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## Bulgaria is the partner country of the Green Week 2018

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Bulgaria is the partner country of the International Green Week 2018. A corresponding agreement was signed by Desislava Taneva, the former Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture and Food, and Dr. Christian Göke, CEO of Messe Berlin GmbH. Also present at the ceremony, which took place at this year's International Green Week, were the two former deputy ministers of the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Vassil Groudev and Dr. Georgi Kostov. Bulgaria will hold the presidency of the EU Council in the first half of 2018. Bulgaria has been represented on a combined stand at the Green Week since 1988 and next year will display foodstuffs and luxury foods from every local region. The Green Week Berlin 2018 will take place from 19 to 28 January.

**Bulgaria's former Minister of Agriculture Desislava Taneva:** "For Bulgaria the Green Week represents a very important trade fair for showing our high-quality food and farming products. Among our exhibits will be rose and lavender oil, from a market in which we are world leaders. Other important items include fruit and vegetables and meat products. Germany is a strategic partner of the Bulgarian food industry. German engineering, technology and standards are also used in the manufacturing of our products."

**Dr Christian Göke, CEO of Messe Berlin GmbH:** "With Bulgaria we will be welcoming a highly valued regular visitor as our partner country next year. The Green Week is an invaluable business platform for marketing a partner country's foodstuffs and luxury foods. This is where producers are able to meet all the main trading partners. The strong presence of the media guarantees widespread attention, from which Bulgaria's food and farming industries will benefit long after the Green Week has ended."

Germany is one of Bulgaria's most important trading partners in the agricultural sector. In recent years farming products have accounted for around seven to eight per cent of total exports. In 2015 agricultural trade between Bulgaria and Germany amounted to 503.9 million euros, one per cent more than in 2014. Compared to last year Bulgarian agricultural exports to Germany rose by 0.8 per cent, reaching 209.6 million euros, while imports rose by 1.2 per cent to 294.3 million euros.

The main farming products marketed by Bulgaria in Germany are sunflowers, processed fruit, followed by baking products and cake, honey, cheese, as well as plants, seeds and fruits used in perfume making and medicine. The items which Bulgaria traditionally imports from Germany are chocolate and pork, followed by cheese, condensed milk, cream, butter, tobacco, coffee, as well as cakes, pastries and biscuits.

Captions

[Image I](#)

Bulgaria is the partner country of the International Green Week 2018. Desislava Taneva, the former Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture and Food, and Dr. Christian Göke, CEO of Messe Berlin GmbH, after the agreement was signed.

[Image II](#)



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(From left to right) Bulgaria is the partner country of the International Green Week 2018. Dr. Georgi Kostov and Vassil Groudev, the two former deputy ministers of the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Desislava Taneva, the former Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture and Food, Dr. Christian Göke, CEO of Messe Berlin, and Lars Jaeger, the project manager of the International Green Week Berlin, raise a glass to good cooperation and a successful partnership.

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