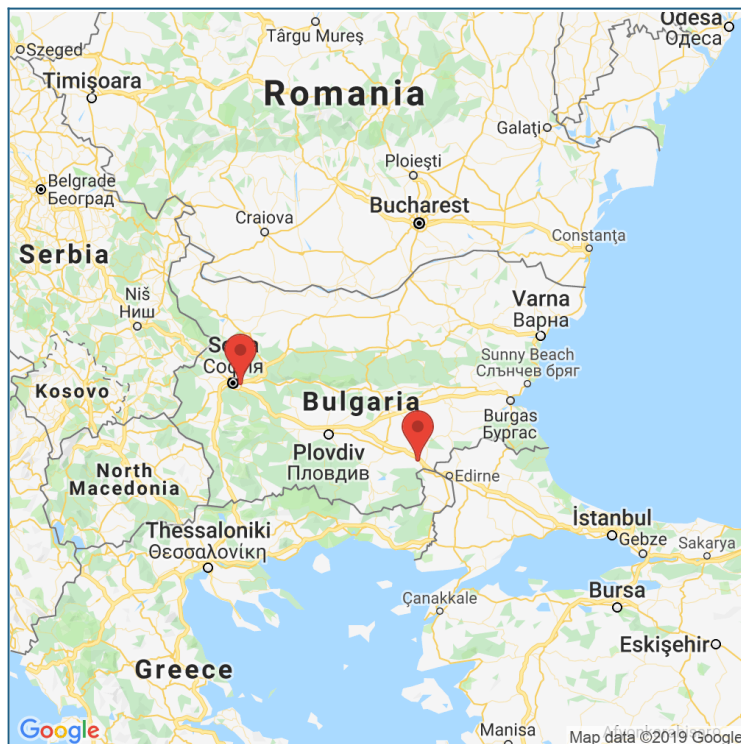


Bulgaria Immigration Detention Data Profile

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Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2017)	2,989
Detained asylum seekers (2017)	37
Detained minors (2017)	736
Immigration detention capacity (2017)	700
Persons expelled (2018)	710
International migrants (2017)	153,800
New asylum applications (2017)	3,700

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/bulgaria>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	2,989	2017	Top nationalities of detainees	Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq	2017
	3,332	2017			
	18,391	2016			
	11,314	2016			
	27,724	2015			
	11,902	2015			
	5,992	2014			
	2,700	2013			
	6,303	2013			
	5,464	2013			
	2,016	2012			
	2,047	2012			
	1,074	2011			
	1,048	2011			
	973	2010			
	832	2009			
Number of persons granted alternatives to immigration detention	14	2017	Number of detained asylum seekers	37	2017
				11,314	2016
Total number of detained minors	736	2017	Number of detained unaccompanied minors	Not Available	2017
	667	2013			
	247	2012			
Number of detained accompanied minors	736	2017	Number of detained stateless persons	3	2017
Number of apprehensions of non-citizens	1,305	2018	Immigration detainees as a percentage of total international migrant population	8.71	2017
	2,595	2017		9.33	2015
	14,125	2016		6.5	2013
	20,810	2015		1.28	2010
	12,870	2014			
	5,260	2013			
	2,050	2012			
Estimated total immigration detention capacity	700	2017	Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	2	2017
				3	2015
Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	700	2017	Number of dedicated medium-term immigration detention centres	2	2017
	1,040	2016			
	940	2015			

Number of persons removed/returned (voluntary returns and deportations)	710	2018	Number of deportations/forced returns only	330	2018
	1,755	2017		485	2017
	1,215	2016		345	2016
	735	2015		555	2015
	1,155	2014		665	2014
	1,100	2013			
	835	2012			
Percentage of persons removed in relation to total number of people placed in removal procedures	52.67	2017	Criminal prison population	7,345	2016
	68	2017		9,028	2014
	9	2016		10,006	2013
	4	2015			
	9	2014			
Percentage of foreign prisoners	2.93	2016	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	103	2016
	2	2012		125	2014
	2	2012		138	2013
Demographics and immigration-related statistics					
		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	7,100,000	2017	International migrants	153,800	2017
	7,150,000	2015		102,100	2015
	7,400,000	2012		84,100	2013
				76,000	2010
International migrants as a percentage of the population	2.2	2017	Estimated number of undocumented migrants	2,595	2017
	1.4	2015			
	1.2	2013			
Refugees	804	2017	Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	1.53	2014
	17,774	2016		0.31	2012
	16,557	2015			
	4,320	2014			
Total number of new asylum applications	3,700	2017	Refugee recognition rate	68.8	2014
	19,265	2016			
	11,081	2014			
	1,387	2012			
Stateless persons	73	2017			
	67	2016			
	67	2015			
	0	2014			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2019

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Constitutional guarantees?	Yes/No	Constitution and Articles	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Yes	Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria, Article 30.	1991	1991
	Yes	Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria, Article 30.	1991	2015

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Core pieces of national legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria (LFRB) Act. No. 153/23.12.1998. Last Amendment, SG No. 53/27.06.2014	1998	2014
	Law on Foreign Nationals in the Republic of Bulgaria, Last Amendment SG. No. 56 of 6 July 2018	1998	2018
	Law on Asylum and Refugees (Закон за убежището и бежанците)	2002	2016

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Additional legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Administrative Procedure Code (APC)	2006	2014
	Law on Legal Aid	2006	2017
	Law on Legal Aid	2005	2018
	Criminal Code	1968	2017

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Regulations, standards, guidelines	Name	Year Published
	Regulation for the Application of the Law on the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria [2011] State Gazette 51 of 05.07.2011, last amended State Gazette 57 of 28.07.2015	2011
	Regulation on the Application of the Law on Foreign Nationals in the Republic of Bulgaria	2011
	Ordinance No. I3-1201 of 1 June 2010 on the Procedure for the Temporary Accommodation of Foreigners in the Special Homes for the Temporary Accommodation of Foreigners and Their Units and for the Organization of Their Activity	2010
	Ordinance on the Responsibility and Coordination of the State Bodies Implementing the Dublin Regulation and the Eurodac Regulation	2008

GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION			
Immigration-status-related grounds	Name		Observation Date
	Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality		2019
	Detention to effect removal		2019
	Detention to prevent absconding		2019
	Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality		2019
	Detention to effect removal		2019
	Detention for failing to respect non-custodial measures		2019
	Detention during the asylum process		2018
GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION			
Non-immigration-status-related grounds providing for administrative detention in immigration legislation.	Name		Observation Date
	Detention on public order, threats or security grounds		2019
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES			
Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations?	Fines	Incarceration	Observation Date
	Yes	Yes	2019
	Yes	Yes	1968
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES			
Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration	Grounds for Incarceration	Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration	Observation Date
	Unauthorized re-entry	2190	2019
	Unauthorized entry	1825	2019
	Unauthorized exit	1825	2019
	Unauthorized entry	1825	1968
	Unauthorized exit	1825	1968
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES			
Has the country decriminalized immigration-related violations?	Has the country decriminalized immigration-related violations?		Observation Date
	Yes		2019
LENGTH OF DETENTION			
Maximum length for administrative immigration detention in law.	Number of Days		Observation Date
	540		2019
	540		2009

LENGTH OF DETENTION				
Maximum length of time in custody prior to issuance of a detention order	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	1		2019	
LENGTH OF DETENTION				
Average length of detention	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	25		2017	
	21		2013	
LENGTH OF DETENTION				
Maximum length of detention for asylum-seekers	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	No Limit		2019	
	No Limit		2015	
PROCEDURAL STANDARDS				
Provision of basic procedural standards	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Right to legal counsel	Yes	Yes	2019
	Information to detainees	Yes	No	2019
	Access to free interpretation services	Yes	infrequently	2019
	Access to consular assistance	Yes	Yes	2019
	Access to asylum procedures	Yes	infrequently	2019
	Independent review of detention	Yes	infrequently	2019
	Right to appeal the lawfulness of detention	Yes	infrequently	2019
	Complaints mechanism regarding detention conditions	Yes	No	2019
Compensation for unlawful detention	Yes	No	2019	

NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES (ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION)

Types of non-custodial measures	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Registration (deposit of documents)	Yes	infrequently	2018
	Release on bail	Yes	No	2018
	Provision of a guarantor	Yes	Yes	2018
	Unconditional release	Yes	Yes	2017
	Registration (deposit of documents)			2017
	Designated regional residence	Yes	Yes	2017
	Designated non-secure housing	No	No	2017
	Release on bail	No	No	2017
	Electronic monitoring	No	No	2017
	Supervised release and/or reporting	Yes	infrequently	2017
	Supervised release and/or reporting	Yes	infrequently	2014
	Supervised release and/or reporting	Yes	Yes	2001

VULNERABLE PERSONS

Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Stateless persons	Not mentioned	Yes	2019
	Women	Not mentioned	Yes	2019
	Accompanied minors	Provided	Yes	2019
	Asylum seekers	Provided	Yes	2019
	Elderly	Provided	Yes	2019
	Pregnant women	Provided	Yes	2019
	Persons with disabilities	Provided	Yes	2019
	Refugees	Not mentioned	Yes	2019
	Survivors of torture	Provided	Yes	2019
	Unaccompanied minors	Prohibited	Yes	2019
	Victims of trafficking	Provided	Yes	2019
	Unaccompanied minors	Prohibited	Yes	2016
	Accompanied minors	Provided	Yes	2016
	Asylum seekers	Provided	Yes	2016
Unaccompanied minors	Prohibited	Yes	2014	

MANDATORY DETENTION

Mandatory detention	Filter	Name	Observation Date
	No		2017

EXPEDITED REMOVAL AND RE-ENTRY BAN		
Expedited/fast track removal	Name	Observation Date
	Yes	2019

EXPEDITED REMOVAL AND RE-ENTRY BAN		
Re-entry ban	Name	Observation Date
	Yes	2013

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Ratification Year
International treaties	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1966
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1992
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1970
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1982
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	1986
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2011
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1991
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2012
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1993
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1993
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons	2012
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2001
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2001
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1989
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	14/19	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Acceptance Year
Individual complaints procedure	CAT, declaration under article 22 of the Convention	1993
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2006
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1992

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date
	3		2019
	3		2019
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
	Committee against Torture	“The State party should: (a) Ensure that persons in need of international protection are not subjected to arbitrary detention, provide for judicial review of detention, envisage alternatives to detention and prohibit the detention of children; (b) Avoid registering unaccompanied children apprehended upon irregular entry as being “accompanied” by adults they are not related to and establish a single body for coordinating the child protection policy;” “(i) Reduce the level of overcrowding in migrant detention facilities, in particular in Busmantsi and Lyubimets”.	2017
	Committee against Torture	§ 14 [...] (a) Amend article 16 of the Ordinance for the Responsibilities and Coordination between the State Agency for Refugees, the Directorate of Migration and the Border Police - in order to formally remove the rule that allows for the detention of asylum-seekers on the basis of illegal entry and ensure that asylum-seekers enjoy accommodation, documentation, access to health care, social assistance, education and language training, as provided in articles 29 and 30 (a) of the Law on Asylum and Refugees; (b) Ensure that the detention of asylum-seekers is only used as a last resort, when necessary, for as short a period as possible and that safeguards against refoulement are fully implemented;	2011
	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22	2017
	Committee on the Rights of the Child	51	2016

Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	ECHR, Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights)		1992
	ECHR1, Protocol 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)		1992
	ECHR7, Protocol 7 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)		2001
	ECPT, European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment		1994
	CATHB, Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings		2007
	CPCSE, Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse		2011
	ECHR1, Protocol 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)		1992
	ECHR7, Protocol 7 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)		2000
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
Regional judicial decisions on individual complaints	Name	Decision Details	Observation Date
	Court of Justice of European Union (CJEU)	Kadzoev, C-357/09 PPU, 30 November 2009	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Djalti v. Bulgaria (application no. 31206/05), 12 March 2013	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	S.F. and Others v. Bulgaria, Application No. 8138/16, violation of Article 3 of the ECHR with respect of the children Y.F, S.F2 and A.F., 7 December 2017	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Al- Nashif v Bulgaria, Applciation no. 50963/99, violation of Article 5(4), Article 8 and Article 13 of the Convention, 20 June 2002	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Auad v. Bulgaria, Application No. 46390/10, violation of Article 5.1 and Article 13 of the Convention, 11 January 2012	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Amie and Others v. Bulgaria, Application No. 58149/08, Violation of Articles 5 § 1, 5 § 4 and 8, 12 February 2013	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	M. and Others v. Bulgaria, Application No. 41416/08, Violations of Article 5(1) and (4), Article 8, and Article 13, 26 July 2011	2019
	Court of Justice of European Union (CJEU)	C-146/14 PPU - Mahdi, Directive 2008/115/EC — Return of illegally staying third-country nationals — Article 15 — Detention — Extension of detention — Obligations of the administrative or judicial authority — Review by a judicial authority — Third-country national without identity documents — Obstacles to implementation of a removal decision — Refusal of the embassy of the third country concerned to issue an identity document enabling the third-country national to be returned — Risk of absconding — Reasonable prospect of removal — Lack of cooperation — Whether the Member State concerned is under an obligation to issue a temporary document relating to the status of the person concerned, 5 June 2014	2019
European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Raza v. Bulgaria, Application no. 31465/08, 11 February 2010, Violation of Articles 5 § 1, 5 § 4, 8 and 13, 11 February 2010	2019	

resorted to only exceptionally, after a careful examination of each individual case, and should be applied for the shortest possible time; further, the lawfulness of such a measure should be open to challenge before a judicial authority^[11]. When asylum seekers are deprived of their liberty as an exceptional measure, they should be kept separately from foreign nationals who have not lodged an application for international protection. **The Committee calls upon the Bulgarian authorities to act in accordance with these precepts. In those instances where there are exceptional reasons for depriving an asylum seeker of his/her liberty while awaiting the outcome of his/her application, such reasons should be fully documented.**

In this connection, the delegation learned that a new establishment for the temporary placement of foreign nationals was expected to open in 2011 in Lyubimets, near the border with Turkey, and that persons who had applied for asylum might be detained there. **The CPT would like to receive detailed information on the new facility (e.g. capacity, structure, categories of persons held, etc.).**

39. **The CPT recommends that the management of the Special Home for Temporary Placement of Foreign Nationals in Busmantsi continue to deliver a clear message to all staff members that the ill-treatment of detained persons (whether of a physical or verbal nature) is not acceptable and will be the subject of sanctions. Further, the Committee recommends that the management and staff exercise increased vigilance and make use of all the means at their disposal to prevent inter-detainee violence and intimidation.**

43. **The CPT reiterates the recommendations made in the report on the 2008 visit that steps be taken at the Busmantsi Home to: - ensure occupancy levels in the dormitories which guarantee a minimum of 4 m² per detained person; - restore the broken furniture and sanitary facilities to a good state of repair and provide sufficient funding for running repairs; - ensure that detained persons have ready access to a toilet at all times, including at night; - review the provision of personal hygiene products and appropriate clothing and footwear to detainees. Further, the Committee invites the Bulgarian authorities to review the food arrangements in the Busmantsi Home in order to ensure that the dietary habits and needs of detained persons are being adequately catered for. It would be useful to involve detainees in the setting up of food menus, to reflect better the range of different dietary habits.**

§47 **The CPT recommends that steps be taken to strengthen the provision of health care to foreign nationals detained at the Busmantsi Home, and in particular to: reinforce the health-care team by appointing at least one more nurse; ensure that detained persons have unrestricted and reasonably rapid access to the doctor and outside specialists, including to dental care; provide interpretation in cases when medical staff cannot communicate with detained foreign nationals; ensure that detained foreign nationals are fully informed of their treatment.**

§48 [...] **The Committee recommends that the Bulgarian authorities reinforce the provision of psychological care to foreign nationals detained at the Busmantsi Home.**

§ 51 [...] **The CPT recommends the Bulgarian authorities seek ways to improve channels of communication between SAR and the Busmantsi Home with a view to better informing detainees of their situation.**

§53 [...] **The CPT reiterates its recommendation that the Bulgarian authorities take steps to ensure that foreign nationals detained at the Busmantsi Home receive, when necessary, the assistance of qualified interpreters. The use of fellow detainees as interpreters should, in principle, be avoided.**

§54 [...] **The CPT recommends that the Bulgarian authorities take effective steps to ensure that foreign nationals subject to coercive administrative measures (including those facing expulsion on grounds of national security) benefit from an effective legal remedy enabling them to have the lawfulness of their detention decided speedily before a judicial body. This judicial review should entail an oral hearing with legal assistance, if necessary provided free of charge to the person concerned, and interpretation. Moreover, detained foreign nationals should be expressly informed of this legal remedy.**

2012

2019

Bilateral/Multilateral agreements linked to readmissions

	Name	Year in Force	Observation Date
Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission	Lebanon	2003	2018
	Armenia	2008	2018
	Georgia	2003	2018
	Uzbekistan	2004	2018
	Kosovo	2012	2018
	Hungary	1999	2018
	Finland	1999	2018
	Hong Kong (EU agreement)	2007	2018
	Macao (EU agreement)	2007	2018
	Sri Lanka (EU agreement)	2007	2018
	Albania (EU agreement)		2018
	Russia (EU agreement)	2007	2018
	Ukraine (EU agreement)	2008	2018
	Macedonia (EU agreement)	2008	2018
	Bosnia-Herzegovina (EU agreement)		2018
	Montenegro (EU agreement)	2008	2018
	Serbia (EU agreement)	2008	2018
	Moldova (EU agreement)	2008	2018
	Pakistan (EU agreement)	2010	2018
	Georgia (EU agreement)	2011	2018
	Cape Verde (EU agreement)	2014	2018
	Germany	1995	2017
	Germany	2006	2017
	Austria	1998	2017
	Belgium	2005	2017
	Spain	1997	2017
	Spain	1999	2017
	Estonia	2003	2017
	Finland	2004	2017
	France	1997	2017
	Greece	1998	2017
	Ireland	2003	2017
	Italy	1998	2017
	Latvia	2002	2017
Luxembourg	2005	2017	
Netherlands	2005	2017	
Poland	1994	2017	
Portugal	1998	2017	
Romania	2000	2017	
Czech Republic	1998	2017	

Bilateral/Multilateral agreements linked to readmissions

Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission	Name	Year in Force	Observation Date
	Czech Republic	2005	2017
	United Kingdom	2004	2017
	Slovakia	2007	2017
	Slovenia	2000	2017
	Sweden	1999	2017
	Norway	1999	2017
	Switzerland	2009	2017
	Albania	2003	2017
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2008	2017
	Croatia	2003	2017
	Macedonia	2002	2017
	Serbia	2010	2017
	Russian Federation	2012	2017
Ukraine	2002	2017	

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2019
	Yes	2015	2019

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

Governing structures

Federal or centralized governing system	Federal or centralized governing system	Observation Date
	Centralized system	2019

Governing structures

Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Observation Date
	Centralized immigration authority	2019

Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Custodial authority	Agency		Ministry		Ministry Typology		Observation Date								
	Migration Directorate		Ministry of the Interior		Interior or Home Affairs		2019								
	State Agency for Refugees		Council of Ministers		Executive		2016								
	Migration Directorate		Ministry of the Interior		Interior or Home Affairs		2015								
	Migration Directorate		Ministry of the Interior		Interior or Home Affairs		2014								
	Migration Directorate		Ministry of the Interior		Interior or Home Affairs		2013								
	National Service Border Police		Ministry of Interior				2011								
	National Service Border Police		Ministry of Interior		Interior or Home Affairs		2011								
	National Service Border Police		Ministry of Interior				2010								
National Service Border Police		Ministry of Interior		Interior or Home Affairs		2010									
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Detention Facility Management	Entity Name					Entity Type					Observation Date				
	Migration Directorate. Ministry of Interior.					Governmental					2013				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Formally designated detention estate?	Formally designated immigration detention estate?					Types of officially designated detention centres					Observation Date				
	Yes					Dedicated immigration detention facilities					2016				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Types of detention facilities used in practice	Immigration detention centre (Administrative)	Immigration field office (Administrative)	Transit centre (Administrative)	Reception centre (Administrative)	Offshore detention centre (Administrative)	Hospital (Administrative)	Border guard (Administrative)	Police station (Criminal)	National penitentiary (Criminal)	Local prison (Criminal)	Juvenile detention centre (Criminal)	Informal camp (Ad hoc)	Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc)	Surge facility (Ad hoc)	Observation Date
	Yes							Yes							2017
	Yes														2016
Detention monitoring institutions															
Authorized monitoring institutions	Institution					Institution Type					Observation Date				
	Bulgarian Ombudsman					National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI)					2019				
	Commission for Protection against Discrimination					National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI)					2019				
	Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria					OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)					2019				
	Bulgarian Helsinki Committee,					Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)					2019				
	Bulgarian Red Cross					Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)					2019				
ACET Centre for Torture Victims					Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)					2019					
Detention monitoring institutions															
Is the national human rights institution (NHRI) recognized as independent?	Is the NHRI recognized as independent by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions?												Observation Date		
	No												2017		
	No												2016		

Detention monitoring institutions		
Does NHRI carry out visits?	Does NHRI carry out visits in practice?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016
Detention monitoring institutions		
Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints?	Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016
Detention monitoring institutions		
Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016
Detention monitoring institutions		
Does national preventive mechanism (NPM) carry out visits?	Does NPM carry out visits in practice?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
Detention monitoring institutions		
Does NPM have capacity to receive complaints?	Does NPM have capacity to receive complaints?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016
Detention monitoring institutions		
Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016
Detention monitoring institutions		
Do NGOs carry out visits?	Do NGOs regularly carry our visits?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016
Detention monitoring institutions		
NGO capacity to receive complaints?	NGO capacity to receive complaints?	Observation Date
	No	2017
Detention monitoring institutions		
Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?	Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?	Observation Date
	Yes	2017
	Yes	2016

Detention monitoring institutions																
Do international and/or regional bodies (IRBs) visit immigration-related detention facilities?	Do international and/or regional bodies (IRB) regularly visit immigration-related detention facilities?														Observation Date	
		infrequently														2017
Detention monitoring institutions																
Do IRBs publicly report their findings from inspections?	Do IRBs publicly report their findings from detention inspections?														Observation Date	
		Yes														2017
Outsourcing and privatisation																
Types of privatisation/outsourcing	Types of Privatisation/Outsourcing											Observation Date				
	Food services											2017				
	Facility maintenance											2017				
	Other detention facility or detainee services											2017				
Outsourcing and privatisation																
Detention contractors and other non-state entities	Name of entity	Type of entity	Detainee transport	Food services	Health care	Social services	Laundry services	Legal counselling	Management	Owner of detention facility	Recreation	Security	Telephone service	Translation services	Observation Date	
	Aeroklima Bulgaria EOOD (Аероклима Бул ЕООД)	For profit								Yes					2017	
	Ronos OOD (Ронос ООД)	For profit							Yes						2017	
	Perun KKB EOOD (Перун ККБ ЕООД)	For profit							Yes						2017	
	ATC Bulgaria OOD (АТЦ България ООД)	For profit							Yes						2017	
	Yunis OOD (Юнис ООД)	For profit							Yes						2017	
	Yunis OOD (Юнис ООД)	For profit								Yes					2017	
	Klimatronik EOOD (Климатроник ЕООД)	For profit								Yes					2017	
	Eima Engineering OOD (Елма Инжинеринг ООД)									Yes					2017	
	Sektron OOD (Сектрон ООД)											Yes			2017	
	S and T Bulgaria EOOD (С & Т България ЕООД)									Yes					2017	
	Right Cleaning EOOD (Райт Клийнинг ЕООД)									Yes					2017	
	Nove Engineering EOOD (Нове Инжинеринг ЕООД)	For profit								Yes					2017	
	Kukuda group OOD (Кукуда груп ООД)	For profit								Yes					2017	
SBI Trade EOOD (Си Би Ай Трейд ЕООД)	For profit								Yes					2017		

Expenditures			
Estimated annual budgets for particular detention-related activities	Individual detention-related activities	Estimated annual budget (in USD)	Observation Date
		Not available	2017
Foreign sources of funding for detention operations			
Does the country receive external sources of funding?	Benefitted from non-state funding sources?	Observation Date	
	Yes	2017	
Foreign sources of funding for detention operations			
Description of foreign assistance	Description of non-state assistance	Observation Date	
	In 2017, 54 039 006, 67 BGN were assigned to the Ministry of Interior by the EU to cope with "the increased migratory pressure". Currently the Migration Directorate implements the project "Implementation of Coercive Administrative Measures on Third-Country Nationals and Provision of Translation" under the National Program of Bulgaria under the AMIF. The deadline for the contract is October 14, 2018. Funding from the European Union amounts to € 750,000.	2017	

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA			
Economics and Development Indicators			
Gross Domestic Product per capita (in USD)	Gross Domestic Product per capita (in USD)	Observation Date	
	7,851	2014	
	7,296	2013	
Economics and Development Indicators			
Remittances to the country	Remittances to the country (in millions USD)	Observation Date	
	1,719	2014	
	1,510	2011	
Economics and Development Indicators			
Remittances from the country	Remittances from the country (in millions USD)	Observation Date	
	25	2010	
Economics and Development Indicators			
Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Observation Date	
		2014	
Economics and Development Indicators			
Human Development Index Ranking (UNDP)	Human Development Index Ranking (UNDP)	UNDP four-tiered ranking	Observation Date
	59	High	2015
	58	High	2014

Attitudes and Perceptions

Pew Global Attitudes Poll on Immigration	% who agree with the statement "We should restrict and control entry of people into our country more than we do now."	Observation Date
	53	2007

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