Bulgaria & Costa Rica

−7

Distant

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

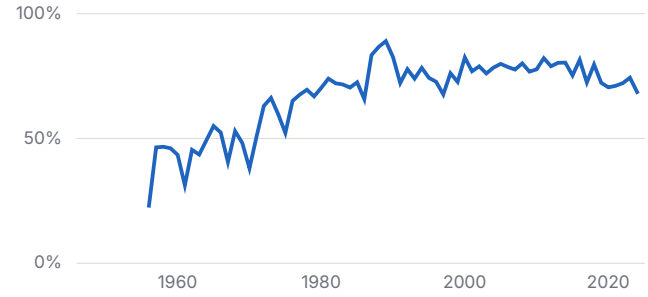
UN votes	−20
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

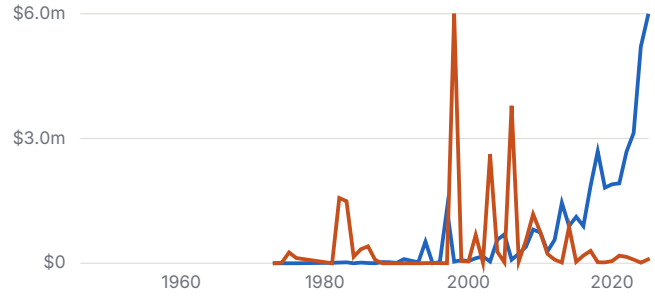
- At the UN their vote agreement is 72% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($4.8 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- 103 people born in Bulgaria live in Costa Rica (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Bulgaria sells to Costa Rica Costa Rica sells to Bulgaria

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (90% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (47%), against 74% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	74% (1449 votes)
Disarmament	65% (169 votes)
Middle East	90% (192 votes)
Human rights	64% (249 votes)
Colonialism	85% (98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	47% (193 votes)
Economic development	78% (95 votes)

Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Bulgaria and Costa Rica was 72% in 2022–2024. For Bulgaria, Costa Rica is the 63rd closest voting partner out of 191; for Costa Rica, Bulgaria is the 25th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $4.8 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Bulgaria's trade and less than 0.1% of Costa Rica's.
Words	Since 1946, Bulgaria has named Costa Rica in 0 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Costa Rica has named Bulgaria in 2.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	103 people born in Bulgaria live in Costa Rica and 11 born in Costa Rica live in Bulgaria (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	270 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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