

Our Publications

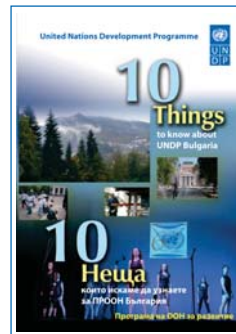


Bulgaria: Beyond the Facts, 2007

What do Bulgarians think about development aid? Are the Millennium Development Goals achievable, according to them? Does Bulgaria have a policy for development cooperation?

A special issue of the UNDP brand publication *Bulgaria: Beyond the Facts*, dedicated to Bulgaria's transformation into a donor country of official development assistance (ODA). The results from a national representative survey, the first of its kind, on Bulgarians' attitudes towards the

provision of ODA to developing countries and to countries in transition, are presented in the publication. *Bulgaria: Beyond the Facts* inherits the early warning system and reporting performed by UNDP and USAID in 1997–2006. With a new series of sociological surveys and expert analyses, UNDP and BBSS Gallup International shift the focus from early warning to monitoring specific 'hot topics' on the development agenda of a new EU member-state.



10 things you have always wanted to know about UNDP in Bulgaria

- The concept of Human Development is the basis of UNDP's work.
- UNDP is the largest UN agency operating in Bulgaria
- UNDP is an organization covering the full project management cycle
- UNDP build broadest partnership network on the local and regional level in Bulgaria
- UNDP is a reliable partner and advocates for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals ... and many more facts about UNDP work in Bulgaria, you have always wanted to know about...

Tenth National Human Development Report, 2006

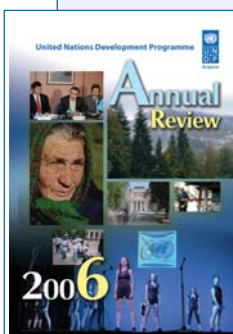
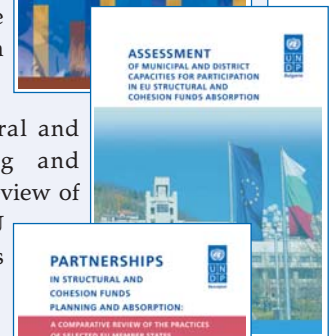
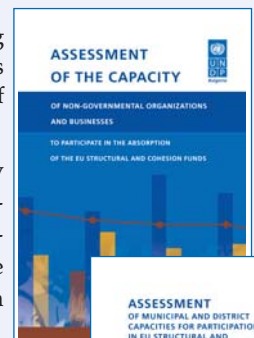
Are we prepared for the European Union Funds?

The report assesses to what extent Bulgaria is prepared to make use of the opportunities provided by the EU Funds in order to increase the levels of human development for all. The Report's authors are the journalists Yana Buhrer Tavanier and Ilin Stanev, as well as researchers Vassil Marinov, Vassil Garnizov and Daniela Malhassian. Special contributors: Sir Richard Jolly, Honorary Professor from the University of Sussex, UK, Georgi Pirinski, Chair of the 40th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, Cecilia Ugaz, main author of the Global Human Development Report 2006, and others. Special surveys for the purposes of the report were conducted in 243 municipal administrations, all 28 district administrations, 419 non-governmental organizations and 474 companies.



Three expert surveys – assessing local development actors capacity for the absorption of EU funds, 2005–2006.

- Assessment of the capacity of non-governmental organizations and businesses to participate in the absorption of the EU Structural and Cohesion Funds
- Partnerships in Structural and Cohesion Funds Planning and Absorption: A comparative review of the practices of selected EU Member States and lessons learned for Bulgaria
- Assessment of Municipal & District Capacities for Participation in EU Structural & Cohesion Funds Absorption



UNDP – Annual Review 2006

To the beat of Bulgarian changes

The Review takes stock of UNDP programmes, initiatives and project activities. In 2006 UNDP implemented in Bulgaria more than 30 projects amounting to over USD 25 millions, and worked in a network of partners in nearly 200 Bulgarian municipalities. Which are these projects? What is hidden behind the titles: Conservation of the Biodiversity of Bulgaria's Rhodope Mountains, JOBS, T-centers, Sustainable Development in Rural Areas, 'Chitalishte' Development Foundation, Renovation of Multi-Family Residential Buildings, Implementing the Rio Conventions...



The National programme on improving living conditions in urban environment of disadvantaged ethnic minorities, 2005

This publication is an indicative National Programme which is bound to concrete deadlines and financial figures and provides practical operational approach and methodology for addressing the issue of living conditions in urban areas, populated mainly with people from the Roma community.

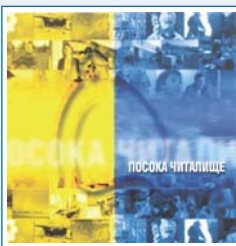
Our documentary films

"Silent as it rains..."

A documentary on the SANE Project (Social Services against New Employment) – a joint initiative of the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and UNDP. "Silent as it rains" is a story about some of life's outcasts. Men and women, coming from various social groups, of different religious and cultures. They are old and lonely. Or physically disabled. Unemployed... Opposing poles, spanning bridges. Coming together to stand by one another in difficulties and mundane things.



UNDP, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 2006, 27 min.,
Directed by Stanislav Todorov – Rogi, executive producer: Bilyana Trayanova.



"Citalishte – community leader"

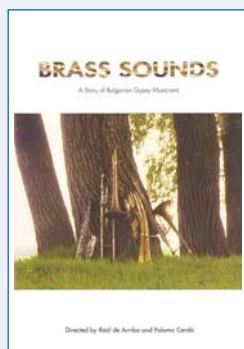
The stories told in the documentary film are part of the project "Community Development and Participation through the Chitalishte Network". 300 Chitalishte from all over the country participated in the project during its implementation in 2001–2004. 67 demonstration projects of the Chitalishte were financed and 25 Internet centers were established in

Chitalishte hosts. The project's results were inherited and furthered by the Chitalishte Development Foundation functioning as a secretariat and resource center for nearly 500 chitalishta promoting contemporary standards in the work of the centuries old traditional Bulgarian institutions.

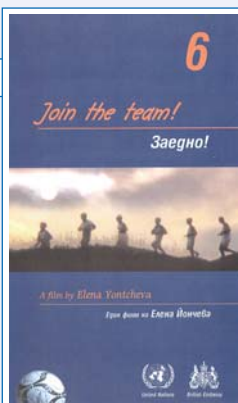
UNDP, 2004, 56 min.,
Directed by Stanimir Trifonov, Ivan Traikov, executive producer: Maria Vassileva

"Brass sounds"

Brass Sound Film takes a close look at the world of the ancient brass bands of the Balkans through two old gypsy musicians from the town of Lom – Bogdan and Momchil. The sound of the brass bands can still be heard at weddings, funerals or at village festivities and they form part of the life of this region in the northwest of Bulgaria, where a wide community of gypsies lives. Bogdan and Momchil tell us how they started to play when they were still children, their career as musicians, their dreams, the world they have lived in and how these bands are now disappearing.



UNDP, University of Valencia, 2003, Brass Sound,
28 min, Directed Raul de Ariba



"Join the Team" – six part documentary series about a mixed Bulgarian-Roma youth football team "Romiteli" from the Danubian town Lom. Tracking the daily lives of the boys from the team, their families, neighbors and friends, the films dispel myths and prejudices and show the realities of multiethnic relations in Bulgaria.

UNDP, British Council, 2002–2003, 6 series of 27 min.,
Directed by Elena Yoncheva.

In postproduction

Beautiful Bulgaria –

a documentary about the eponymous project... The story started in the beginning of 1997 with Beautiful Sofia – a joint pilot initiative of Sofia Municipality and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The success of this initiative gave birth to a concept for a National programme "Beautiful Bulgaria", in which more than 120 Bulgarian municipalities have joined. Ten years after the start of the idea, Beautiful Bulgaria has become a brand name, which will for sure overlive both the Project and the Programme.

UNDP, Ministry of Labour and Social policy, 2007, 27 min.,
directed by Angelina Ivanova

Djasta Prasta

The new documentary film of the Bulgarian film director Andrei Slabakov will reveal who the talented European musician Martin Lubenov is? Why the virtuoso, who was born in Liaskovetz and lived in Sofia, now teaches in Vienna, and why Bulgarians will discover him only after the world musical critique has acknowledged him as one of the most-gifted contemporary accordion players. In the summer of 2007, Martin Lubenov will return to his roots to organize musical classes for children at the School of Kotel, Bulgaria.

With the support of UNDP, 57 min.,
directed by Andrei Slabakov;
Producer: Kamera OOD