

Support Letter – Art. 8(3) Reg 479/2009 (Bulgaria)

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Cc: Eurostat Media/Quality (eurostat-mediasupport@ec.europa.eu);

Subject: Re: ****ESTA63890**** – Support for Bulgaria Art. 8(3) request (EDP misreporting)

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to Eurostat's acknowledgement ****ESTA63890**** of 2 June 2025 ("We confirm that we have received your email. We will get back to you as soon as possible."), issued in response to the submission by ****Mr Rosen Rashkov, Attorney-at-Law****, acting on behalf of the non-governmental organisation "Civic Initiative – Buditeli" (EIK 208110511).

I hereby express my support for that substantiated request, which alleges a material misreporting of Bulgaria's 2024 general-government deficit under Article 8(3) of Council Regulation (EC) 479/2009. According to the public documentation, the accrual-based deficit for 2024 reaches —10 289 million BGN (—5.07 % of GDP) once non-compliant adjustments are reversed, compared with the officially notified —3.04 % of GDP.

Key points that call for an immediate quality review:

- 2 481 million BGN in "net receivables" accrued on 31 December 2024 without evidence of collection;
- At least 1 500 million BGN in suppliers' invoices shifted into 2025;
- 1 300 million BGN capital transfers reclassified as financial assets.

In line with Article 8(3) and §5 of the EDP Code of Conduct, I respectfully request Eurostat to:

1. Launch a dialogue visit to Bulgaria;
2. Reassess the April 2025 EDP notification;
3. Inform DG ECFIN and the Economic and Financial Committee of its findings.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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