

# **Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

## **Priorities in Education and Training**



***Ministry of Education and Science***



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# BULGARIA IS THE PLACE

- <https://youtu.be/LGIVKVHLCas>

THIS IS OUR HOME

- <https://youtu.be/BAbvqWLfir4>

Area	110 993,6 km <sup>2</sup>
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Population	7 364 570
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Capital	Sofia
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Bulgaria is one of the most ancient European countries and it has never changed its name.



Bulgaria is a country with rich and glamorous past and a breath-taking nature. It ranks third in Europe (after Greece and Italy) in number of archaeological remains.



The most ancient golden treasure, dating back 5000 years BC, has been found in Varna Necropolis and it is considered the first technologically processed gold in Europe.



Bulgarians are the first who started using Cyrillic alphabet right after it was created in IX Century



The **kaba gaida**, the Phodope Mountains bagpipe, is one of the most distinctive symbols of the folklore music in Bulgaria.

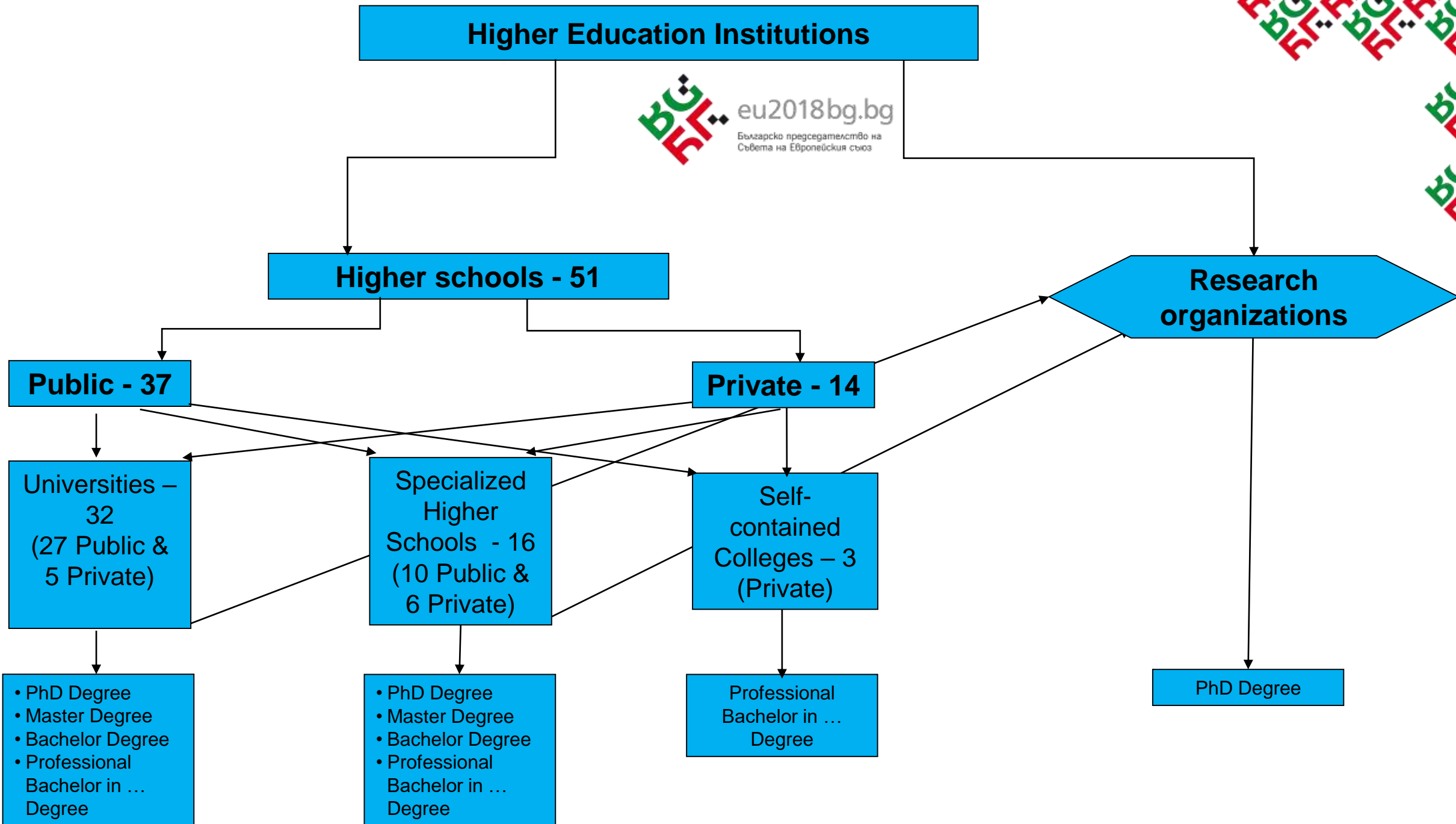


Bulgaria has 10 sites (7 cultural and 3 natural) inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List, as well as 14 additional properties on the Tentative List.



**HIGHER EDUCATION  
IN BULGARIA**





# Higher Education Institutions



## Higher schools - 51

## Research organizations

### Public - 37

### Private - 14

Universities – 32  
(27 Public & 5 Private)

Specialized Higher Schools - 16  
(10 Public & 6 Private)

Self-contained Colleges – 3  
(Private)

- PhD Degree
- Master Degree
- Bachelor Degree
- Professional Bachelor in ... Degree

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PhD Degree

# Higher Education System in Bulgaria



- Total number of higher schools – **51** /**37** public, private – **14**/;
- Total number of students – **206 244** /public universities – **178 497**; private universities – **27 747**/;
- Total number of PhD students – **6370** /public universities – **5358**; private universities – **230**; scientific organizations – **782**/;
- Total number of international students – **11 841** /public universities – **10 589**; private universities – **1252**/;
- Total number of academic teachers – **18 523** /public universities – **16 875**; private universities – **1648**/.

# **The Bulgarian higher education system as part of the European Higher Education Area**



# Bologna Process



- Bologna Guidelines since 1999
- Changes in the HE system within the Bologna Framework:
  - Three cycle system: Bachelor – Master – Doctor;
  - Classifier of Academic and Professional Areas introduced in 2002
  - Academic Mobility
  - Credit Accumulation & Transfer System introduced in 2004
  - European Diploma Supplement
  - Life-long Learning Programmes

# The Flagship events planned during the Bulgarian Presidency in education and training will aim to:



- Promote success stories on **digital competences and skills, creative thinking and entrepreneurship**, including on regional level (grassroots initiatives)
- Reach **better and enlarged inter-sectoral partnerships** for quality education for all
- **Raise awareness on VET** into first choice. Exchange on skills development and labour market outcomes of VET
- **Promoting STEM and STEAM** and new approaches for enhancing development of talents

# Calendar



- High Level Group meeting in Education and Training (29<sup>th</sup> of November – 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017, Sofia)
- European Summit on Education (25<sup>th</sup> of January, Brussels)
- EYCS (15<sup>th</sup> of February (poss.), 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, Brussels)
- European University - Business Forum (22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, Sofia)
- Conference: Education to Do: From Digital Consumers to Digital Creators incl. digital and entrepreneurial (19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of April, Sofia)
- VET conference (21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, Sofia)
- HEInnovate conference and seminar “Training the trainers” (14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of June, Ruse University)

# Calendar for the Higher Education events in Bulgaria



- 2 BFUG meetings (5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of February and 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of April, Sofia)
- DG Higher Education meeting (20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of February, Sofia)
- European University - Business Forum (22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, Sofia)
- EQAR General Assembly (23<sup>rd</sup> of April, Sofia)
- HEInnovate conference and seminar “Training the trainers” (14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of June, Ruse University)



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