



PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION IN CROATIA

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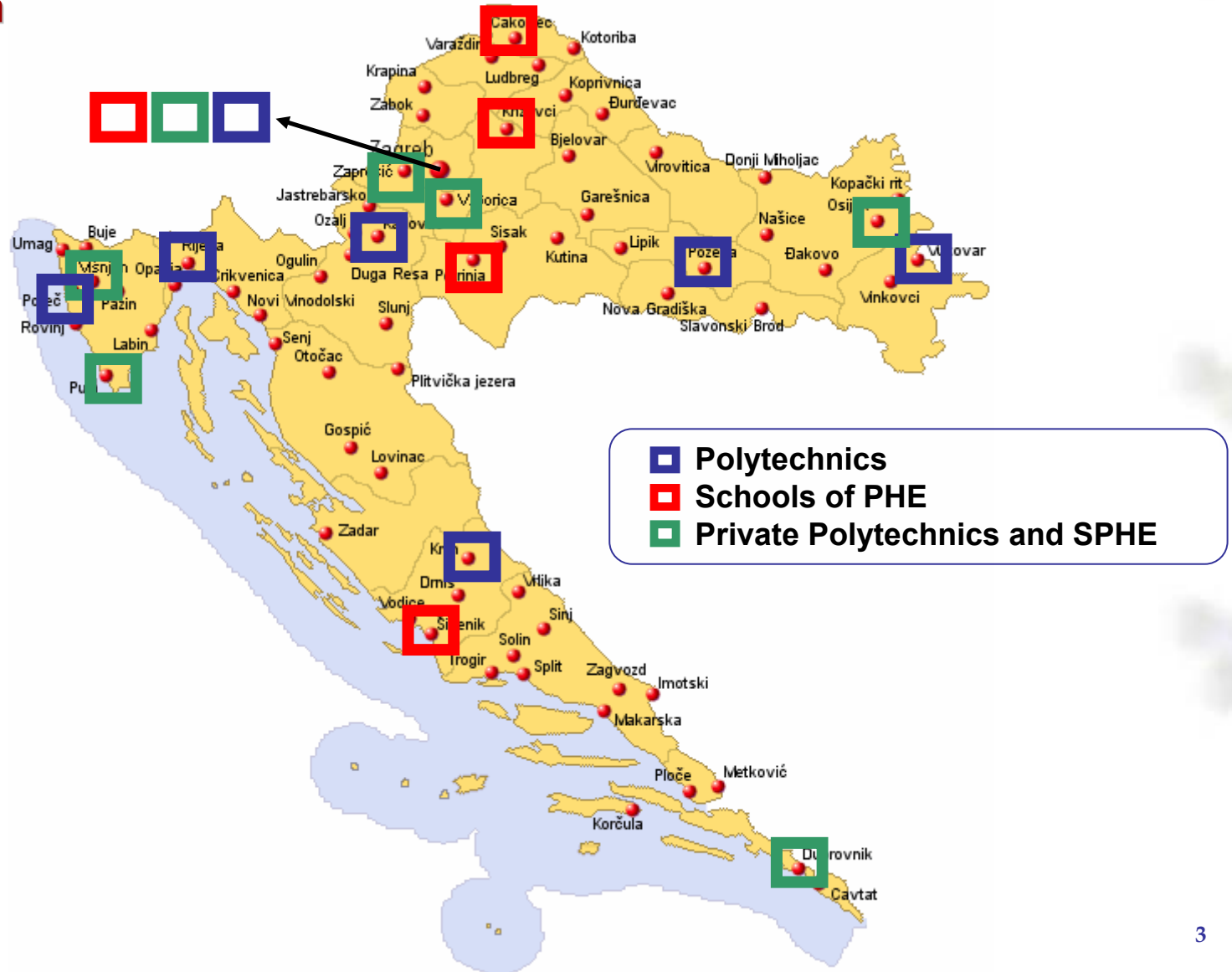
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Importance of professional studies

- **Education of professional cadre.**
- **Legislative improvements in the area of vertical mobility and horizontal linkages with university studies.**
- **Investing in facilities and teaching staff so as to increase the quality of studies as well as to increase the number of students enrolling in professional studies.**
- **Better linkage with higher education systems in European Union countries.**

Network of Polytechnics and Schools of Professional Higher Education



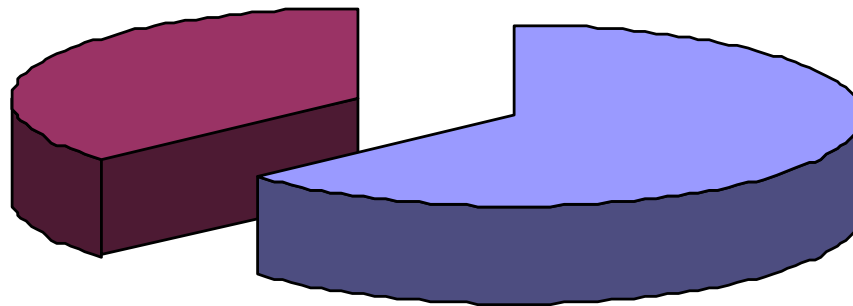


Number of professional studies

- **Total number of professional studies performed in Croatia is 161**
 - **89 at Polytechnics and Schools of Professional Higher Education**
 - **50 at Universities**
 - **22 outside the seat of a higher education institution**

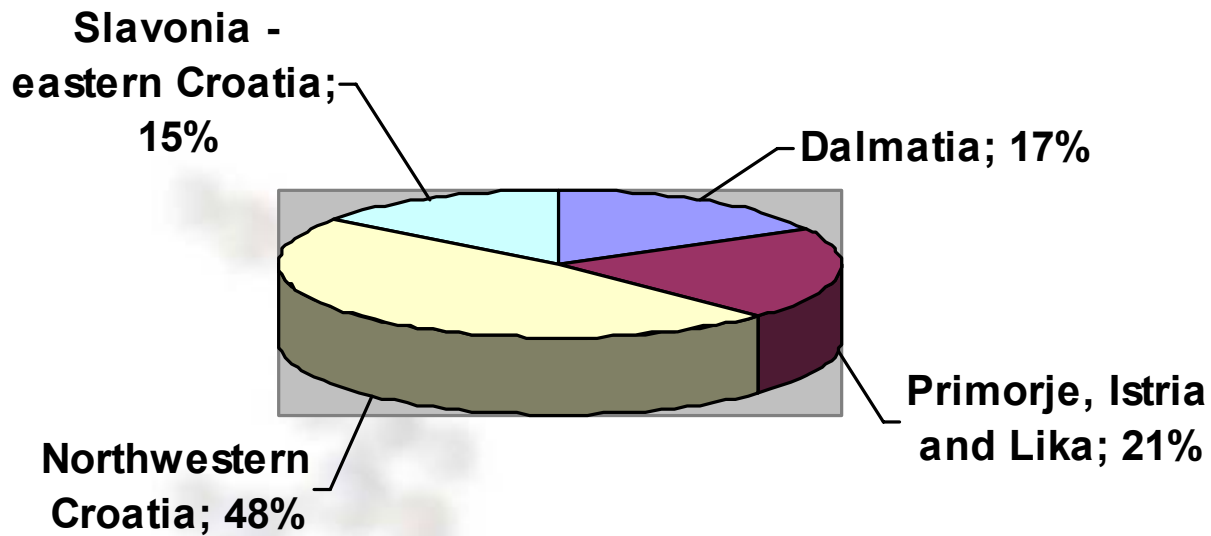
Enrolled students by type of study - 2004/2005

professional studies - 56.444 (37%)



university studies - 97.814 (63%)

Students enrolled in professional studies - by region





Future development of professional studies

- **Education Sector Development Plan 2005 - 2010 – strengthening professional studies by developing a binary system in higher education by 2010.**
- **Polycentric development of higher education system with emphasis on professional studies in smaller urban areas.**
- **Scientific project – „Criteria and priorities for establishment of professional studies in smaller urban areas, with the aim of increasing employment.”**



Establishment of new higher education institutions for professional studies

- **Initiatives for establishment of new public Polytechnics have been expressed in:**
 - **Gospić**
 - **Šibenik**
 - **Slavonski Brod**
 - **Čakovec**
 - **Vinkovci**
 - **Krapina**
 - **Bjelovar**
 - **Sisak**
 - **Virovitica**
 - **Opuzen**
 - **Osijek**

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