

Bulgaria in the international rankings

Position	Year	Countries	Ranking/Index	Organisation	Criteria	
↓	50 (39-2017)	2018	190	Doing Business	The World Bank	Starting a Business (95); Dealing with Construction Permits (51); Electricity supply (141); Registering Property (67); Getting Credit (42); Protecting Investors (24); Paying Taxes (90); Trading Across Borders (21); Enforcing Contracts (40); Resolving insolvency (50)
↓	46 (38-2016)	2018	153	Best Countries for Business	Forbes magazine	Trade Freedom (17); Monetary Freedom (40); Property Rights (85); Innovation (68); Technology (39); Red Tape (81) Investor Protection (24); Corruption (65); Personal Freedom (43); Tax Burden (78);
↑	49 (50-2016)	2017	63	World Competitiveness	International Institute for Management Development	Economic Performance; Business Efficiency; Government Efficiency; Infrastructure
↑	49 (50-2016-2017)	2017-2018	137	Global competitiveness index	World Economic Forum	Institutions (98); Infrastructure (76); Macroeconomic Environment (25); Health and primary education (68); Higher education and training (54); Goods market efficiency (69); Labor market efficiency (67); Financial market development (58); Technological adoption (39); Market size (65); Business sophistication(79); Innovation (68)
↑	51 (57-2016)	2017	149	Prosperity Index	Legatum Institute	Economy (65); Entrepreneurship and opportunities (80); Governance(71); Education(41); Health(79); Safety and security (40); Personal freedom (65); Social capital (110); Natural environment (35)
↓	48 (45-2016)	2017	157	Economic Freedom of the World	The Fraser Institute (Canada)	Size of Government (53); Legal System and Property Rights (87); Sound Money (53); Freedom to Trade Internationally (34); Regulation of Credit, Labor, and Business - total 50; Credit (25); Labour (60); Business (96)
↑	47 (47-2017)	2018	180	Index of Economic Freedom	The Heritage Foundation, The Wall Street Journal	Rule of law (property rights, Government Integrity, Judicial Effectiveness); Government size (Government spending, Tax Burden, Fiscal Health); Regulatory efficiency (Business Freedom, Labor Freedom, Monetary Freedom); Market openness (Trade Freedom, Investment Freedom, Financial Freedom)
↓	49 (47-2016)	2017	165	Democracy Index	The Economist	Electoral processes and pluralism; Functioning of government; Political participation; Political culture; Civil liberties
↓	56 (55-2016)	2018	125	Country Attractiveness Index in the Venture Capital & Private Equity	IESE Business School	Economic activity (67) Capital market (57); Taxes (76); Investors protection and corporate governance (73); Social environment (60); Entrepreneurship opportunities(48)
↑	7 (8-2008)	2009	67	Tax Misery & Reform Index	Forbes Magazine	Corporated income; Personal income; Wealth tax; Employer social securities; Employee social securities; VAT

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↑	56 (59-2015)	2016	188	Human Development Index	United Nations	Life expectancy; education and Gross national income per capita (as an indicator of standard of living)
↓	26 (30-2017)	2018	209	Index of Globalization	KOF Swiss Economic Institute	Economic globalization (21); Social globalization(52); Political globalization (38)
↑	85 (86-2016)	2018	228	Gross Domestic Product per capita	Central Intelligence Agency (USA)	Gross domestic product; population
↓	7 (2-2015)	2016	35	Business process outsourcing and shared service location index	Cushman & Wakefield LLP (C&W)	Talent/labour force; business environment; time to first supply; it infrastructure; economic risk; corporate risk; energy risk; cost of labour; building costs; inflation; property costs
↑	28 (29-2016)	2017	163	Global peace index	Vision of humanity	Ongoing domestic and international conflict; Militarisation; Societal safety and security
↑	18 (41-2016)	2017	144	The Global Gender Gap Rankings	World Economic Forum	Economic participation and opportunity (51); Educational attainment (80); Health and survival (36); Political empowerment (23)
↓	33 (29-2016)	2017	34	EuroHealth Consumer Index	The Health Consumer Powerhouse	Patient rights and information; Accessibility (waiting times for treatment); Outcomes; Prevention; Pharmaceuticals
↓	111 (109-2017)	2018	179	World press freedom index	Reporters without borders	Pluralism; Media independence; Environment and self-censorship; Legislative framework; Transparency; Infrastructure; Abuses
↑	30 (33-2016)	2018	180	Environmental performance index	Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy	Air Quality; Water Quality; Heavy Metals; Biodiversity and Habitat; Forests; Fisheries; Climate and Energy; Air Pollution; Water Resources; Agriculture;
↑	85 (66-2016)	2017	127	International Property Index	Property Rights Alliance	Legal and Political Environment (74); Physical Property Rights (106 Intellectual Property Rights (64)
↑	71 (75-2016)	2017	180	Corruption perceptions index	Transparency International The Global coalition against corruption	Aggregate indicator that brings together data from a number of different independent sources, business analysis and experts opinions
↑	52 (73-2014)	2016	193	E-Government Development Index	United Nations	Online service index; telecommunication index; human capital index
↓	22 (18-2015)	2017	100	Open budget index	The International Budget Partnership	Public hearings organized by legislatures during budget discussions; Public consultations undertaken by the executive when it is formulating the national budget; Formal communication mechanisms - complaints and suggestions from the public to assist in formulating and conducting audit programs; Available to the public; Comprehensiveness of budget data
↑	36 (38-2016)	2017	127	Global Innovation Index	INSEAD (Business school)	Innovation Output Sub-Index (32); Innovation Input Sub-Index (45)
↓	72 (47-2014)	2016	160	Logistics performance Index	The World Bank	Customs (97); Infrastructure (101); International shipments (67); Logistics quality and competence (52); Tracking and tracing (80); Timeliness (72)
	9 (47-2014)	2018		The State of LTE	Open Signal	4G Speed

Legend: ↑ Bulgaria improved its position

↓ Bulgaria worsened its position

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