



# Partner country of the month: Bulgaria

Our partner country this month is Bulgaria. With the Ikonomicheski Universitet - Varna (University of Economics) in Varna we are happy to introduce our only partner university there. To give you some insight about the country, the city, and the university, here is some information:



## General facts and figures:

**Hauptstadt:** Sofia

**Einwohner:** ca. 7 Millionen

**Nationalfeiertag:** 03.März („Tag der Befreiung“ von der türkischen Herrschaft)

**Währung**<sup>1</sup>: LEW (BGN), 1€ = 1,96 BGN

**Zeitzone:** UTC +2 OEZ – UTC +3 OESZ (März bis Oktober)

**Official language:** Bulgarian

Brief **language introduction**<sup>2</sup>:

German	Bulgarian	Pronunciation
Hallo	Здравей	Zdravey
Tschüss	Чао	Tshao
Danke	Благодаря	Blagodarya
Bitte	Моля	Molya
Ja	да	da
Nein	Не	ne

<sup>1</sup> <https://bankenverband.de/service/waehrungsrechner/> (Stand 26.11.20)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.weltreisewortschatz.de/bulgarisch/>

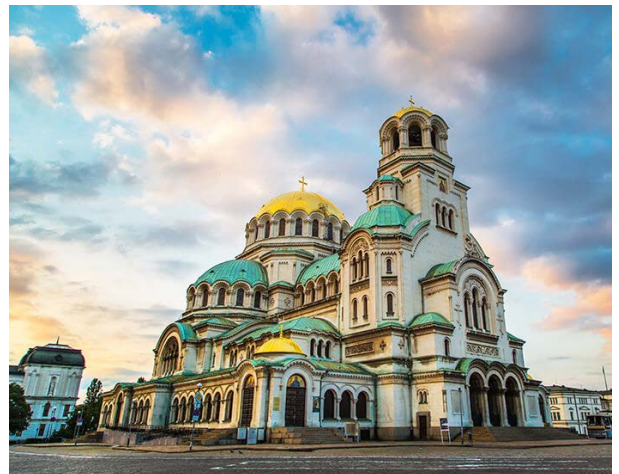
## Did you know...

- in Bulgaria you shake your head to say "yes" and nod to say "no"
- a copy of the Bulgarian folk song Izlel e delay Haydutin was sent into space on the deck of the US space probe Voyager. As part of a collection of the most important art artifacts of mankind, it should serve as a message to possible extraterrestrial life.
- in Bulgaria there is a bacterium which is found only in Bulgaria. The bacterium is called *Lactobacillus Bulgaricus* and is contained in Bulgarian yogurt.
- almost 1/3 of Bulgaria is covered by forests?
- Bulgaria is the only European country that has not changed its name since its foundation? And the foundation of Bulgaria is dated to six hundred AD.<sup>3</sup>



### Sofia

The capital of Bulgaria is Sofia and is located in the west of the country. Approximately 1.2 million people live here (thus one in six Bulgarians). Archaeological findings indicate that as early as 8,000 BC, a Stone Age settlement existed on the site where Sofia now stands. There are many sights in Sofia, but one in particular is considered a landmark of the city: the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. The foundation stone for the neo-Byzantine cathedral was laid in 1882, but it was built between 1904 and 1912. The head of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Neofit, presides here.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> <http://marcel-in-bulgarien.de/medizin-studieren-in-bulgarien-20-fakten-ueber-bulgarien> (Stand 30.12.20)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.bulgarien.info/staedte-regionen/sofia/> (Stand. 29.12.20)



## Ikononicheski Universitet - Varna

UE Varna was founded in 1920, making it one of the oldest business universities in the Balkans. Currently, about 7,000 students from Bulgaria and around the world attend the university. Economics, Administration and Management, Tourism, IT, and Computer Sciences can be studied there. Academic courses are held in Russian, Bulgarian, and English. UE Varna is also one of the first four universities in Bulgaria to work with the Erasmus+ programme. You don't have to worry so much about accommodation and living costs in Bulgaria, as Bulgaria is one of the most affordable countries in Europe. So you can choose between two accommodation options: the student dormitory or an apartment. You can find more information about this right [here](#). In addition, students will also enjoy the proximity to the sea and the 270 sunny days a year.



If we have managed to pique your interest, please have a look at [this video about the University of Economics](#). More information can be found [here](#), or visit the Ikononicheski Universitet's [homepage](#).

The application deadline for bachelor's and master's students for stays in the following academic year is always **1 December**. Through Erasmus+ all tuition fees at the university abroad are waived. In addition, you will receive a monthly grant of €330 in Bulgaria, as the country belongs to country group 3 in the Erasmus+ programme.

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