SURVEY OF 5 MUNICIPALITIES IN BULGARIA

September - October 2023
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by research and consulting company ESTAT Ltd.

- Data was collected between September 21 - October 11, 2023 through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

- The sample consisted of n=1,500 adults, ages 18 and older, distributed across five municipalities in Bulgaria: Vidin (n=300), Dobrich-City (n=300), Haskovo (n=300), Plovdiv (n=300), and Gabrovo (n=300).

- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a representative sample for each municipality. The sample for each municipality was stratified by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the PSUs, and respondents were selected by the last birthday method. The sampling frame was based on the 2021 Population and Housing census.

- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age group, and type of settlement for each municipality.

- The overall response rate was 45 percent.

- The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample in each municipality does not exceed ±5.7 points. The confidence level is 95%.

- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.

- A subset of questions have been included in this comparative PowerPoint. The complete list of questions are included in each municipality-specific PowerPoint.
Comparisons Among 5 Municipalities
In general, would you say that [name of municipality] is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- Gabrovo: 64% in the right direction, 35% in the wrong direction, 1% don't know/refused
- Vidin: 57% in the right direction, 40% in the wrong direction, 3% don't know/refused
- Dobrich: 47% in the right direction, 37% in the wrong direction, 16% don't know/refused
- Plovdiv: 35% in the right direction, 52% in the wrong direction, 13% don't know/refused
- Haskovo: 34% in the right direction, 55% in the wrong direction, 11% don't know/refused
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made by your mayor and municipal administration?

Gabrovo
- Very likely: 5%
- Somewhat likely: 43%
- Somewhat unlikely: 36%
- Very unlikely: 14%
- Don't know/Refused: 2%

Vidin
- Very likely: 1%
- Somewhat likely: 41%
- Somewhat unlikely: 41%
- Very unlikely: 15%
- Don't know/Refused: 2%

Dobrich
- Very likely: 5%
- Somewhat likely: 23%
- Somewhat unlikely: 43%
- Very unlikely: 25%
- Don't know/Refused: 4%

Plovdiv
- Very likely: 4%
- Somewhat likely: 14%
- Somewhat unlikely: 39%
- Very unlikely: 39%
- Don't know/Refused: 4%

Haskovo
- Very likely: 1%
- Somewhat likely: 7%
- Somewhat unlikely: 42%
- Very unlikely: 47%
- Don't know/Refused: 3%
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made by your municipal council?

- Vidin: 2% Very likely, 38% Somewhat likely, 40% Somewhat unlikely, 19% Very unlikely, 1% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 6% Very likely, 26% Somewhat likely, 43% Somewhat unlikely, 23% Very unlikely, 2% Don't know/Refused
- Dobrich: 5% Very likely, 21% Somewhat likely, 39% Somewhat unlikely, 32% Very unlikely, 3% Don't know/Refused
- Plovdiv: 4% Very likely, 13% Somewhat likely, 34% Somewhat unlikely, 45% Very unlikely, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Haskovo: <1% Very likely, 6% Somewhat likely, 40% Somewhat unlikely, 49% Very unlikely, 5% Don't know/Refused
To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs) impact municipal administration policy in [name of municipality]?

- **Gabrovo**
  - Very impactful: 13%
  - Somewhat impactful: 37%
  - Somewhat unimpactful: 35%
  - Very unimpactful: 13%
  - Don't know/Refused: 2%

- **Dobrich**
  - Very impactful: 6%
  - Somewhat impactful: 35%
  - Somewhat unimpactful: 27%
  - Very unimpactful: 18%
  - Don't know/Refused: 14%

- **Vidin**
  - Very impactful: 3%
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- **Plovdiv**
  - Very impactful: 7%
  - Somewhat impactful: 22%
  - Somewhat unimpactful: 42%
  - Very unimpactful: 20%
  - Don't know/Refused: 9%

- **Haskovo**
  - Very impactful: <1%
  - Somewhat impactful: 15%
  - Somewhat unimpactful: 35%
  - Very unimpactful: 25%
  - Don't know/Refused: 25%
To what extent do CSOs impact municipal council policy in [name of municipality]?
How would you rate the performance of the municipal administration in communicating with the public about the decisions they take?

- Dobrich: 7% Very good, 53% Somewhat good, 24% Somewhat bad, 1% Very bad, 15% Don't know/Refused
- Vidin: 2% Very good, 52% Somewhat good, 33% Somewhat bad, 10% Very bad, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 4% Very good, 41% Somewhat good, 40% Somewhat bad, 13% Very bad, 2% Don't know/Refused
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How would you rate the performance of the municipal council in communicating with the public about the decisions they take?
Do you believe that corruption in [name of municipality] is a serious problem or not?

- **Plovdiv**
  - Very serious: 34%
  - Somewhat serious: 52%
  - Somewhat not serious: 9%
  - Not at all serious: 1%
  - Don't know/Refused: 4%

- **Haskovo**
  - Very serious: 22%
  - Somewhat serious: 49%
  - Somewhat not serious: 12%
  - Not at all serious: 4%
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- **Vidin**
  - Very serious: 9%
  - Somewhat serious: 60%
  - Somewhat not serious: 27%
  - Not at all serious: 1%
  - Don't know/Refused: 3%

- **Dobrich**
  - Very serious: 12%
  - Somewhat serious: 48%
  - Somewhat not serious: 25%
  - Not at all serious: 5%
  - Don't know/Refused: 10%

- **Gabrovo**
  - Very serious: 10%
  - Somewhat serious: 34%
  - Somewhat not serious: 40%
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In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in your municipality?

(Top three most common types across each municipality; spontaneous response)

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To what extent do you think corruption can be reduced in your municipality?

- Dobrich: 9% Corruption can be completely eradicated, 52% Corruption can be substantially reduced, 31% Corruption can be reduced to a certain degree, 3% Corruption cannot be reduced at all, 5% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 17% Corruption can be completely eradicated, 35% Corruption can be substantially reduced, 39% Corruption can be reduced to a certain degree, 8% Corruption cannot be reduced at all, <1% Don't know/Refused
- Haskovo: 6% Corruption can be completely eradicated, 26% Corruption can be substantially reduced, 43% Corruption can be reduced to a certain degree, 12% Corruption cannot be reduced at all, 13% Don't know/Refused
- Plovdiv: 5% Corruption can be completely eradicated, 20% Corruption can be substantially reduced, 46% Corruption can be reduced to a certain degree, 26% Corruption cannot be reduced at all, 3% Don't know/Refused
- Vidin: 4% Corruption can be completely eradicated, 19% Corruption can be substantially reduced, 50% Corruption can be reduced to a certain degree, 22% Corruption cannot be reduced at all, 5% Don't know/Refused
In the past two years, how often, if at all, have you witnessed or experienced corruption?

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Note: The percentages indicate the frequency of witnessing or experiencing corruption, with categories ranging from daily to not at all, and include an option for don’t know/refused.
In your dealings with the municipal government, how important are personal contacts and relationships to get things done?

- **Vidin**: 27% Very important, 54% Somewhat important, 11% Somewhat unimportant, 7% Very unimportant, 1% Don’t know/Refused
- **Haskovo**: 29% Very important, 46% Somewhat important, 11% Somewhat unimportant, 9% Very unimportant, 5% Don’t know/Refused
- **Plovdiv**: 27% Very important, 44% Somewhat important, 13% Somewhat unimportant, 7% Very unimportant, 8% Don’t know/Refused
- **Dobrich**: 30% Very important, 41% Somewhat important, 17% Somewhat unimportant, 9% Very unimportant, 3% Don’t know/Refused
- **Gabrovo**: 5% Very important, 31% Somewhat important, 46% Somewhat unimportant, 18% Very unimportant, <1% Don’t know/Refused
Are you aware of any anti-corruption initiatives by the municipal authorities?

- Dobrich: 25% Yes, 63% No, 12% Don't know/Refused
- Plovdiv: 22% Yes, 71% No, 7% Don't know/Refused
- Vidin: 17% Yes, 77% No, 6% Don't know/Refused
- Haskovo: 13% Yes, 73% No, 14% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 12% Yes, 84% No, 4% Don't know/Refused
How effective or ineffective are the municipal authorities in addressing corruption?

Vidin: 3% Very effective, 40% Somewhat effective, 42% Somewhat ineffective, 9% Very ineffective, 7% Don't know/Refused

Dobrich: 4% Very effective, 38% Somewhat effective, 28% Somewhat ineffective, 9% Very ineffective, 21% Don't know/Refused

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Plovdiv: 3% Very effective, 8% Somewhat effective, 42% Somewhat ineffective, 40% Very ineffective, 7% Don't know/Refused
Based on your experience, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the statement: “The mayor has a sincere desire and will to combat corruption in your municipality.”

- **Dobrich**
  - Strongly agree: 8%
  - Somewhat agree: 58%
  - Somewhat disagree: 15%
  - Strongly disagree: 5%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 14%

- **Gabrovo**
  - Strongly agree: 13%
  - Somewhat agree: 39%
  - Somewhat disagree: 28%
  - Strongly disagree: 18%
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  - Somewhat agree: 31%
  - Somewhat disagree: 21%
  - Strongly disagree: 34%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 12%

- **Plovdiv**
  - Strongly agree: 4%
  - Somewhat agree: 9%
  - Somewhat disagree: 26%
  - Strongly disagree: 50%
  - Don’t know/Refused: 11%
Based on your experience, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the statement: “The municipal council has a sincere desire and will to combat corruption in your municipality.”

- **Gabrovo**: 15% Strongly agree, 35% Somewhat agree, 29% Somewhat disagree, 20% Strongly disagree, 1% Don't know/Refused
- **Vidin**: 7% Strongly agree, 34% Somewhat agree, 41% Somewhat disagree, 17% Strongly disagree, 2% Don't know/Refused
- **Dobrich**: 6% Strongly agree, 25% Somewhat agree, 34% Somewhat disagree, 16% Strongly disagree, 19% Don't know/Refused
- **Haskovo**: 2% Strongly agree, 25% Somewhat agree, 27% Somewhat disagree, 33% Strongly disagree, 14% Don't know/Refused
- **Plovdiv**: 4% Strongly agree, 12% Somewhat agree, 28% Somewhat disagree, 47% Strongly disagree, 9% Don't know/Refused
To what degree, if at all, is it the responsibility of citizens to address corruption?

**Vidin**
- To a very large degree: 18%
- To a somewhat large degree: 48%
- To a somewhat small degree: 22%
- To a very small degree: 9%
- Don’t know/Refused: 3%

**Dobrich**
- To a very large degree: 30%
- To a somewhat large degree: 31%
- To a somewhat small degree: 26%
- To a very small degree: 12%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%

**Plovdiv**
- To a very large degree: 12%
- To a somewhat large degree: 37%
- To a somewhat small degree: 28%
- To a very small degree: 21%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%

**Haskovo**
- To a very large degree: 11%
- To a somewhat large degree: 27%
- To a somewhat small degree: 27%
- To a very small degree: 31%
- Don’t know/Refused: 4%

**Gabrovo**
- To a very large degree: 5%
- To a somewhat large degree: 21%
- To a somewhat small degree: 41%
- To a very small degree: 32%
- Don’t know/Refused: <1%
Do you know where to report a corrupt act of a municipal official?

- Vidin: 52% Yes, 46% No, 2% Don't know/Refused
- Plovdiv: 49% Yes, 46% No, 5% Don't know/Refused
- Dobrich: 40% Yes, 56% No, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 27% Yes, 71% No, 2% Don't know/Refused
- Haskovo: 25% Yes, 67% No, 8% Don't know/Refused
How transparent or nontransparent is the work of the mayor and the municipal administration?

- **Dobrich**
  - Very transparent: 60%
  - Somewhat transparent: 24%
  - Somewhat nontransparent: 2%
  - Very nontransparent: 12%
  - Don't know/Refused: 2%

- **Vidin**
  - Very transparent: 48%
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  - Somewhat nontransparent: 30%
  - Very nontransparent: 8%
  - Don't know/Refused: 12%
Do you find the information you need from the municipal administration easily or not?

- **Dobrich**
  - Very easily: 9%
  - Somewhat easily: 52%
  - Somewhat difficultly: 12%
  - Very difficultly: 6%
  - Don't need information: 19%
  - Don't know/Refused: 2%

- **Vidin**
  - Very easily: 6%
  - Somewhat easily: 46%
  - Somewhat difficultly: 33%
  - Very difficultly: 6%
  - Don't need information: 8%
  - Don't know/Refused: 1%

- **Haskovo**
  - Very easily: 3%
  - Somewhat easily: 35%
  - Somewhat difficultly: 27%
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Are you aware of when municipal government public discussion meetings take place?

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Have you ever attended a municipal government public discussion meeting?

- Dobrich: 14% Yes, 86% No, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- Gabrovo: 8% Yes, 87% No, 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer
- Haskovo: 5% Yes, 90% No, 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer
- Vidin: 5% Yes, 94% No, 1% Don’t know/Refused to answer
- Plovdiv: 3% Yes, 97% No, 3% Don’t know/Refused to answer
How transparent or nontransparent is the work of the municipal council?

- **Vidin**: 1% Very transparent, 45% Somewhat transparent, 46% Somewhat nontransparent, 5% Very nontransparent, 4% Don't know/Refused
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- Gabrovo: 11% Yes, 82% No, 7% Don't know/Refused
- Haskovo: 8% Yes, 86% No, 6% Don't know/Refused
- Plovdiv: 6% Yes, 90% No, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Vidin: 5% Yes, 92% No, 3% Don't know/Refused
Have you attended any municipal council meetings?

- Dobrich: 14% Yes, 86% No, 0% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 11% Yes, 85% No, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Haskovo: 6% Yes, 88% No, 6% Don't know/Refused
- Vidin: 3% Yes, 97% No, 1% Don't know/Refused
- Plovdiv: 2% Yes, 98% No, 2% Don't know/Refused
How closely do you follow the decisions and actions taken by the mayor?

- **Dobrich**:
  - Very closely: 8%
  - Somewhat closely: 50%
  - A little: 26%
  - Not at all: 16%
  - Don’t know/Refused: <1%

- **Vidin**:
  - Very closely: 1%
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Are you aware of any local CSOs, which means a local group that forms around a common goal and is not associated with the government, that work for more transparency in the municipal administration and the council?

- **Plovdiv**: 27% Yes, 67% No, 6% Don't know/Refused
- **Dobrich**: 20% Yes, 71% No, 9% Don't know/Refused
- **Vidin**: 18% Yes, 80% No, 1% Don't know/Refused
- **Haskovo**: 15% Yes, 77% No, 8% Don't know/Refused
- **Gabrovo**: 10% Yes, 85% No, 5% Don't know/Refused
Do you think that the transparency of the municipal administration has improved or worsened, or stayed the same over the last 10 years?
Do you think that the transparency of the municipal council has improved or worsened, or stayed the same over the last 10 years?

- Vidin: 31% Improved, 13% Stayed the same, 51% Worsened, 5% Don't know/Refused
- Dobrich: 23% Improved, 14% Stayed the same, 55% Worsened, 8% Don't know/Refused
- Gabrovo: 23% Improved, 41% Stayed the same, 34% Worsened, 2% Don't know/Refused
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Do you see political will for improvement of transparency in the municipal administration?

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- Dobrich: 21% Yes, 69% No, 10% Don't know/Refused
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- Plovdiv: 16% Yes, 74% No, 10% Don't know/Refused
Are you satisfied with the level of digital services offered by your municipality?

- **Plovdiv**: 44% Yes, 22% No, 28% I have no need for digital services, 6% Don’t know/Refused
- **Dobrich**: 36% Yes, 12% No, 49% I have no need for digital services, 3% Don’t know/Refused
- **Vidin**: 23% Yes, 21% No, 52% I have no need for digital services, 4% Don’t know/Refused
- **Haskovo**: 14% Yes, 15% No, 61% I have no need for digital services, 10% Don’t know/Refused
- **Gabrovo**: 13% Yes, 28% No, 58% I have no need for digital services, 1% Don’t know/Refused
Are the media in your municipality free to independently cover any issue or not?

- **Vidin**: 27% Very free, 40% Somewhat free, 25% Somewhat not free, 4% Very not free, 4% Don’t know/Refused
- **Gabrovo**: 8% Very free, 45% Somewhat free, 31% Somewhat not free, 14% Very not free, 2% Don’t know/Refused
- **Dobrich**: 3% Very free, 46% Somewhat free, 36% Somewhat not free, 7% Very not free, 8% Don’t know/Refused
- **Plovdiv**: 8% Very free, 33% Somewhat free, 37% Somewhat not free, 16% Very not free, 6% Don’t know/Refused
- **Haskovo**: 2% Very free, 19% Somewhat free, 53% Somewhat not free, 17% Very not free, 9% Don’t know/Refused
Do you perceive local media as critical or not critical of the municipal administration and the council?

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Demographics
How does your household financial situation compare to the average household in Gabrovo municipality?
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**Gender**
- Men: 46%
- Women: 54%

**Age**
- Age 18-35: 28%
- Age 36-55: 33%
- Age 56+: 39%

**Urbanicity**
- Urban: 100%
- Rural: 1%

**Educational Attainment**
- Complete primary school or no formal education: 66%
- Complete lower secondary school: 26%
- Complete upper secondary school: 2%  
- Complete higher education: 48%

**How does your household financial situation compare to the average household in Plovdiv municipality?**
- My household is much worse off: 2%
- My household is somewhat worse off: 27%
- My household is about average: 48%
- My household is somewhat better off: 17%
- My household is much better off: 4%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%
### Demographics

#### Gender
- Men: 47%
- Women: 53%

#### Age
- Age 18-35: 18%
- Age 36-55: 34%
- Age 56+: 48%

#### Urbanicity
- Urban: 77%
- Rural: 23%

#### Educational Attainment
- Complete primary school or no formal education: 8%
- Complete lower secondary school: 63%
- Complete upper secondary school: 29%
- Complete higher education: 2%

#### Household Financial Situation
- My household is much worse off: 2%
- My household is somewhat worse off: 11%
- My household is about average: 51%
- My household is somewhat better off: 33%
- My household is much better off: 3%
- Don't know/Refused: <1%

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**How does your household financial situation compare to the average household in Vidin municipality?**