

## Information Guide



### Bulgaria

**A guide to information sources on the Republic of Bulgaria.**

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## General information

- Bulgaria: [Government portal](#)
  - [About Bulgaria](#)
- European Union: European Countries: [Bulgaria](#)
- UN: Data: Country Profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
- Wikipedia: [Bulgaria](#)
- UK: FCO: [Bulgaria](#)
  - [UK and Bulgaria](#)
- US: CIA World Factbook: [Bulgaria](#)
- US: Department of State: [Bulgaria](#)
- BBC News: Country Profile: [Bulgaria](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: [Bulgaria](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Bulgaria](#)
- Find websites on [Bulgaria](#) through Google
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Bulgaria](#)
- UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies Library: [Internet resources on 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: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development (ENRD): [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: [National report](#) and [Experts report](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of the World: [Bulgaria](#)
- University of the Highlands and Islands: European Minority Languages: [Bulgarian](#)

## Defence and security information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Defence](#)
- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)
- Bulgaria: [State Agency for National Security](#)
- Wikipedia: [National Intelligence Service \(Bulgaria\)](#)
- Ministry of Defence: [Bulgaria in NATO](#)

## 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](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Bulgaria](#)
  - [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](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Bulgaria](#)
- WTO: [Bulgaria](#) and the WTO
- LSE/WIIW: Balkan Observatory: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [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 Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: European Employment Strategy: Country Report: [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](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: ManagEnergy: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: Market Observatory and Statistics: [Energy Factors by Country](#) [select country]
- European Commission: DG Energy: [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy: [Energy Statistical Pocketbook](#) [go to page 178 for Bulgaria]
- International Energy Agency: [Country Specific Statistics](#)
- Nation Master: Country Profile: [Bulgaria](#)
- International Energy Agency: Statistics and Balances: [Bulgaria](#) [search for country and topic]
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Bulgaria](#)
- Austrian Energy Agency: Country Profile: [Bulgaria](#)

## Environmental information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of the Environment and Water](#)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: Environment: Eco-innovation Action Plan: [Bulgaria](#)
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
  - FAO: Food Based Dietary Guidelines : [Bulgaria](#)
  - FAO: Forestry Department: Country Information: [Bulgaria](#)
  - FAO: Fishery and Aquaculture: Country Information: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Environment Agency:
- OECD: Environment : [Bulgaria](#)
- European Environment Agency: European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Bulgaria](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Bulgaria](#)
- Greenpeace: [Bulgaria](#)(in Bulgarian)

## 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](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [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 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](#)
- 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):
  - National Strategies: [Bulgaria](#) [in Bulgarian]
  - [Legal Text Search](#) [find national drugs legislation]
  - Drug treatment profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
  - Legal Profile: [Bulgaria](#) [select country]
  - Country Overview: [Bulgaria](#)
- Wikipedia: [Healthcare in Bulgaria](#)

## Human rights information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Interior: [Permanent Commission on Human Rights and Police Ethics](#)
- 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: The European Social Charter: [Bulgaria](#)
- 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:
  - [Human Rights Report](#) [2014]
    - [Previous versions](#)(select year and country)
  - [Religious Freedom Report](#) [2014]
    - [Previous versions](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
  - Country profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
  - [Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010](#)
  - [Violation by Article and By State 1959-2011](#)
  - [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](#)
- European Patent Office: Directory of Patent Information Centres: [Bulgaria](#)

### Investment information

- Bulgaria: [The Bulgarian Investment Gateway](#)
- Bulgaria: [Invest Bulgaria 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](#) [2016]
- 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 Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working in [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#)

- 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](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: [World News Guide](#) [scroll down for 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: [Prime minister](#)
- 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](#)
- Bertelsmann Stiftung: Sustainable Governance Indicators: [Bulgaria](#) [choose country from right-hand menu]

## Public management information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Interior](#)
- Bulgaria: [egov.gb](#)
- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications](#)
  - [eGovernance](#)



- European Commission: Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA): Joinup:
  - Communities: National Interoperability Framework Observatory (Nifo): eGovernment Factsheets: [Bulgaria 2015](#)
- 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:
  - Research 2004-2009: [Bulgaria](#)
  - European Research Area 2013: [Bulgaria](#)
  - European Research Area 2016: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: Innovation Union:
  - [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2013](#)
  - [Research and Innovation performance in Country 2014](#)
    - Page on [Bulgaria](#)
    - Research and Innovation performance :[2016](#)

## Regional and local information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works](#) (in Bulgarian)
- 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](#)
  - [Full members](#) [scroll down for Bulgarian regions]
- Provinces of Bulgaria:
  - Blagoevgrad:
    - [Wikipedia](#)
    - [Regional Administration](#) [mainly in Bulgarian] ([Google translator](#))
  - Burgas
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    - [Regional Administration](#)
  - Dobrich
    - [Wikipedia](#)
    - [Regional Administration](#) [in Bulgarian]
  - Gabrovo
    - [Wikipedia](#)
    - [Regional Administration](#) [in Bulgarian] ([Google translator](#))
  - Haskovo
    - [Wikipedia](#)
    - [Regional Administration](#) [in Bulgarian] ([Google translator](#))
  - Kardzhali
    - [Wikipedia](#)
    - [Regional Administration](#)
  - Kyustendil
    - [Wikipedia](#)
    - [Regional Administration](#) [in Bulgarian] ([Google translator](#))



- Lovech
  - [Wikipedia](#)
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- Montana
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- Pazardzhik
  - [Wikipedia](#)
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- Pernik
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- Pleven
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- Plovdiv
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- Shumen
  - [Wikipedia](#)
- Silistra
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#) [in Bulgarian]
- Sliven
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)
- Smolyan
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)
- Sofia City
  - [Wikipedia](#)
- Sofia (Province)
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)
- Stara Zagora
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#) [mainly in Bulgarian] ([Google translator](#))
- Targovishte
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#) [in Bulgarian] ([Google translator](#))
- Varna
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)
- Veliko Tarnovo
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)
- Vidin
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)
- Vratsa
  - [Wikipedia](#)

- Yambol
  - [Wikipedia](#)
  - [Regional Administration](#)

## Social information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Labour and Social Policy](#)
- World Bank: Country Information: [Bulgaria](#)
- European Commission: [Eurobarometer](#) ( search engine)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights: [MISSOC Info Bulletin](#) [choose country]
- 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 Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#) [choose 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](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Bulgaria](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Bulgaria](#)
- Nation Master: [Statistics on Bulgaria](#)

## Tourism information

- Bulgaria: [Ministry of Economy and Energy](#)
- 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: Statistics: [Statistical pocketbook 2016](#)
- 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](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Bulgaria](#)

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