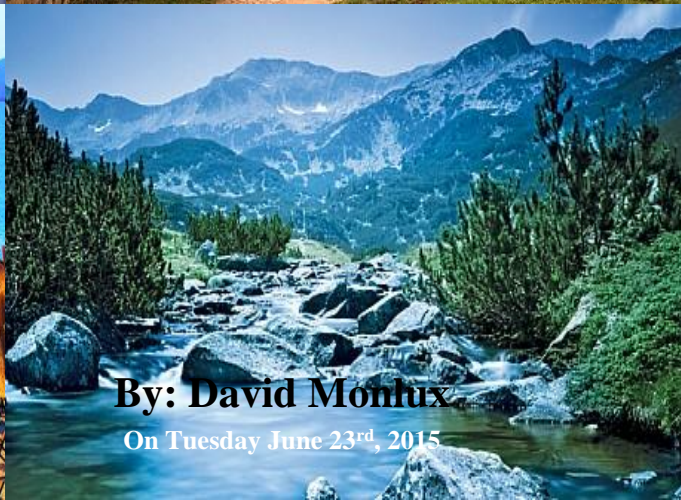


# BULGARIA



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Romania

Yugoslavia

**Bulgaria**

*Black Sea*

Macedonia

Albania

Greece

*Aegean Sea*

Turkey



# DEAR HOMELAND (MILA RODINO)

- Proudly rise the Balkan peaks, At their feet Blue Danube flows;  
Over Thrace the sun is shining, Pirin looms in purple glow.
- **CHORUS**  
Oh, dear native land, Earthly paradise! For your loveliness,  
your beauty E'er will charm our eyes.  
(repeat chorus)



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# FAST FACTS

- Total Area: 110,879 sq km (Land: 108,489 sq km. Water: 2,390 sq km).
- Border Countries: Greece, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia & Turkey.
- Coastline: 354 km.
- Lowest Point: Black Sea: 0 M. Highest Point: Musala: 2,925 m.
- Ethnic Groups (2011 est): Bulgarian: 76.9%, Others: 0.7%, Roma: 4.4%, Turkish: 8% & Unknown: 10%.
- Official Language: Bulgarian.
- Other Common Spoken Languages: Roma & Turkish.
- Religions (2011 census): Atheist: 3.7%, Eastern Orthodox: 59.4%, Islam: 7.8%, Others: 1.7% & Refused to Identify: 27.4%.
- Population (July 2014 est): 6,924,716.
- Clean Drinking Water Access: 99.5%.
- Clean Sanitation Facility Access: 100%.

# FAST FACTS CONTINUED

- Adult Obesity Rate: 25.6%.
- Literacy Rate: 98.4%
- Average Years of Schooling: 14.5 (Female: 15. Male: 14).
- Type of Government: Parliamentary Democracy.
- Legal System: Civil Law.
- Voting Age: 18.
- National Symbol: Lion.





# LEVA (BGN)

- 2010: \$1 USD = \$1.48 BGN.  
2012: \$1 USD = \$1.52 BGN.  
2014: \$1 USD = \$1.46 BGN.
- 2011: \$1 USD = \$1.41 BGN.  
2013: \$1 USD = \$1.48 BGN.
- As of Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 4:15 P.M. Central Daylight Time:  
\$1 USD = \$1.76 BGN.
- <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=BGN>

# ECONOMY

- GDP Purchasing Power Parity (est in 2014 USD): 2012: \$120.5 Billion. 2013: \$121.6 Billion. 2014: \$123.3 Billion.
- GDP Official Exchange Rate (2014 est in USD): \$55.08 Billion.
- GDP Real Growth Rate (est): 2012: 0.6%. 2013: 0.9%. 2014: 1.4%.
- GDP Per Capita (est in 2013 USD): 2012: \$16,600. 2013: \$16,800. 2014: \$17,100.
- Gross National Savings (est): 2012: 20.8% of GDP. 2013: 22.8% of GDP. 2014: 23.3% of GDP.
- GDP Composition by End Use (2014 est): Household Consumption: 63.7%. Government Consumption: 17.1%. Investment in Fixed Capital: 21.2%. Investment in Inventories: -0.9%. Exports of Goods & Services: 71.4%. Imports of Goods & Services: -72.5%.
- GDP Composition by Sector of Origin (2014 est): Agriculture: 4.9%, Industry: 31.2% & Services: 63.9%.



# ECONOMY CONTINUEUD

- Agriculture Products: Barley, Fruits, Livestock, Sugar Beets, Sunflowers, Tobacco, Vegetables, Wheat & Wine.
- Industries: Base Metals, Beverages, Chemical Products, Coke, Electricity, Food, Gas, Machinery Equipment, Nuclear Fuel, Refined Petroleum, Tobacco & Water.
- Industrial Production Growth Rate (2014 est): 3.5%.
- Labor Force (2014 est): 2.513 Million people.
- Labor Force by Occupation (2009 est): Agriculture: 7.1%, Industry: 35.2% & Services: 57.7%.
- Unemployment Rate (est): 2013: 11.3%. 2014: 11%.
- Youth Unemployment Rate (2012 est): 28.1% (Female: 26%. Male: 29.5%).
- % of Population Living Below the Poverty Line (2008): 21.8%.

# ECONOMY CONTINUED

- Government Budget (2014): Revenues: \$19.62 Billion. Expenditures: \$21.25 Billion.
- Average Citizen Tax Rate: 35.6%.
- Consumer Prices Inflation Rate (est): 2013: 0.9%. 2014: -0.6%.
- Central Bank Discount Rate: Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011: 0.22%. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012: 0.03%.
- Commercial Bank Prime Lending Rate: Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: 9.05%. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: 8.4%.
- Stock of Narrow Money (est): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$19.05 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$20.85 Billion.
- Stock of Broad Money (est): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$47.33 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$46.42 Billion.
- Stock of Domestic Credit (est): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$40.21 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$38.58 Billion.



# ECONOMY CONTINUED

- Market Value of Publically Traded Shares (est in USD): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010: \$7.276 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011: \$8.253 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012: \$6.666 Billion.
- Government Account Balance (est in USD): 2013: \$1.139 Billion. 2014: \$-309.3 Million.
- Exports (est in USD): 2013: \$29.58 Billion. 2014: \$29.25 Billion.
- Export Products: Clothing, Footwear, Fuels, Iron, Machinery Equipment & Steel.
- Major 2013 Export Partners: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Romania & Turkey.
- Imports (est in USD): 2013: \$32.81 Billion. 2014: \$33.56 Billion.
- Import Products: Chemicals, Fuels, Machinery Equipment; Metal Ores, Minerals, Plastic & Raw Materials.
- Major 2013 Import Partners: Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Romania & Russia.

# ECONOMY CONTINUED

- Reserves of Foreign Exchange & Gold (est in USD): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$19.78 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$20.27 Billion.
- Debts to Foreign Countries (est in USD): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$52 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$54.04 Billion.
- Stock of Direct Foreign Investment by Foreigners in Bulgaria (est in USD): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$50.75 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$52.75 Billion.
- Stock of Direct Foreign Investment by Bulgarians Abroad (est in USD): Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013: \$2.199 Billion. Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014: \$2.599 Billion.



# INFRASTRUCTURE

- Electricity Production (2011 est): 46.65 Billion kWh.
- Electricity Consumption (2011 est): 31.6 Billion kWh.
- Electricity Exports (2013 est): 9.532 Billion kWh.
- Electricity Imports (2013 est): 3.351 Billion kWh.
- Electricity Installed Generating Capacity (2011 est): 10.29 Million kW.
- % of Electricity from Fossil Fuels (2011 est): 48.1%.
- % of Electricity from Nuclear Fuels (2011 est): 20.2%.
- % of Electricity from Hydroelectric Plants (2011 est): 23.8%.
- % of Electricity from Other Renewable Resources (2011 est): 7.9%.
- Crude Oil Production (2013 est): 1,400 barrels per day.
- Crude Oil Proved Reserves (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014): 15 Million Barrels.
- Production of Refined Petroleum Products (2010 est): 128,500 barrels per day.

# INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUED

- Consumption of Refined Petroleum Products (2013 est): 94,000 barrels per day.
- Exports of Refined Petroleum Products (2010 est): 73,740 barrels per day.
- Imports of Refined Petroleum Products (2010 est): 50,130 barrels per day.
- Natural Gas Production (2012 est): 80 Million cu m.
- Natural Gas Consumption (2012 est): 3.07 Billion cu m.
- Natural Gas Imports (2012 est): 2.99 Billion cu m.
- Natural Gas Proved Reserves (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014): 5.663 Billion cu m.
- Landlines: 2.253 Mil. Cell Phones: 10.78 Mil. Country Code: 359.
- Media: Free.
- Internet Country Code: .bg
- Internet Host Sites: 976,277.
- Average Daily Internet Users: 3.395 Million.



# INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUED

- Airports: 68. Heliports: 1.
- Pipelines (2013): Gas: 2,887 km, Oil: 346 km & Refined Products: 378 km.
- Railroads: 4,152 km.
- Waterways: 470 km.
- Merchant Marines: 22.

# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE UN

- **UN UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS:**
- **ARTICLE 1:** All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.
- **ARTICLE 3:** Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
- **ARTICLE 4:** No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.
- **ARTICLE 5:** No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
- **ARTICLE 7:** All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.
- **ARTICLE 8:** Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE UN

## CONTINUED

- **ARTICLE 9:** No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
- **ARTICLE 10:** Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.
- **ARTICLE 11: Part1.** Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.
- **PART 2:** No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.
- **ARTICLE 13: 1.** Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.
- **2.** Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE UN

## CONTINUED

- **ARTICLE 17: Section 2:** No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.
- **ARTICLE 19:** Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.
- **ARTICLE 26: Section I:** Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.
- **Section II:** Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
- **Section III:** Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.



# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE UN CONTINUED

- **ARTICLE 27: SECTION I:** Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.
- **SECTION 2:** Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.





# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE EU

- EU Charter: Title 1 Article 2: Right to Life: “No one shall be condemned to the Death Penalty or Executed.”
- EU Charter: Title 1: Article 4: Prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment : “No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”
- EU Charter: Title 2: Article 10: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion: 1. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right includes freedom to change religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or in private, to manifest religion or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance. 2. The right to conscientious objection is recognized, in accordance with the national laws governing the exercise of this right.



# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE EU CONTINUED

- **EU Charter: Title 2: Article 11: Freedom of Expression and Information: 1:** “Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers.”
- **EU Charter: Title 2: Article 13: Freedom of the Arts and Sciences:** “The arts and scientific research shall be free of constraint. Academic freedom shall be respected.”
- **EU Charter: Title 3: Article 20: Equality before the Law:** “Everyone is equal before the law.”
- **EU Charter: Title 5: Citizens Rights: Article 41: Right to good Administrations:** “4. Every person may write to the institutions of the Union in one of the languages of the Treaties and must have an answer in the same language.”





# LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THE EU CONTINUED

- EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: Title VI: Article 47: Right to an effective remedy and to a fair Trial: “Everyone whose rights and freedoms guaranteed by the law of the Union are violated has the right to an effective remedy before a tribunal in compliance with the conditions laid down in this Article. Everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal previously established by law. Everyone shall have the possibility of being advised, defended and represented. Legal aid shall be made available to those who lack sufficient resources in so far as such aid is necessary to ensure effective access to justice”
- EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: Title VI: Article 48: Presumption of Innocence and Right to Defense: “1. Everyone who has been charged shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law.”
- EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: Title VI: Article 50: Right not to be tried or punished twice in criminal proceedings for the same criminal offence: “No one shall be liable to be tried or punished again in criminal proceedings for an offence for which he or she has already been finally acquitted or convicted within the Union in accordance with the law. “



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