

Euro introduction in Bulgaria

How can EY help you with the transition?





Facts

- Bulgaria has established a clear route towards joining the Eurozone through the Treaty on the Accession of Bulgaria to the European Union. By endorsing this treaty, Bulgaria has pledged to embrace the Euro as its official currency once it fulfills all the required Maastricht criteria.
- Bulgaria is currently in the last phase of the process before the introduction of Euro as a part of its long-term goal to join the Eurozone.
- The official decision on the date of implementation has not yet been made, although the current target is to enter the Eurozone by 1 January 2025, with a probability that Euro may be introduced as a parallel currency for an initial period.



Challenges

- The impending transition to Euro presents a unique set of challenges for businesses which need to quickly adapt and conform with the new requirements concerning the introduction of a new currency.
- To avoid disruptions and potential errors, it is essential that all businesses begin adjusting their systems and procedures in a timely manner, as the introduction of a new currency will impact various aspects of their operations, including but not limited to pricing, accounting, reporting compliance, customer relations, invoicing, payment processes and other.



EY support in the process

EY team organizes dedicated preparatory Euro adoption workshops during which EY professionals share their insights with respect to regulatory compliance including tax, reporting and maintaining business books.

Our team features experts from both EY Croatia and EY Bulgaria. Experts from EY Croatia share their recent experience and challenges with Euro adoption, so that you know what to expect and how to prepare for the transition, while experts from EY Bulgaria support with insight from the local perspective.





We will address:

- Dual pricing period
- Accounting records key aspects of the transition from BGN to EUR from ERP systems perspective
- Statutory financial statements key disclosures
- Tax and payroll returns reporting specifics cut off, first period of euro reporting, etc.
- Payroll specifics during dual currency period
- Legal implications on bank loans and other external financing changes of the financial covenants, collaterals, issued bank guarantees, letters of credit, etc.
- Legal and commercial implications on client contracts and relations changes of payment terms, clauses on contractual damages, liability caps. etc.
- Corporate law implications changes of the registered share capital and incorporation documents of the companies, shareholders' percentage participation and ensuing disbursements, allotments or other considerations, registration of the changes in the Commercial Register, etc.
- Labour law and HR implications changes to the Internal Labour Rules, Internal Salary Rules, Incentive Schemes, individual labour agreements, etc.
- Consumer protection implications price tags, disclosure of information to consumers, etc.
- Other tax and legal challenges.



Benefits of working with EY

Due to our globally integrated network of professionals, EY brings to you knowledge and experience from other countries and jurisdictions. The involvement of professionals from EY Croatia to the team of experts would benefit you with insights and lessons learned through their work with clients from various industries in the recent introduction of Euro in the Republic of Croatia.

By working with EY you will be better positioned in terms of expectations and preparation for the Euro transition and implementation period.



Forms of cooperations and fees

Our budget is EUR 1,950 per workshop (without VAT).

Included is a 2-hour workshop in English that can be attended by all relevant members of your team. Follow up questions can be addressed to us within three months from the workshop, and will be responded free of charge assuming up to 2 additional professional hours.