

**Mila Bogdanova from Sofia in Bulgaria presents the attitude of three different parties towards the nuclear energy. The parties are “The Green”, “Citizens for European development of Bulgaria political Party and the Bulgarian Socialistic Party”. She also introduces to us three Ecological Organizations. Finally we get information about the Bulgarian Atomic Forum (BULATOM), a non-governmental organization.**

The main aspect of the discussions about nuclear energy in Bulgaria is in reference to the project for building a new Nuclear Power Plant in Bulgaria, the so called Project NPP Belene.

1. In May 2008 a new **political party** was created under the name **“The green”**. Their main aim is to reduce step by step and at the end to seize at all the usage of nuclear energy in Bulgaria. They are firmly against the building of NPP Belene. They support the green idea and their program is called **“2050: Bulgaria – a country without nuclear energy”**.
2. **Ecological organizations** in Bulgaria took part when the party of the green was created. They are as follows:
  1. **The Bulgarian fond Biodiversity**
  2. **The association for wild nature in Bulgaria “The Balkans”**
  3. **A campaign for saving the Bulgarian nature**They also agree that nuclear energy is too dangerous both for people and the nature so they are against it.
3. **“Citizens for European development of Bulgaria political party”** is the political party that governs Bulgaria today.

They consider nuclear energy to be very important for Bulgarian progress and development. They are for the building of NPP Belene because this project will give Bulgaria independence in its energy supply. Nuclear energy answers nowadays challenges and requirements. (**Vladimir Uruchev, euro depute from Bulgaria**).

Just a week ago the **Bulgarian prime-minister** said that Bulgaria has to make a choice: “NPP Belene or bankruptcy. Bulgarian economic is going to collapse in 10-15 years if we don’t start building NPP Belene today”.

4. Also a few days ago a **political party** in opposition - **Bulgarian socialistic party** – asked for a referendum about NPP Belene. Bulgarians should make the decision that affects everyone in the country together. They consider NPP Belene to be of significant importance for Bulgaria so they insist that people must be asked for their opinion. This party focuses on the benefits for the consumers if NPP Belene is build. This NPP is a strategic decision in the sphere of energy and it is also a possibility for the government to handle the stagnation in the geographical region where the building is planned to be.
5. **Bulgarian atomic forum (BULATOM) non-governmental organization** is formed to protect Bulgarian nuclear industry interests. It exists since 2001 and it is a member of the European Atomic Forum.