adjusted to various scales on one sheet.

Unlike the previous editions, digital cartographic techniques have been used for the first time in the production of cartographic presentations.

The names on maps and in the text are written in original version if they come from the language that uses the Latin script. Greek signs are given in transliteral form, then the names from the languages of the European people that write in Cyrillic script, and other languages that non-Latin script, e.g. Arabic, Japanese or Chinese.



*Physical map of the Republic of Croatia published in the World Atlas of the Lexicographic Institute*

The fourth part contains the contents with an alphabetical list of 47 483 names from maps in the Atlas. The contents are functionally inseparable from the maps because it makes searching each recorded place possible.

The Atlas consists of 867 pages, 93 maps on 126 pages, 27 000 lines of encyclopaedic text, 400 thematic maps and 3800 illustrations. The format of the Atlas is 21,5 x 29,5 cm and its 5 cm thick. It is hardbound and bears the ISBN number 953-6036-45-2. Its regular price is 490,00 kn.

The presentation of the new seventh edition of the Atlas was held on Wednesday, the 27th September 2006 at 7.00 p.m. in the premises of the Lexicographic bookshop, Frankopanska 24.

The main editor of the Atlas, Mr. sc. M. Klemenčić, refers to this edition as «one of the fundamental publications of the Lexicographic Institute» that you should also have in your library.

Due to a larger number of regularly sold out editions, the World Atlas of the Lexicographic Institute is the most recognisable and the most popular atlas edition in the Republic of Croatia.

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