

# Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index 2007

## Corruption Perceptions Index

The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is developed by Transparency International and it was published for the first time as an annual index in 1995.

In 2007 the CPI ranks 180 states in the public sphere. It is a composite index, drawing on 14 different polls and surveys from 12 independent institutions carried out among business people and country analysts, including surveys of residents, both local and expatriate. The CPI focuses on corruption in the public sector and defines corruption as abuse of public office for private gain. The surveys used in compiling the CPI tend to ask questions in line with the misuse of public power for private benefit, with a focus, for example, on bribetaking by public officials in public procurement. The sources do not distinguish between administrative and political corruption.

The CPI is a valuable tool, because it is derived from 14 different surveys that garner the perceptions of both residents and expatriates, both business people, academia and risk analysts. The index provides a snapshot of the view of the decision-makers, who take key decisions on investment and trade. The CPI builds public awareness of the corruption issue and it draws the attention of governments to the negative image of their nation that low rankings in the CPI reflect, adding another reason for them to address the problem.

## Corruption Perceptions Index '2007

In 2007, the TI Corruption Perception Index investigates the level of corruption in 180 countries. Since its creation in 1995, the research includes an increasing number of countries and this year's Index is the largest one. The Corruption Perception Index for 2007 is based on 14 surveys conducted by 12 independent institutions between 2006 and 2007 and offered to Transparency International.

Data for the CPI has been provided to TI free of charge, on a non-disclosure basis. The institutions that provided data for the 2007 CPI are: Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, Bertelsmann Foundation, World Bank (IDA and IBRD), Economist Intelligence Unit, Freedom House, Global Insight, IMD International, Merchant International Group, Political & Economic Risk Consultancy, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, World Economic Forum.

## CPI and Bulgaria

Bulgaria was ranked in the TI CPI for the first time in 1998 with a score of 2.9 points. For the period from 1998 to 2002 the surveys show a slow but steady increase in its value: 3.3 points for 1999, 3.5 points for 2000, 3.7 for 2001 and 4.0 for 2002. This year the index of Bulgaria is 4.1 which ranks the country at the 64th position. Between 2002 and 2007 the average score of Bulgaria is 4 with an insignificant fluctuation.

1999 – 3.3

2000 – 3.5

2001 – 3.7

2002 – 4.0

2003 – 3.9

2004 – 4.1

2005 – 4.0

2006 – 4.0

**2007 – 4.1**

### 8 sources have been used in defining the position of Bulgaria in 2007:

Bertelsmann Transformation Index (2007), The Economist Intelligence Unit Report (2007), the "Nations in Transit" Report (2007) by Freedom House, Global Insights (2007), the World Competitiveness Report by the Institute for Management Development (2006 & 2007), the Merchant International Group Survey (2007), World Economic Forum (2006).

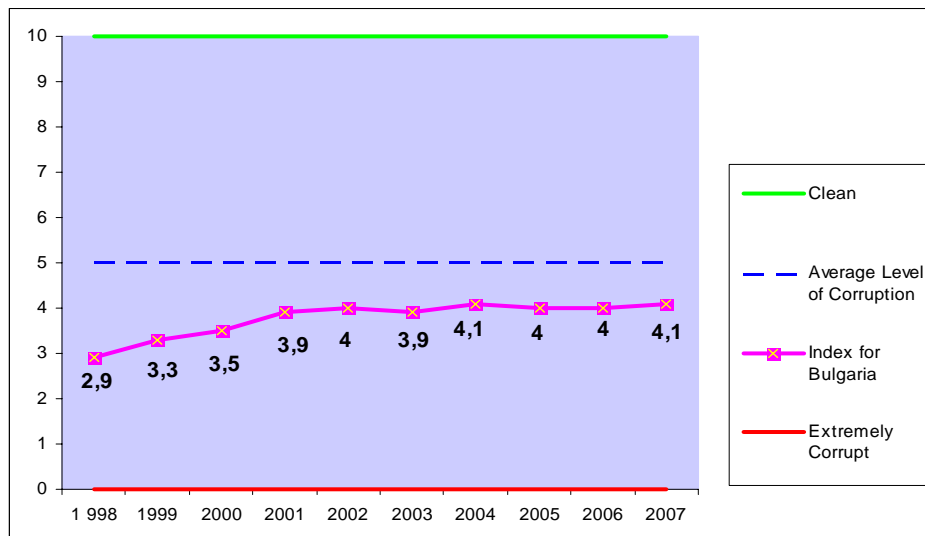
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Country Rank	Country/territory	2007 CPI Score*	Confidence Range**	Surveys Used***
1	Denmark	9,4	9.2 - 9.6	6
	Finland	9,4	9.2 - 9.6	6
	New Zealand	9,4	9.2 - 9.6	6
4	Singapore	9,3	9.0 - 9.5	9
	Sweden	9,3	9.1 - 9.4	6
6	Iceland	9,2	8.3 - 9.6	6
7	Netherlands	9,0	8.8 - 9.2	6
	Switzerland	9,0	8.8 - 9.2	6
9	Canada	8,7	8.3 - 9.1	6
	Norway	8,7	8.0 - 9.2	6
11	Australia	8,6	8.1 - 9.0	8
12	Luxembourg	8,4	7.7 - 8.7	5
	United Kingdom	8,4	7.9 - 8.9	6
14	Hong Kong	8,3	7.6 - 8.8	8
15	Austria	8,1	7.5 - 8.7	6
16	Germany	7,8	7.3 - 8.4	6
17	Ireland	7,5	7.3 - 7.7	6
17	Japan	7,5	7.1 - 8.0	8
19	France	7,3	6.9 - 7.8	6
20	USA	7,2	6.5 - 7.6	8
21	Belgium	7,1	7.1 - 7.1	6
22	Chile	7,0	6.5 - 7.4	7
23	Barbados	6,9	6.6 - 7.1	4
24	Saint Lucia	6,8	6.1 - 7.1	3
25	Spain	6,7	6.2 - 7.0	6
	Uruguay	6,7	6.4 - 7.0	5
27	Slovenia	6,6	6.1 - 6.9	8
28	Estonia	6,5	6.0 - 7.0	8
	Portugal	6,5	5.8 - 7.2	6
30	Israel	6,1	5.6 - 6.7	6
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	6,1	4.0 - 7.1	3
32	Qatar	6,0	5.4 - 6.4	4
33	Malta	5,8	5.3 - 6.2	4
34	Macao	5,7	4.7 - 6.4	4
	Taiwan	5,7	5.4 - 6.1	9
	United Arab Emirates	5,7	4.8 - 6.5	5
37	Dominica	5,6	4.0 - 6.1	3
38	Botswana	5,4	4.8 - 6.1	7
39	Cyprus	5,3	5.1 - 5.5	3
	Hungary	5,3	4.9 - 5.5	8
41	Czech Republic	5,2	4.9 - 5.8	8
	Italy	5,2	4.7 - 5.7	6
43	Malaysia	5,1	4.5 - 5.7	9
	South Africa	5,1	4.9 - 5.5	9
	South Korea	5,1	4.7 - 5.5	9
46	Bahrain	5,0	4.2 - 5.7	5
	Bhutan	5,0	4.1 - 5.7	5
	Costa Rica	5,0	4.7 - 5.3	5
49	Cape Verde	4,9	3.4 - 5.5	3
	Slovakia	4,9	4.5 - 5.2	8
51	Latvia	4,8	4.4 - 5.1	6
	Lithuania	4,8	4.4 - 5.3	7
53	Jordan	4,7	3.8 - 5.6	7
	Mauritius	4,7	4.1 - 5.7	6
53	Oman	4,7	3.9 - 5.3	4
56	Greece	4,6	4.3 - 5.0	6
57	Namibia	4,5	3.9 - 5.2	7
	Samoa	4,5	3.4 - 5.5	3
	Seychelles	4,5	2.9 - 5.7	4
60	Kuwait	4,3	3.3 - 5.1	5
61	Cuba	4,2	3.5 - 4.7	4
	Poland	4,2	3.6 - 4.9	8

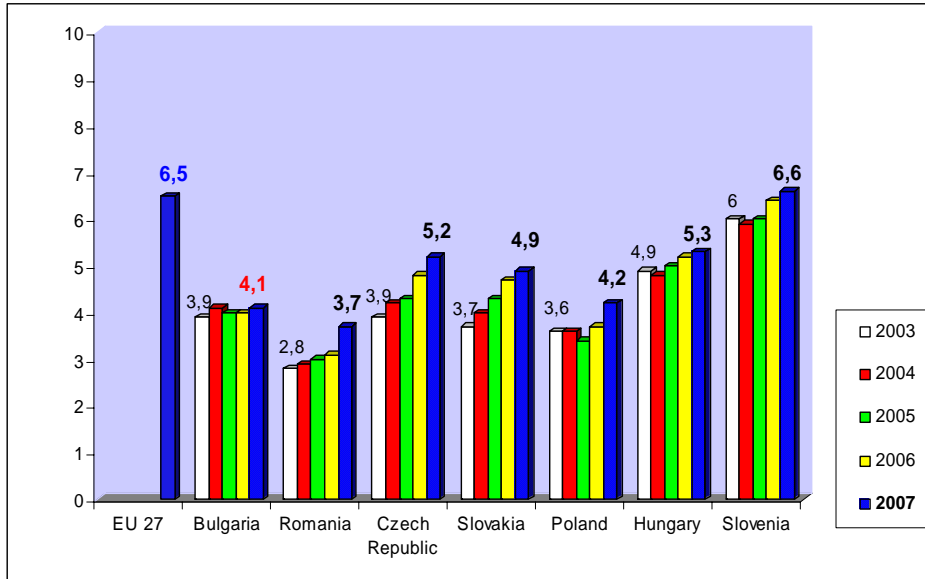
	Tunisia	4,2	3,4 - 4,8	6
64	Bulgaria	4,1	3,6 - 4,8	8
	Croatia	4,1	3,6 - 4,5	8
	Turkey	4,1	3,8 - 4,5	7
	El Salvador	4,0	3,2 - 4,6	5
68	Colombia	3,8	3,4 - 4,3	7
69	Ghana	3,7	3,5 - 3,9	7
	Romania	3,7	3,4 - 4,1	8
71	Senegal	3,6	3,2 - 4,2	7
72	Brazil	3,5	3,2 - 4,0	7
	China	3,5	3,0 - 4,2	9
	India	3,5	3,3 - 3,7	10
	Mexico	3,5	3,3 - 3,8	7
	Morocco	3,5	3,0 - 4,2	7
	Peru	3,5	3,4 - 3,7	5
	Suriname	3,5	3,0 - 3,9	4
79	Georgia	3,4	2,9 - 4,3	6
	Grenada	3,4	2,0 - 4,1	3
	Saudi Arabia	3,4	2,7 - 3,9	4
	Serbia	3,4	3,0 - 4,0	6
	Trinidad and Tobago	3,4	2,7 - 3,9	4
84	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,3	2,9 - 3,7	7
	Gabon	3,3	3,0 - 3,5	5
	Jamaica	3,3	3,1 - 3,4	5
	Kiribati	3,3	2,4 - 3,9	3
	Lesotho	3,3	3,1 - 3,5	6
	Macedonia	3,3	2,9 - 3,8	6
	Maldives	3,3	2,3 - 4,3	4
	Montenegro	3,3	2,4 - 4,0	4
	Swaziland	3,3	2,6 - 4,2	5
	Thailand	3,3	2,9 - 3,7	9
94	Madagascar	3,2	2,5 - 3,9	7
	Panama	3,2	2,8 - 3,4	5
	Sri Lanka	3,2	2,9 - 3,5	7
	Tanzania	3,2	2,9 - 3,4	8
98	Vanuatu	3,1	2,4 - 3,7	3
99	Algeria	3,0	2,7 - 3,2	6
	Armenia	3,0	2,8 - 3,2	7
	Belize	3,0	2,0 - 3,7	3
	Dominican Republic	3,0	2,8 - 3,3	5
	Lebanon	3,0	2,2 - 3,6	4
	Mongolia	3,0	2,6 - 3,3	6
105	Albania	2,9	2,6 - 3,1	6
	Argentina	2,9	2,6 - 3,2	7
	Bolivia	2,9	2,7 - 3,2	6
	Burkina Faso	2,9	2,6 - 3,4	7
	Djibouti	2,9	2,2 - 3,4	3
	Eritrea	2,8	2,1 - 3,5	5
111	Guatemala	2,8	2,4 - 3,2	5
	Moldova	2,8	2,5 - 3,3	7
	Mozambique	2,8	2,5 - 3,1	8
	Rwanda	2,8	2,3 - 3,3	5
	Solomon Islands	2,8	2,4 - 3,1	3
	Uganda	2,8	2,5 - 3,0	8
118	Benin	2,7	2,3 - 3,2	7
	Malawi	2,7	2,4 - 3,0	8
	Mali	2,7	2,4 - 3,0	8
	Sao Tome and Principe	2,7	2,4 - 3,0	3
	Ukraine	2,7	2,4 - 3,0	7
123	Comoros	2,6	2,2 - 3,0	3
	Guyana	2,6	2,3 - 2,7	4
	Mauritania	2,6	2,0 - 3,3	6
	Nicaragua	2,6	2,3 - 2,7	6
	Niger	2,6	2,3 - 2,9	7
	Timor-Leste	2,6	2,5 - 2,6	3
	Viet Nam	2,6	2,4 - 2,9	9
131	Zambia	2,6	2,3 - 2,9	8
	Burundi	2,5	2,0 - 3,0	7
	Honduras	2,5	2,3 - 2,6	6
	Iran	2,5	2,0 - 3,0	4
	Libya	2,5	2,1 - 2,6	4
	Nepal	2,5	2,3 - 2,7	7

138	Philippines	2,5	2.3 - 2.7	9
	Yemen	2,5	2.1 - 3.0	5
	Cameroon	2,4	2.1 - 2.7	8
	Ethiopia	2,4	2.1 - 2.7	8
	Pakistan	2,4	2.0 - 2.8	7
	Paraguay	2,4	2.1 - 2.6	5
143	Syria	2,4	1.7 - 2.9	4
	Gambia	2,3	2.0 - 2.6	6
	Indonesia	2,3	2.1 - 2.4	11
	Russia	2,3	2.1 - 2.6	8
147	Togo	2,3	1.9 - 2.8	5
	Angola	2,2	1.8 - 2.4	7
	Guinea-Bissau	2,2	2.0 - 2.3	3
150	Nigeria	2,2	2.0 - 2.4	8
	Azerbaijan	2,1	1.9 - 2.3	8
	Belarus	2,1	1.7 - 2.6	5
	Congo, Republic	2,1	2.0 - 2.2	6
	Côte d'Ivoire	2,1	1.7 - 2.6	6
	Ecuador	2,1	2.0 - 2.3	5
	Kazakhstan	2,1	1.7 - 2.5	6
	Kenya	2,1	1.9 - 2.3	8
	Kyrgyzstan	2,1	2.0 - 2.2	7
	Liberia	2,1	1.8 - 2.4	4
	Sierra Leone	2,1	2.0 - 2.2	5
	Tajikistan	2,1	1.9 - 2.3	8
162	Zimbabwe	2,1	1.8 - 2.4	8
	Bangladesh	2,0	1.8 - 2.3	7
	Cambodia	2,0	1.8 - 2.1	7
162	Central African Republic	2,0	1.8 - 2.3	5
	Papua New Guinea	2,0	1.7 - 2.3	6
	Turkmenistan	2,0	1.8 - 2.3	5
168	Venezuela	2,0	1.9 - 2.1	7
	Congo, Democratic Republic	1,9	1.8 - 2.1	6
	Equatorial Guinea	1,9	1.7 - 2.0	4
	Guinea	1,9	1.4 - 2.6	6
172	Laos	1,9	1.7 - 2.2	6
	Afghanistan	1,8	1.4 - 2.0	4
	Chad	1,8	1.7 - 1.9	7
	Sudan	1,8	1.6 - 1.9	6
175	Tonga	1,7	1.5 - 1.8	3
	Uzbekistan	1,7	1.6 - 1.9	7
177	Haiti	1,6	1.3 - 1.8	4
178	Iraq	1,5	1.3 - 1.7	4
179	Myanmar	1,4	1.1 - 1.7	4
	Somalia	1,4	1.1 - 1.7	4

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Bulgaria 1998 – 2007**



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Trends in Some Central and Eastern European Countries



**2007 CPI Regional Results: EU and Other Western European Countries**

The data shows that the **Nordic countries** dominate the rank list again. The values of CPI for these countries in the ten years since its start demonstrate professionalism and transparency in the work of the public administration combined with stable civil society and active civil culture. The first place in the European ranking is occupied by **Denmark** and **Finland** (CPI 9.4). Another four countries – **Sweden**, **Iceland**, the **Netherlands** and **Switzerland** have values of CPI above 9 or above (9.3, 9.2, 9 and 9 respectively).

The overall mean CPI value for the EU member states is 6.5. In comparison to 2006, there is a slight degradation of the index values for the overall mean, as well as, for a number of European states. The index value of **Malta** decreased most (from 6.4 in 2006 to 5.8 in 2007), followed by **Cyprus** (from 5.6 in 2006 to 5.3 in 2007). Among the Central and Eastern European States, **Slovenia**, **Estonia**, **Hungary** and the **Czech Republic** have the highest values of the index. **Czech Republic** shows the greater improvement in the region (from 4.3 in 2006 to 5.3 in 2007). **Romania** shows improvement as well (from 3.1 in 2006 to 3.7 in 2007).

