

Bulgaria



BASIC COUNTRY INFORMATION

Population (est. in millions)	7.7
Area (sq. km)	110,910
GDP/capita (USD)	6,200
GDP (% of real growth)	5
Unemployment rate (%)	17.7
Average monthly wage (USD)	115*
Inflation rate (%)	10.4

Source: The World Factbook 2001

* National Statistical Bureau

Administrative Bodies Responsible for Environmental Protection

Ministries

■ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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Minister

Dolores Arssenova

Statistics

1999 Budget
12,368 million Bulgarian levs (EUR 6,31 million)

Share of State Budget
0.53 %

Number of Employees
669

History

Date of Establishment
1990

Date Current Structure Established
1999

Establishing Law
1991 Environmental Protection Act (amended 1992)

Ministry's Previous Name
Committee for Nature Protection to the Council of Ministers

Key Responsibilities

- air pollution abatement, water protection, nature conservation, environmental risk assessment, noise abatement, urban ecology and waste management, soil protection, environmental legislation, environmental economics, environmental information, environmental education and public relations

Key Contacts

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■ NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS

National Environmental Protection Fund (incorporating the National Fund for Projects in Mountain Regions)

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SUB-NATIONAL STRUCTURES

15 Regional Environmental Inspectorates

Key Responsibilities

- air, water and soil pollution abatement
- sampling and laboratory analysis
- waste protection
- environmental accidents management
- permitting
- control and enforcement of environmental regulations

■ MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Bozhidar Finkov, Minister
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Key Responsibilities

- hygiene control; pathology research; food, water and air quality and the impact of noise on human health

■ MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

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Key Responsibilities

- environmental education and training

■ MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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Kostadin Paskalev, Minister
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Key Responsibilities

- water supply and drinking water treatment
- construction and maintenance of water treatment plants

■ MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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Milen Velchev, Minister
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Key Responsibilities

- issuing guarantees for environmental project loans

■ MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

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Key Responsibilities

- soil protection, conservation and irrigation

Environmental Monitoring

Administrative Bodies Responsible for Environmental Monitoring

■ EXECUTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

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Statistics

Number of Employees
115

Languages

English, German, French, Russian

Publications

Local Language
Quarterly Reports on the State of the Environment
Annual Reports on the State of the Environment

English

Summaries

History

Date of Establishment
1999

Establishing Act

Decree No. 214 of the Council of Ministers, 29 November 1999

Monitoring Responsibilities (by sector)

■ AIR

Executive Environmental Agency

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Activities

- emission control

■ CLIMATE CHANGE

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences National Institute for Hydrology and Meteorology

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■ FORESTS

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Activities

- forest ecosystem research

■ OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

National Center for Hygiene and Medical Ecology at the Ministry of Health

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■ SOIL

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Activities

- soil quality monitoring, analysis and forecasting

■ WASTE – HOUSEHOLD, INDUSTRIAL, HAZARDOUS

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■ WATER – RIVERS, LAKES, GROUNDWATER

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Activities

- emissions control

■ WILDLIFE, AND NATIONAL PARKS
AND PROTECTED AREAS

National Nature Protection Service

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National Forestry Board

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Administrative Bodies Responsible for Public Access to Environmental Information

■ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
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Publications

Local Language
Annual Statistical Reports

English
Annual Statistical Reports

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Administrative Bodies Responsible for Enforcement and Control of Environmental Regulations

■ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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