

Determination of Border between Slovenia and Croatia



Arbitral Award

On 29 June 2017 the **arbitration tribunal** issued a final award **determining the course of the maritime and land border between Slovenia and Croatia.**

The tribunal's award is **final and legally binding** on the two signatories in accordance with the **arbitration agreement** and the **principles of international law.**



Within six months of receiving the final award, Slovenia and Croatia must take all necessary steps to implement it, including the revision of national legislation where necessary.

Slovenia is doing everything necessary to implement the final award

- it has established an **Interdepartmental coordinating group for the implementation of the final award,**
- it is exercising particular concern for the **population in the border region** who have been impacted directly by the final award,
- it has committed itself to **dialogue with Croatia with regard to the implementation of the final award,**
- through **diplomatic efforts** in the international community it is endeavouring to ensure that Croatia upholds the final award.

Land Border

The arbitration tribunal delimited the **entire land border** between Slovenia and Croatia.

In accordance with the arbitration agreement, in delimiting the land border the arbitration tribunal applied **international law** and, within this framework, the **principle of uti possidetis**, which after the break-up of a country allows for the conversion of an administrative border into an international border.

Bay of Piran

The arbitration tribunal also delimited the **maritime border** between the two countries, applying **international law** as set out by the **arbitration agreement.**

The **Bay of Piran** retained the status of **internal waters**, and the border in the bay was determined in accordance with the **principle of uti possidetis.**

Other maritime areas



Territorial Sea

The border of the territorial sea of Slovenia and Croatia is the **modified equidistance line.**



Slovenia's Junction to the High Sea

In determining Slovenia's junction to the high sea, the arbitration tribunal applied **international law, equity** and the **principle of good neighbourly relations** in order to achieve a fair and just result by taking into account all relevant circumstances.

The junction is determined as the **area** that connects Slovenia's territorial sea to the high sea
In the junction area there is **freedom of communication** for all **ships and aircraft**, equally and without discrimination on grounds of nationality, for the purpose of access to and from Slovenia.