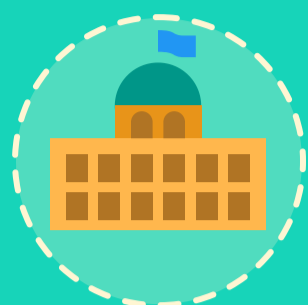




# How does the Bulgarian political system work

## Bulgaria is a parliamentary republic



There is a separation of powers in Bulgaria. The power of the State shall be divided between legislative, judicial and executive branches.

The unicameral National Assembly, or Narodno Subranie, consists of 240 deputies who are elected for 4-year terms

## Bulgarian President

The president of Bulgaria is directly elected for a 5-year term with the right to one re-election. The president serves as the head of state and commander in chief of the armed forces.



## The Council of Ministers



The Council of Ministers is in charge of and enacts the external and internal policies of the country, in conformity with the Constitution and the laws of the land.

## The legal authorities

The judiciary is a branch of government, that carries out justice in Bulgaria. Justice protects the rights and legitimate interests of citizens, legal persons and the state.



## The Legal court system



**Regional Courts** with criminal and civil jurisdiction;  
**District Courts**, which are tribunals of both first and second instance depending on the value or nature of the claim;  
**Appellate Courts**;  
and the **Supreme Courts** (Supreme Court of Cassation and Supreme Administrative Court), which act as last instance for civil, administrative and criminal law matters.

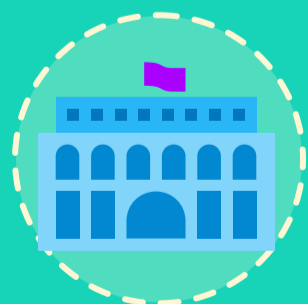
## The provinces of Bulgaria

The first level administrative subdivisions of the country.

Bulgaria has been divided into 28 provinces, the Council of Ministers directly appoints regional governors and all provinces



## Municipalities of Bulgaria



Bulgaria is divided into 265 municipalities (община, obshtina). Municipalities typically comprise multiple towns, villages and settlements and are governed by a mayor who is elected by popular majority vote for a four-year term, and a municipal council which is elected using proportional representation for a four-year term

## Bulgaria in the European Parliament

In European elections, Bulgaria is a constituency of the European Parliament, represented by seventeen MEPs. It covers the member state of Bulgaria.

