



SURVEY ON MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ARCHIVES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

(Please, if you need more space for comments, add supplementary sheets)

Country: Republic of Bulgaria

Name of institution: Archives State Agency

Parent institution: Council of Ministers

(Is your institution part of the Ministry of Culture or of another Ministry, or is under the authority of the Prime Minister, etc.?)

1) Do the following bodies transfer their archives to the National Archives or do they run their own independent historical archives (or neither)? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	They transfer their archives to the NA	They run their own independent historical archives	They do not make their archives available to researchers
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	No	Not available
Ministry of Defence	Yes	No	Not available
<u>Intelligence Agencies:</u>			
National Intelligence Service	Yes	No	Not available
Defence Information Service	Yes	No	Not available
State Agency for National Security	Yes	No	Not available

Comments: The enlisted institutions transfer records to the National Archives only after declassification.



2) In case such bodies run their own independent historical archives, are they staffed with professional archivists? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		
Ministry of Defence		
<u>Intelligence agencies:</u>		

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3) In case intelligence and/or military archives are transferred to the National archives, are such archives transferred only after declassification or do the National Archives receive and preserve classified information (top secret, secret, etc.)?

	YES	NO
Archives including classified records are transferred only after declassification	Yes	
The National Archives receive and preserve classified information		No

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4) After how many years are the archives the following bodies supposed to be transferred to the National Archives or other archival institution?

	Number of years	The rule is actually enforced (YES / NO)
Army, Navy, Air Force		
Ministry of Defence		
<u>Intelligence agencies</u>		
National Intelligence Service		
Defence Information Service		
State Agency for National Security		

Comments: The general term to transfer historical valuable archives to the National Archives is 20 years and only after the records declassification

5) As far as selection and transfer of archives is concern, do military bodies and intelligence services have to follow guidelines issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
Intelligence agencies	Yes	

Comments:.....
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6) Do archivists from the National Archives participate in the decisions regarding the selection and transfer of military archives and of the archives of the intelligence agencies?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
Intelligence agencies	Yes	

Comments:.....
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7) According to the ICA Principles of Access to Archives, art. 9, "Archivists have access to all closed archives and perform necessary archival work on them". Is this principle enforced in your country, as far as military archives and the archives of intelligence agencies are concerned?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
Intelligence agencies	Yes	

Comments: A certificate, issued by the relevant intelligence service is given to the archivists to have access to classified documents.

8) Are there archivists from the National Archives who have security clearances (i.e. who can access classified information)?

YES	Yes
NO	

Comments:.....
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9) As far as the management of records and archives are concerned, do military corps and intelligence agencies have to follow guidelines and directives issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	Yes	
Ministry of Defence	Yes	
Intelligence agencies	Yes	

Comments: the military corps and the intelligence agencies issue their own directives and guidelines prepared in accordance with the National Archives.

10) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified national security information after a given number of years?

YES	
NO	No

Comments: the terms of record declassification is provided under the national legislation framework.

11) In case you answered YES to question no. 10, after how many years?

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12) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information regarding national defence (for example, information on weapons of mass destruction) after a given number of years? In case, after how many years?



YES	
NO	No

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13) In case you answered YES to question no. 12, after how many years?

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14) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information originating from a foreign government (or from a foreign intelligence agency, foreign police authority, etc.) after a given number of years? Or is such kind of information declassified only after consulting with the originating country?

	YES	NO
Classified information originating from a foreign government is declassified only with the agreement of the foreign government	Yes	
Classified information originating from a foreign government is automatically declassified after a given number of years, like other classified information		No

Comments: Classified information originating from a foreign government is declassified only with the agreement of the foreign government, and this issue is regulated under the bilateral agreements.

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15) Does your national legislation provide for special rules regarding the declassification of classified information originating from the NATO?

YES	
NO	No

Comments:.....
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16) Are information originating from the NATO declassified after a given number of years or are decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents left to NATO itself?

	YES	NO
Information originating from the NATO are declassified after a given number of years		No
Decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents are left to NATO itself	Yes	

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