# Information Guide

## Bulgaria

A guide to information sources on the Republic of Bulgaria.

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- ESO: Bulgaria – External / Internal / Regions

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
- 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: 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
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
  - 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
- 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](#)
- 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
- 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](#)
- 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: [Bulgaria](#)
- OECD: Environment : [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 Economic and Financial Affairs: Bulgaria
  o Stability and Convergence Programmes: Bulgaria
  o Bulgaria and the euro
• European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Bulgaria
• European Commission: Representation in Bulgaria [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)
  o 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
  o Regional Office for Europe: Country Information
  o 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: 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:
  o Human Rights Report [2014]
    ▪ Previous versions (select year and country)
  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: 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
  o European Observatory of Working Life (EUroWORK): 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
  o Cabinet and Ministries
  o 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
  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:
  - 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
    - Wikipedia
    - 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
  - Regional Administration

- Montana
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration

- Pazardzhik
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration

- Pernik
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration

- Pleven
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration

- Plovdiv
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration [in Bulgarian] (Google translator)

- Rasgrad
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration

- Ruse
  - Wikipedia
  - Regional Administration [in Bulgarian]

- 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
Social information

- Bulgaria: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- World Bank: Country Information: Bulgaria
- European Commission: Eurobarometer (search engine)
- 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
- 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: 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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