



**Rosen Plevneliev**  
**President of the Republic of Bulgaria**  
**2012 – 2017**

Rosen Plevneliev is the fourth democratically elected Bulgarian President.

Born on 14 May 1964. Graduated Technical University in Sofia, specializing computer science.

Until 2009 Plevneliev is a successful entrepreneur. Implemented more than 80 construction projects in Germany. Co-founder and CEO of large-scale international real estate projects in Bulgaria such as Business Park Sofia, Residential Park Sofia, Residential Park Lozen.

Plevneliev entered politics in 2009 serving as a minister of regional development and public works until 2011. He introduced a new approach in the management of European Union funds; started thousands of projects for the modernization of the Bulgarian regions; elaborated a new long-term strategy for highway and road construction; initiated national energy efficiency program.

Plevneliev was elected President of the Republic of Bulgaria in November 2011 and served as a Head of State for the period 2012-2017. His mandate was very difficult and demanding, during a time of an extraordinary instability in the region, Europe and around the world.

Plevneliev initiated the National Development Program Bulgaria 2020 and the Bulgaria 2030 debate. He set long-term national priorities such as innovations, e-government, e-voting, ambitious modernization program, connectivity, vocational education system, long-term public planning, energy efficiency, liberalization and diversification. He established and is the patron of the first innovation ecosystem and the first hi-tech park in Bulgaria and on the Balkans – Sofia Tech Park as well as of hi-tech industries such as Information and

Communication Technologies, Outsourcing and Automotive. Plevneliev received large international recognition and has been awarded the highest state orders and awards of twenty states.

Awarded the highest state order Grand Cross Special Class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Awarded the highest state order of the Republic of France – the Order of the Legion of Honor.

Awarded the highest Italian state order Knight Grand Cross with Collar of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

Awarded the highest state order of the Republic of Austria – the Grand Star of the Decoration for Services.

Awarded the highest state order of Hungary - "Grand Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit with Chain and Gold Star".

Awarded the highest state order of Brazil - the highest degree of the Order of the South Cruiser.

Awarded the highest state order of the Republic of Poland – the Order of the White Eagle.

Bearer of the highest state order of Romania – Order of the Star of Romania.

Bearer of the highest state order of Ukraine – "1st class of the "Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise" Order.

Bearer of the highest state order of Slovakia - the 1st Class of the Order of the White Double Cross of the Republic of Slovakia.

Bearer of the highest state order of the Republic of Greece – the Grand Cross of the Order of the Redeemer.

Bearer of the highest state order of Cyprus - Grand Collar of the Order of Makarios III.

Awarded Slovenia's highest state honor, the Order for Exceptional Merits.

Awarded with the highest state order of the Republic of Croatia, the Grand Order of King Tomislav with Sash and Great Morning Star.

Awarded the highest state order of Montenegro, Order of Montenegro with ribbon.

Awarded the highest state order of the Republic of Moldova, the Order of the Republic.

Awarded the highest state order of Malta, the Companion of Honors of Malta's National Order of Merit.

Awarded the highest state order of Albania - Medal of the National Flag.

Awarded the highest state order of Lower Austria – the Golden Commander's Cross with the Star of Honors for Services to the Federal Province of Lower Austria.

Awarded the Star to the Cross of St. Leopold order of the Klosterneuburg monastery in Austria.

Awarder the Imperial and Royal Order of Saint George (Habsburg-Lorraine).

Bearer of the Sao Paulo Order for contributions to the development of industry on an international scale.

Elected Politician of the Year in Bulgaria in 2011 and 2012.

He is bearer of the European personality of the year in Southeastern Europe award in 2015.

He was awarded as Person of the Year 2015 in Ukraine.

He was awarded Friend of Zion Award for 2017 as a great friend of Israel.

He was awarded IT Award for significant contribution to IT development by the Bulgarian Association of Information Technologies.

He was awarded the international Nizami Ganjavi Award on account of his contribution to intercultural understanding, tolerance and respect for the world's cultural diversity.

He was awarded the prestigious "ERI prix" Award of the Province of Lower Austria and the Danube University Krems for his contribution to preserving the diversity and equality of the regions on the path to united Europe.

Doctor Honoris Causa of the Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, Baku State University.

Board member of Nizami Ganjavi International Center in Baku.

Member of the Trilateral Commission.

Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations.

Distinguished Professor for the Emerging Markets Institute of Beijing Normal University.

Distinguished Professor of Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University

Member of the International Advisory Board of GLOBSEC.

Member of the Global Advisory Committee of the National Strategy Institute of Tsinghua University.

Member of the Ohrid Group which helps the Republic of Northern Macedonia to be integrated in the EU and NATO.

Honorary chairman of the Emerging Europe Alliance.

Partner for SEE of IMPROVATE – a global platform for improvement and innovation.