



Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

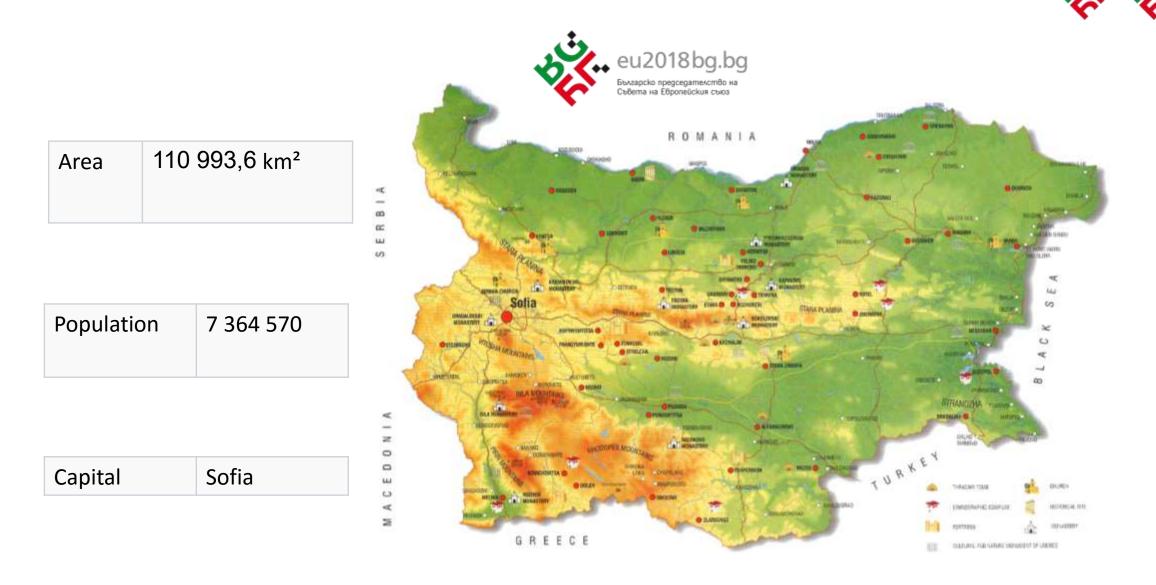
Priorities in Education and Training



Ministry of Education and Science







Bulgaria is one of the most ancient European countries and it has never changed its name.











Bulgaria is a country with rich and glamorous past and a breath-taking nature. It ranks third in Europe (after Greece and Italy) in number of archaeological remains.





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The most ancient golden treasure, dating back 5000 years BC, has been found in Varna Necropolis and it is considered the first technologically processed gold in Europe.

Bulgarians are the first who started using Cyrillic alphabet right after it was created in IX Century







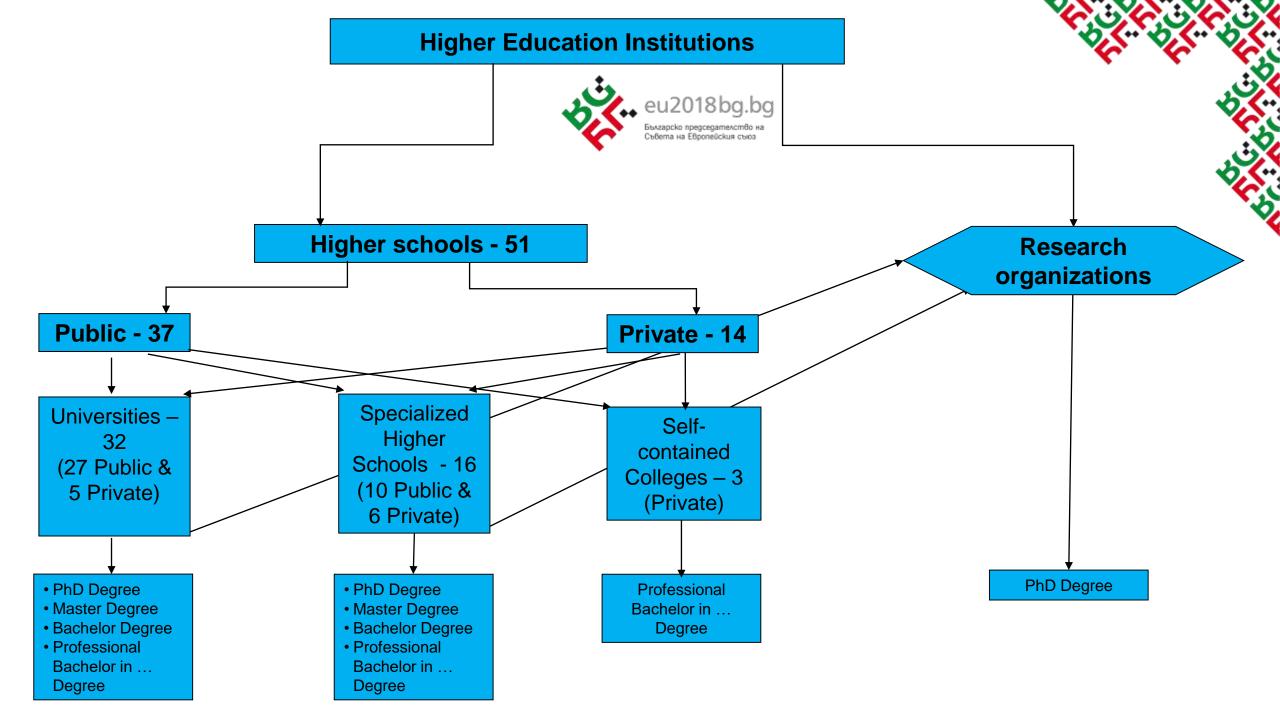


The **kaba gaida**, the Phodope Mountains bagpipe, is one of the most distinctive symbols of the folklore music in Bulgaria.



Bulgaria has 10 sites (7 cultural and 3 natural) inscribed in the UNESCO
World Heritage List, as well as 14 additional properties on the
Tentative List.





Higher Education System in Bulgaria



- •Total number of higher schools 51 /37 public, private 14/;
- Total number of students 206 244 /public universities 178 497; private universities 27 747/;
- •Total number of PhD students 6370 /public universities 5358; private universities 230; scientific organizations 782/;
- •Total number of international students 11 841 /public universities 10 589; private universities 1252/;
- •Total number of academic teachers 18 523 /public universities 16 875; private universities 1648/.



Bologna Process



- Bologna Guidelines since 1999
- Changes in the HE system within the Bologna Framework:
 - Three cycle system: Bachelor Master Doctor;
 - Classifier of Academic and Professional Areas introduced in 2002
 - Academic Mobility
 - Credit Accumulation & Transfer System introduced in 2004
 - European Diploma Supplement
 - Life-long Learning Programmes



The Flagship events planned during the Bulgarian Presidency in education and training will aim to:

- Promote success stories on digital competences and skills, creative thinking and entrepreneurship, including on regional level (grassroots initiatives)
- Reach better and enlarged inter-sectoral partnerships for quality education for all
- Raise awareness on VET into first choice. Exchange on skills development and labour market outcomes of VET
- Promoting STEM and STEAM and new approaches for enhancing development of talents

Calendar



- High Level Group meeting in Education and Training (29th of November 1st of December 2017, Sofia)
- European Summit on Education (25th of January, Brussels)
- EYCS (15th of February (poss.), 22nd of May, Brussels)
- European University Business Forum (22nd 23rd of February, Sofia)
- Conference: Education to Do: From Digital Consumers to Digital Creators incl. digital and entrepreneurial (19th 20th of April, Sofia)
- VET conference (21st 23rd of April, Sofia)
- HEInnovate conference and seminar "Training the trainers" ($14^{th}-17^{th}$ of June, Ruse University)

Calendar for the Higher Education events in Bulgaria

- 2 BFUG meetings (5th 6th of February and 24th 25th of April, Sofia)
- DG Higher Education meeting (20th 21st of February, Sofia)
- European University Business Forum (22nd 23rd of February, Sofia)
- EQAR General Assembly (23rd of April, Sofia)
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