Information Guide

Bulgaria

A guide to information sources on the Republic of Bulgaria, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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- ESO: Bulgaria – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Bulgaria: Government portal
  - About Bulgaria
- Bulgaria: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- European Union: European Countries: Bulgaria
- Wikipedia: Bulgaria
- UK: FCO: Bulgaria
  - UK and Bulgaria
- US: CIA World Factbook: Bulgaria
- US: Department of State: Bulgaria
- UN: Data: Country Profiles: Bulgaria
- BBC News: Country Profile: Bulgaria
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: Bulgaria
- UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies Library: Internet resources on Bulgaria
- Find websites on Bulgaria through Google
- The Guardian: World news: Bulgaria
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: Bulgaria

Agricultural information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Bulgaria: Food Safety Agency
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: Bulgaria
- OECD: Documentation on Bulgaria: Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Country files: Bulgaria
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development (ENRD): Bulgaria
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Enlargement: Country File [archived information on pre-accession period]
- AgroWeb: Central and Eastern Europe: Bulgaria
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: Bulgaria

Competition policy information

- Bulgaria: Commission for Protection of Competition
- Ruskov and Colleagues: Competition Law in Bulgaria
- CUTS International: Competition Regimes in the World: Bulgaria [2006]

Culture and language information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Culture
  - State agencies
• European Commission: Regional and minority languages: Languages of Europe
• European Commission: Programmes: Creative Europe: Tools: Creative Europe Desks: Bulgaria
• UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: Bulgaria
• Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Europe: Bulgaria
• Council of Europe: National Cultural Policy Reviews: Bulgaria
• SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of the World: Bulgaria

Defence and security information

• Bulgaria: Ministry of Defence
• Bulgaria: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
• Bulgaria: State Agency for National Security
• Wikipedia: National Intelligence Service (Bulgaria)

Economic information

• ESO: Bulgaria: Economic situation
• Bulgaria: Ministry of Finance
• Bulgaria: Ministry of Economy and Energy
• Bulgaria: Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications
• Bulgaria: Bulgarian Business Newspaper
• Bulgaria: National Bank [in Bulgarian]
• European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: Bulgaria
  o Stability and Convergence Programme
• European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties [select country]
• European Commission: Europe 2020: in Bulgaria
• EBRD: EBRD and Bulgaria
• International Monetary Fund: Bulgaria and the IMF
• OECD: Country List: Bulgaria
• FAO: Country information: Bulgaria
• UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Bulgaria
• WTO: Bulgaria and the WTO
• LSE/WIIW: Balkan Observatory: Bulgaria
• United States: US Commercial Service: Bulgaria

Education information

• Bulgaria: Ministry of Education, Youth and Science [in Bulgarian]
• Seas-era: Beneficiaries: Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, Bulgaria
• European Commission: Study in Europe: Higher Education Bulgaria
• European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in Bulgaria
• Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Bulgaria
• European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Education [select topic then country]
• World Bank: EdStats: All indicators [select country and topics]
• OECD: Documentation on Bulgaria: Education
• Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC: Country Pages: Bulgaria
• UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Education in Bulgaria
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: [Structure of Educational system in Bulgaria](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Bulgaria: [Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Bulgaria](#)

**Employment information**

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Labour and Social Policy](#)
- Bulgaria: [Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria](#) [in Bulgarian]
- European Commission: Europe 2020: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: EURES: Living and Working: [Bulgaria](#)
- Eurofound: Home: Observatories: European Observatory of Working Life - EurWORK: [Bulgaria](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Industrial Relations Observatory online: Country information: [Bulgaria](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe [scroll down for Bulgaria]
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Bulgaria](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Bulgaria](#)

**Energy information**

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Economy and Energy](#)
- International Energy Agency: [Country Specific Statistics](#)
- Austria: Austrian Energy Agency: enerCEE.net: [Country Profile](#)
- Nation Master: Country Profile: [Bulgaria](#)
- International Energy Agency: Statistics and Balances: [Bulgaria](#) [search for country and topic]
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Bulgaria](#)

**Environmental information**

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of the Environment and Water](#)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Bulgaria](#)
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
  - FAO: Food Security and Safety: Country Profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
  - FAO: Forestry Department: Country Information: [Bulgaria](#)
  - FAO: Water Management: Country Information: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Environment Agency:
  - European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET): [Country Information Sources](#)
  - State of the Environment Reporting Information System (SERIS): [Country Profile](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Bulgaria](#)
European Environmental Bureau: Members: Bulgaria
Friends of the Earth International: Bulgaria
Greenpeace: Bulgaria

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Permanent Representation to the European Union
- Bulgaria: National Bank
  - BNB in the ESCB
  - Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)
- Wikipedia: Bulgaria and the euro
- European Union: Member Countries: Bulgaria
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: Bulgaria
  - Stability and Convergence Programmes: Bulgaria
  - Bulgaria and the euro
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Bulgaria
- European Commission: Representation in Bulgaria [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  - European Country of Origin Information Network: Bulgaria
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: Bulgaria
- European Country of Origin Information Network: Bulgaria
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 2005: Bulgaria
- European Parliament: Information Office: Bulgaria [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
- Council of Europe: Member States: Bulgaria
- OECD: Bulgaria
- OECD: Delegations [scroll down for Bulgaria]

Geographic information and maps

- World Bank: Bulgaria
- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: Country maps
- European Union: DG Press and Communication: Europe maps [click on country]
- University of Texas: Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection: Bulgaria maps
- Forest and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: Bulgaria
- Lonely Planet: Map of Bulgaria
- MapsOfWorld.com: Bulgaria maps

Health information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Health [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
- Bulgaria: National Centre of Public and Health Analyses
- Bulgaria: National Social Security Institute
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in Bulgaria
- European Commission: DG Health and Food Safety: Public health: Bulgaria search
- World Health Organization: Bulgaria
  - Regional Office for Europe: Country Information
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Bulgaria
• European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  o National Strategies: Bulgaria [in Bulgarian]
  o Legal Text Search [find national drugs legislation]
  o Drug treatment profiles: Bulgaria
  o Legal Profile: Bulgaria [select country]
  o Country Overview: Bulgaria
• Wikipedia: Healthcare in Bulgaria

Human rights information

• Bulgaria: Ministry of Interior
• Bulgaria: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
• Bulgaria: National Social Security Institute
• United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Bulgaria [Documents, ratifications and reservations]
• Council of Europe: European Social Charter: National Reports [choose country]
• Council of Europe: Anti-torture Committee: State Documents and Visits
• Council of Europe: Venice Commission: Bulgaria
• Council of Europe: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance: Report on Bulgaria
• USA: State Department:
  o Human Rights Report [2014]
    ▪ Previous versions
  o Religious Freedom Report [2014]
    ▪ Previous versions
• European Court of Human Rights:
  o Country profiles: Bulgaria
  o Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010
  o Violation by Article and By State 1959-2011
  o Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010
• Reporters Without Borders: Bulgaria
• Amnesty International: Human Rights by Country: Bulgaria
• The UN refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: Bulgaria
• Wikipedia: Human rights in Bulgaria
• Human Rights Watch: Country report

Intellectual property information

• Patent Office: Bulgaria
• World Intellectual Property Organisations (WIPO): Member States: Bulgaria

Investment information

• Bulgaria: The Bulgarian Investment Gateway
• Bulgaria: InvestBulgaria Agency
• UK: UK Trade & Investment: Country Profile: Bulgaria
• United States Commercial Service: Doing business in Bulgaria
• World Bank: Bulgaria
• OECD: Bulgaria: Investment
• OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: Bulgaria
Justice and home affairs information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Justice [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
- Bulgaria: Ministry of Interior
- Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Bulgaria
- Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation and Compliance Reports [select country]
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Bulgaria
- European Court of Human Rights: Annual Report [2015]
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Bulgaria
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: Bulgaria
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: Bulgaria

Living and working information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: Bulgaria
  - European Observatory of Working Life (EurWORK): Bulgaria
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Bulgaria
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: Bulgaria
- JustLanded.com: Bulgaria

Media information

- Bulgaria: Bulgarian National Television
- Bulgaria: Bulgarian National Radio
- Bulgaria: Bulgarian Telegraph Agency
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Broadcasting Organisations [choose country]
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: Union of Publishers in Bulgaria
- Newslink: European newspapers: Bulgaria
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: Bulgaria
- Online Newspapers: Bulgarian Newspapers
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: Bulgaria
- Radiomap.eu: Balkans

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Bulgaria: Political situation
- ESO: Bulgaria: Elections
- Bulgaria: Government portal
  - Cabinet and Ministries
  - Government system
- Bulgaria: Constitution
- Bulgaria: National Assembly
- Bulgaria: Presidency
• Bulgaria: Central Election Commission of Bulgaria [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
• Wikipedia: Government and political system: Bulgaria
• Wikipedia: Elections in: Bulgaria
• IFES: Election Guide: Bulgaria
• NCCR Democracy: Country Profiles: Bulgaria
• United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Bulgaria
• Political resources on the web: Bulgaria
• OECD: Bulgaria: Public governance
• OECD: Bulgaria: Regulatory reform
• Embassy of Bulgaria, Washington: Bulgarian Government Offices and Agencies
• Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: Bulgaria

Public management information

• Bulgaria: Ministry of Interior
• Bulgaria: egov.gb
• Bulgaria: Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications
  o eGovernance
• European Commission: Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA): Joinup:
• European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): Bulgaria
• OECD: Documentation on Bulgaria: Public Governance

R&D information

• Bulgaria: Ministry of Education and Science [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
• European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: Country
• European Commission: DG Research and Innovation:
  o Research 2004-2009: Bulgaria
  o European Research Area 2013: Bulgaria
• European Commission: Innovation Union:
  o Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2013
  o Research and Innovation performance in Country 2014
  • Page on Bulgaria

Regional and local information

• Bulgaria: Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
• European Commission: Eurostat: Regions [select Bulgarian region form map]
• European Commission: European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF): Bulgaria
• Committee of Regions: Europe in my region: Bulgaria
• Wikipedia: Regions of Bulgaria
• Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: Bulgaria
• OECD: Bulgaria: Regional rural and urban development
• Assembly of European Regions
  o Full members [scroll down for Bulgarian regions]
• Provinces of Bulgaria:
  o Blagoevgrad:
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [mainly in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o Burgas
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Dobrich
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Gabrovo
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o Haskovo
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o Kardzhali
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Kyustendil
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o Lovech
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Montana
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Pazardzhik
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Pernik
    ▪ Wikipedia
  o Pleven
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o Plovdiv
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o Rasgrad
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Ruse
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Shumen
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Silistra
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration [in Bulgarian]
  o Sliven
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
  o Smolyan
    ▪ Wikipedia
    ▪ Regional Administration
Social information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- World Bank: Country Information: Bulgaria
- USA: Social Security Administration:
  - Research, Statistics and Policy Analysis: Bulgaria
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Bulgaria [2012]
- OECD: Documentation on: Bulgaria
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: Bulgaria
- Social Protection Systems in EU Member States and the European Economic Area: MISSOC-Info Bulletin [choose country]
- MISSOC Secretariat: Social Protection of the Self-Employed [select country]
- DG Regional Policy: InfoRegio: European Social Progress Index [information is broken down by region in each country]
- UNICEF: Bulgaria
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: Bulgaria

Statistical information

- Bulgaria: National Bank
- Bulgaria: National Statistical Institute
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Bulgaria
- World Bank: Key data and statistics: Bulgaria
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Bulgaria
- Nation Master: Statistics on Bulgaria
Tourism information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Economy and Energy](#)
- Bulgaria: [Welcome to Bulgaria](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: [Bulgaria](#)
- The Telegraph: Destinations: [Bulgaria](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Bulgaria](#)
- RoughGuides: [Bulgaria](#)
- Tripadvisor.co.uk: [Bulgaria](#)

Transport information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications](#)
- Bulgaria: [Bulgaria Air](#)
- Bulgaria: [National Railway Infrastructure Company](#)
- Bulgaria: [Bulgarian State Railways](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: [Scoreboard: Road Safety 'How is your country doing?'](#)
- NationMaster.com: Transportation: Country Profile: [Bulgaria](#)
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Bulgaria](#)

Weather information

- Bulgaria: [National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Country Guide: [Bulgaria](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and Five Day Weather Forecast: [Sofia](#)

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