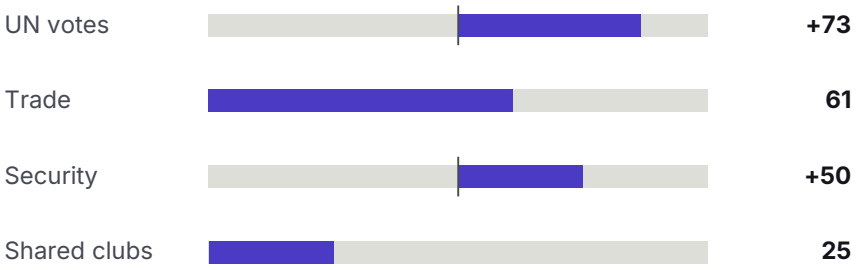
Bulgaria & France

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Very close

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

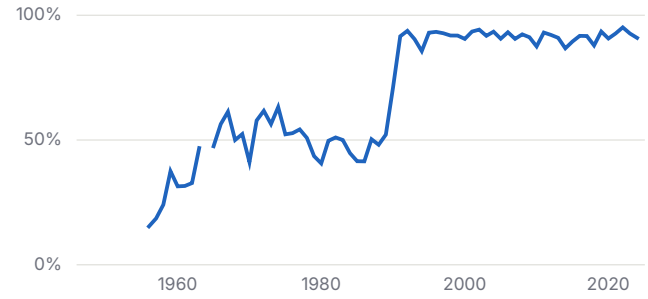


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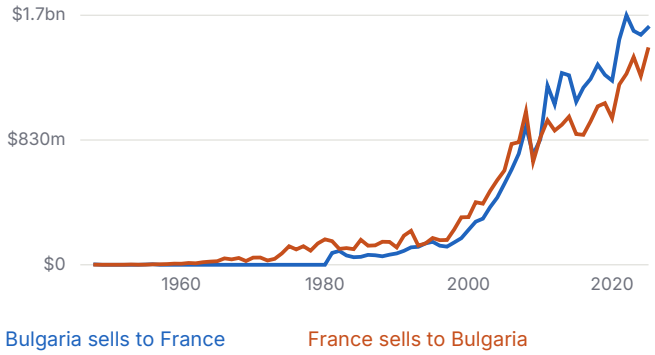
- They are military allies in NATO, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 93% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($2.9 billion a year) is modest for Bulgaria, much less so for France.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Bulgaria names France far more often than the reverse (16 sentences against 2).
- 36,000 people born in Bulgaria live in France (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

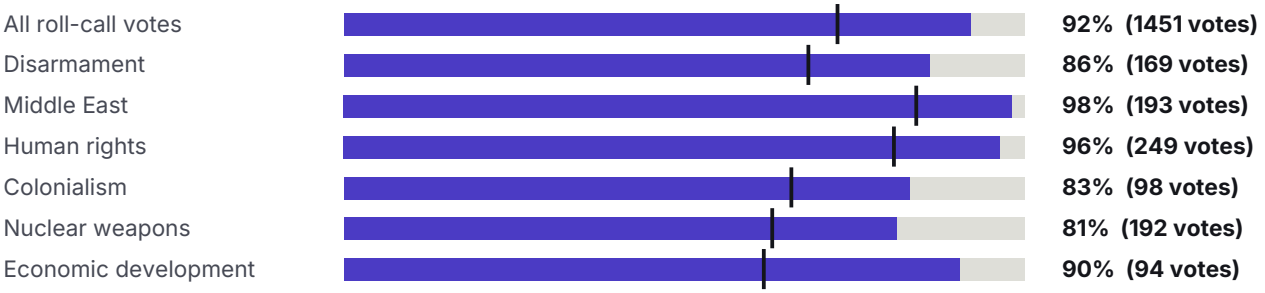


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (98% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (81%), against 92% on all votes since 2010.



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 France was 93% in 2022–2024. For Bulgaria, France is the 31st closest voting partner out of 191; for France, Bulgaria is the 22nd closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $2.9 billion a year in 2023–2025: 2.9% of all Bulgaria's trade and 0.2% of France's. France is Bulgaria's 9th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Bulgaria has named France in 16 sentences of its General Debate speeches; France has named Bulgaria in 2.
Security	Both are NATO members, and no armed conflict between them is recorded.
People	36,000 people born in Bulgaria live in France and 4,200 born in France live in Bulgaria (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 22 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	272 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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