

**NATION REPORT BULGARIA**  
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The Human Resources Management Directorate at the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense is responsible for the foreign language training of the military and civilian personnel. There are two separate sections at this Directorate, within the Education and Training Department, dealing with English – one that manages the English language training and the other that develops and administers the English language NATO STANAG 6001 tests.

Language interoperability is a major prerequisite for Bulgarian military and civilian personnel to perform their duties at home and abroad. That is why excellent English language competence has become the focus of the foreign language training at the Bulgarian military educational institutions. The cadets at the National Military University and the Naval Academy have about 700 lessons of English during their course of study. The officers, studying at the National Defense Academy, have about 450 English language lessons. At the same time, throughout the country the following courses have been organized:

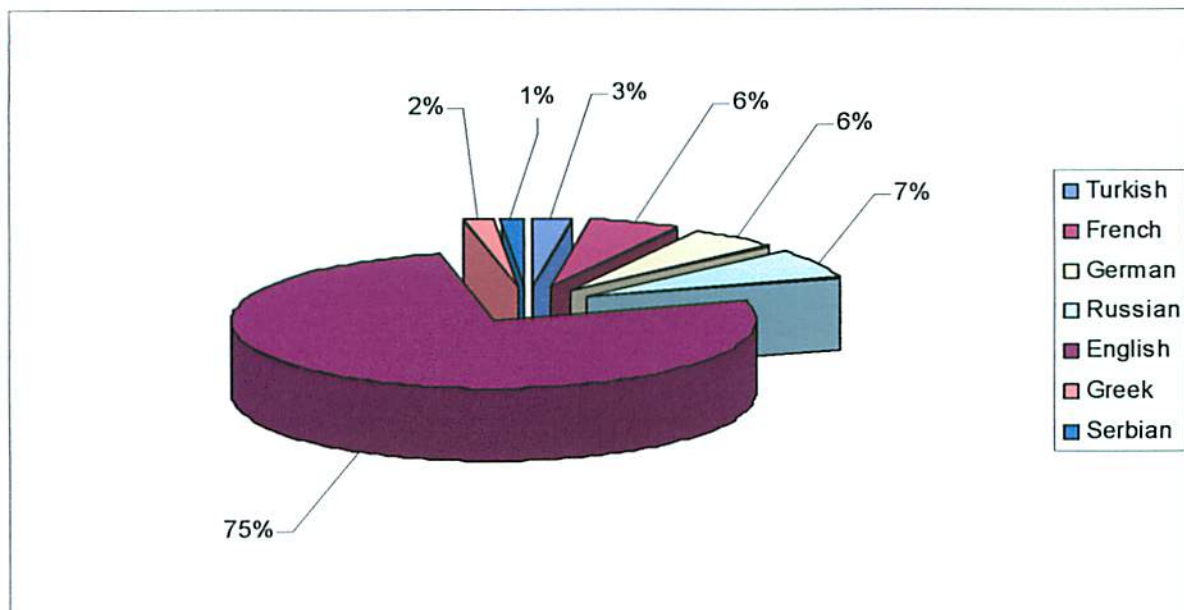
<b>Course</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Level 1	18	12	149
Level 2	18	11	118 (11 foreigners)
Level 3	15	9	123 (8 foreigners)
Level 4	12	6	56 (7 foreigners)
Module 1 Refresher	4	1	13
Tactical English	2	2	29 (7 foreigners)
English for Staff Officers	8	1	6
Aviation English	4	1	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>500 (33 foreigners)</b>

More than half of the groups have been taught at the newly established Language and Information Technology Training Center in the town of Shoumen, which is currently undergoing a procedure to be certified as a NATO Language Training Center on the initiative “Partnership for Peace”. Last year officers from different countries participating in the NATO Program and the Initiative “Clearinghouse” for South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus region and Moldova were trained in our country.

In the period June 2009 – June 2010 the English Language Tests Development and Administration Section developed 6 test versions for the reading

and listening parts of the English language NATO STANAG 6001 exam, as well as 24 versions for the writing part of the exam. About 1000 people sat for the exam and 781 of them passed the exam successfully. 405 (more than 50%) of the certificates are for Level 2 and above.

In our military educational institutions French, German, Greek, Serbian, Serbo-Croatian, Romanian, Russian, and Turkish are taught, too. In the chart below, you can see the distribution of the valid 4612 NATO STANAG 6001 certificates.



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