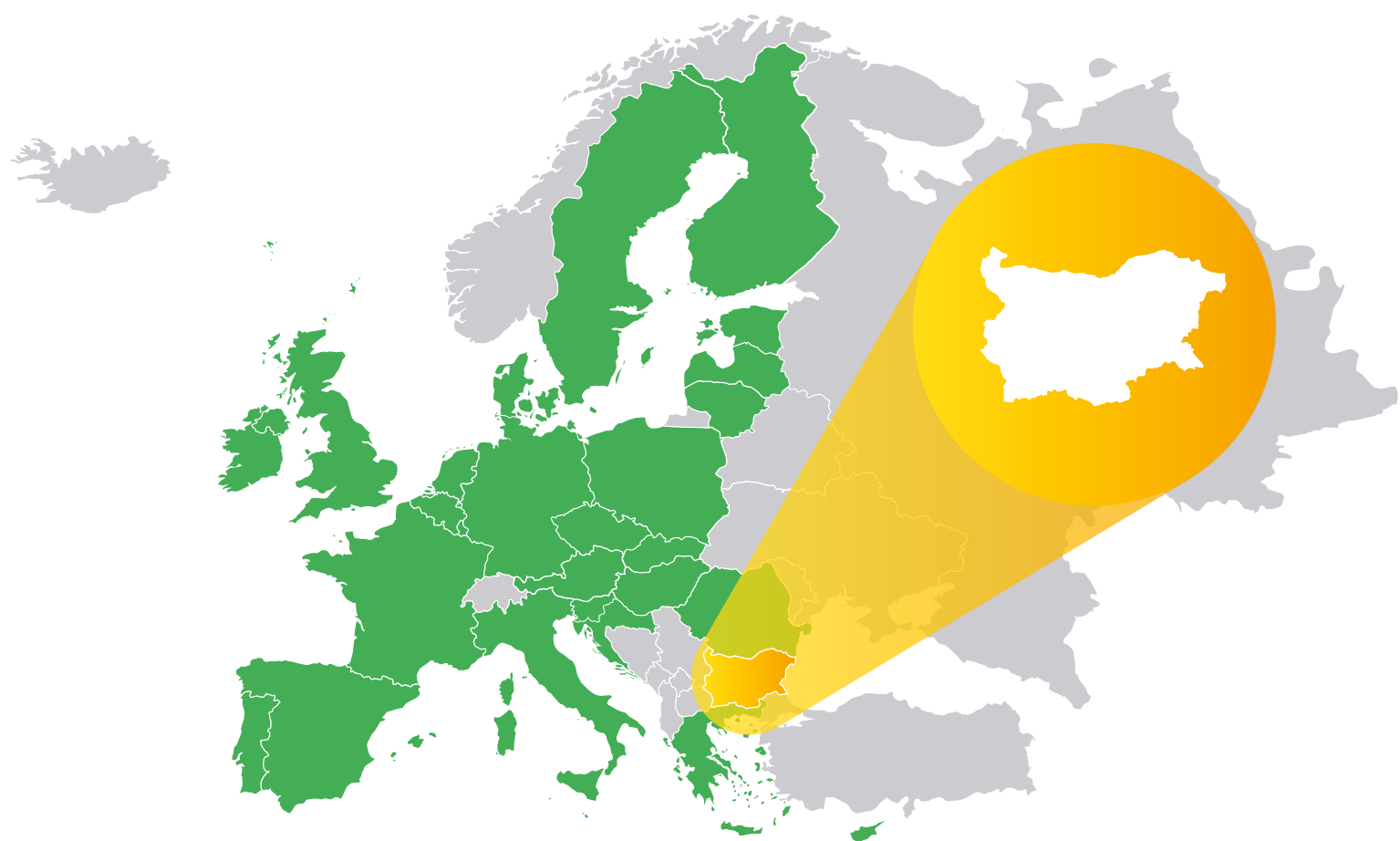


# Minerals Policy Country Profile

## **BULGARIA**



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		POLICY 1
		Law on Mineral Resources
Title (original language)		-
Title (translation in english)		Law on Mineral Resources
Year (and identification number if available)		No. 23 of 1999
Short description		-
Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)		-
Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)		-
Access to document (document name providing information on the policy)		
Responsible for the design of the policy		-
Responsible for the implementation of the policy		-
Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level		-
Policy instrument type		Legislation
Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)		-
Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)	EXPLORATION (including permitting)	-
	EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)	-
	mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)	-
	MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)	-
	DEEP SEA MINING	-
	DATA and knowledge base	-

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		POLICY 2
		Mines and Quarries Act
<b>Title (original language)</b>	-	
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>	Mines and Quarries Act	
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>	No. 92 of 1957	
<b>Short description</b>	All deposits, or fields, of mineral resources shall be the exclusive property of the State. According to their economic use and their location, mineral resources shall be defined as mined or quarried as provided for in article 3. The exploitation of mineral resources shall be carried out by State-owned business entities and units under the Ministries or other agencies responsible for the management of such resources (art. 4). All mines shall be delimited by the outline of its deposits, and shall possess accurate maps and plans as provided for in articles 10-13. Opencast, underwater, or underground operation of quarries shall be carried out by the Ministry. Existing quarries, or undeveloped deposits of quarried materials, may, on a temporary basis, be granted for operation or development to Ministries, agencies, Municipal People's Councils, State-owned enterprises, and co-operative entities, who shall address requests for permits to develop quarries to the Ministry of Construction and Construction Materials (arts. 14-20). Articles 21-26 deal with property restrictions, seizures, takings and compensation. Offences and penalties are contained in articles 27-29.	
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<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>	<a href="http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/bul66108.doc">http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/bul66108.doc</a>	
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<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>	-	
<b>Policy instrument type</b>	Legislation	
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>	-	
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-

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		POLICY 3
		Law on Underground Resources
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Law on Underground Resources
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		26 February 1999
<b>Short description</b>		<p>This Law (as amended in 2005) regulates the terms and conditions for: 1). The prospecting for and the exploration and extraction of mineral resources within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea. 2). The protection of the earth recesses and the reasonable use of the mineral resources within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea. The document consists of III Parts comprehending 97 Articles.</p> <p>The competent authorities in the implementation of LUR are the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Environment and Water, the Minister of Economy and Energy, the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works. Mineral resources are divided into 7 groups. The Council of Ministers grants mining rights – concessions. The terms of the concessions are set up by the Ministry of Economy, if the object of the extraction is in the field of metal, non-metal, oil and gas or solid fuel and by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works if the object of the extraction is in the field of construction and rock-lining materials. The Law ensures the implementation of the competitive principle in the provision of rights for prospecting and/or researching. Candidates for these rights could be a local or foreign natural or legal person who is registered as a trader in accordance with the legislation of the face of business of the trader.</p>
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN NATIONAL LANGUAGES)</b>		-
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		<a href="http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/bul31920.doc">http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/bul31920.doc</a>
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<b>Responsible for the design of the policy</b>		-
<b>Responsible for the implementation of the policy</b>		-
<b>Responsible person / policy maker at the ministerial level</b>		-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation
<b>Stand-alone policy (or to which policy it is subordinate or ancillary)</b>		-
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-

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		POLICY 1	POLICY 2	POLICY 3	POLICY 4	POLICY 5
		Environment Protection Act	Nature Protection Act	Clean Air Act	Law of the Purity of Atmospheric Air	Water Act
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Environment Protection Act	Nature Protection Act	Clean Air Act	Law of the Purity of Atmospheric Air	Water Act
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		Law No. 86 of 1991	Law No. 47 of 1967	1996	1996	Law No. 67 of 1999
<b>Short description</b>		This Act (as amended by Law No 96 of 2002) regulates the protection of the environment for the present and future generations and protection of human health (Article 1). Conservation and use of the bowels of the Earth upon prospecting, exploration and extraction of subsoil resources, including use of past mining and processing work sites, shall follow a procedure established by this Act and by the Subsoil Resources Act (i. e. mining law) (Article 48).	as amended by Law No. 86 of 1991	-	-	This Act regulates the ownership and management of waters within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria as a national indivisible natural resource and the ownership of the water systems and facilities (Article 1). For performance of drilling and/or mining operations in areas possessing substantial ground water resources as designated by an order of the Minister of Environment and Water, consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Water are required in respect of the terms and conditions for use of the water bodies containing ground waters (Article 51).
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-	-	-	-	-

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		POLICY 6	POLICY 7	POLICY 8	POLICY 9	POLICY 10
		Waste Management Act	Concessions Act	Administrative Procedure Act	Law on Local Government and Local administration	Law on National Standardization
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Waste Management Act	Concessions Act	Administrative Procedure Act	Law on Local Government and Local administration	Law on National Standardization
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		Law No. of 2003	1995	-	-	-
<b>Short description</b>		as amended in 2007	as amended in 1999	-	-	-
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Legislation
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-	-	-	-	-

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		POLICY 11	POLICY 12	POLICY 13	POLICY 14	POLICY 15
		Law on the Statistics	Public Procurement Act	Civil Procedure Code	Obligations and Contracrs Act	Ownership Act
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		Law on the Statistics	Public Procurement Act	Civil Procedure Code	Obligations and Contracrs Act	Ownership Act
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		-	09 June 1999.	-	-	-
<b>Short description</b>		-	The Law consists of 8 Chapters that contain 63 articles. This Law provides the terms and procedure governing public procurement. The purpose of this Law is to ensure greater efficiency in the use of Budget or public funds by: 1) transparency; 2) effective disbursement control; 3) competitive environment; 4) incentives for economic development. For the purposes of public procurement, any of the following may act as principal business corporations which carry on any one or several of the following activities, including such activities carried on under a concession or government licence: a) operation of public utility networks for the production, transmission or distribution of drinking water, electricity, gas or district heating, including supply to such networks; b) exploitation of oil, gas or coal deposits or other solid fuel deposits.	-	-	-
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		-	<a href="http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/bul31921.doc">http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/bul31921.doc</a>	-	-	-
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<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-	-	-	-	-



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		POLICY 16	POLICY 17	POLICY 18	POLICY 19	POLICY 20	POLICY 21	POLICY 22
		State Property Act	Act on the Special Investment Purpose Companies	Cooperatives Act	Tax Administration Act	Tax on Profits Act	Export Insurance Act	Insurance Code
<b>Title (original language)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Title (translation in english)</b>		State Property Act	Act on the Special Investment Purpose Companies	Cooperatives Act	Tax Administration Act	Tax on Profits Act	Export Insurance Act	Insurance Code
<b>Year (and identification number if available)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Short description</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Access to document (hyperlink IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Policy instrument type</b>		Legislation	Legislation	Legislation	Economic Instrument	Economic Instrument	Legislation	Legislation
<b>Value chain relevance (1=relevant; 0=not relevant)</b>	<b>EXPLORATION (including permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>EXTRACTION (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>mineral and metallurgical PROCESSING (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>MINE CLOSURE / WASTE management (incl. Permitting)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEEP SEA MINING</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DATA and knowledge base</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-