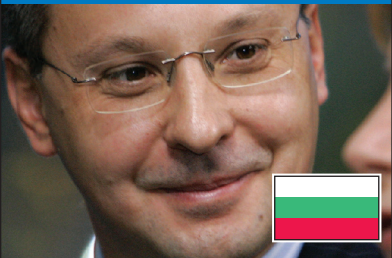


Bulgaria



Prime Minister: ***Sergei Stanishev*** – achieving strong economic progress

Country area: **110,910 sq km**

Population: **7.4 million**

Capital city: **Sofia**

Life expectancy (yrs): **69 (m), 76 (w)**

GDP – per capita: **\$9,600**

Unemployment: **11.5%**

Main exports: **Clothing, footwear, iron and steel, machinery, fuels**

Religion: Orthodox **82.6%**, Muslim **12.2%**

Currency: **Lev**

Support for European Union: **60%**