

*United States Government*  
*2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)*  
**BULGARIA**

<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	<b>FY 05 Total</b>
<b>Animal Genetics in Bulgaria</b>	Support for increasing potential trade related to animal genetics and artificial insemination. Funded by USAID/Bulgaria and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Biotechnology Promotion in Bulgaria</b>	Capacity-building activities in the area of biotechnology and biosafety will expand trade between the U.S. and Bulgaria, namely to: (1) Establish an efficient, predictable system for biosafety risk assessment, (2) Prevent and mitigate technical barriers to U.S. agricultural exports, (3) Segregate marketing issues and legitimate biosafety concerns in Bulgaria, (4) Promote controlled, well-managed research of molecular genetic techniques and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Bulgaria, (5) Apply biotechnology to manage economic crop pests and food-borne pathogens, and (6) Bolster public acceptance of GMOs. Funded by USAID/Bulgaria and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Borlaug Fellowship in Bulgaria</b>	Technical assistance to scientists in areas including plant and animal disease control, breeding techniques, and biotechnology. The Borlaug Program promotes economic growth and trade by increasing scientific knowledge and collaborative research by: (1) Providing training and collaborative research opportunities to agricultural research scientists, instructors, and policymakers, (2) Facilitating the transfer of new science and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices, and (3) Addressing obstacles to the adoption of technology such as ineffectual policies and regulations. Funded by USAID/Bulgaria and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Business and Trade Development</b>	This volunteer-based technical assistance activity is designed to help business support organizations (BSOs) identify the needs of the client firms help the BSOs develop an appropriate mix of fee-based services to respond to market demand train BSOs to access an array of sector and industry-specific services they could not otherwise provide to their clients on their own, including access to financing, Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) Volunteer Expert (VE) consultancies and aid trade networking, promotion and export facilitation support locally, regionally and internationally, including export support assistance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bulgaria.	Export Promotion	160,000
		Business Services & Training	200,000
		Tourism Sector Development	40,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>400,000</b>
<b>Commercial Law Reform Program</b>	The project aims to (1) Improve practices with the courts designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of company registry operations and to speed the processing of registration (administratively and judicially) (2) New or improved work processes including document processing, work scheduling, intake and court practices, information availability, communication techniques, management techniques, workload distribution and/or record-keeping (3) Other procedures and practices which would expedite processing of registrations (including registration amendments) through use of IT, establishing a centralized company registry database (4) Develop a training modules program for Government of Bulgaria officials, private sector, and other stakeholders and (5) Identify key individuals in government, business, academia, NGOs and think tanks, and lead an effort involving as wide a group as possible, to create public support for changes leading to enhanced corporate governance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bulgaria.	E-Commerce & IT	112,500
		Business Services & Training	112,500
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	225,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>450,000</b>

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<b>Faculty Exchange Program in Bulgaria</b>	Technical assistance to university research scientists to increase understanding and implementation of scientific practices and standards in areas such as animal health and genetics, biotechnology, food quality and inspection, sanitary and phytosanitary methods, and grades and standards. Funded by USAID/Bulgaria and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Food Safety Grades and Standards in Bulgaria</b>	Training in inspection processes to promote understanding of U.S. Government expectations related to international trade and management of a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point-based inspection system. Technical assistance in harmonizing grades and standards to increase trade. Funded by USAID/Bulgaria and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS) Phase I</b>	This feasibility study will provide the Bulgarian State Agency for Civil Protection with the necessary architecture for an integrated emergency management system (IEMS). It will also design a Phase II pilot project for the Plovdiv municipality as the first stage in deploying the IEMS nationwide. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>291,340</b>
<b>Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Bulgaria</b>			<b>1,471,340</b>