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Global Warming Challenge

A prize of £13m has been offered to any scientist who can find a way to save the planet. **DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA???** Virgin boss Sir Richard Branson has linked up with former US vice president Al Gore to launch the challenge to extract greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Sir Richard said: "We need everybody capable of discovering an answer to put their minds to it today." He said he had been influenced by James Lovelock, the main inventor of the Gaia Theory, which suggests that the world may already have crossed a "tipping point". "My wife Joan is a down-to-earth, practical Glaswegian," he said. "When I told her that Lovelock believed we may already be doomed, she responded by saying 'There are a lot of brilliant minds out there, surely one of them would be able to come up with a solution'. We have only our own ingenuity and we have no hope of a meaningful solution unless we find a way to work together", said Sir Richard. At the news conference in London, Mr Gore said the Earth had a "fever" which had to be taken seriously.

The 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome

On 25th March 1957, two treaties were signed in Rome that gave birth to the European Economic Community (EEC). Fifty years later, there is a lot to celebrate: peace and stability, freedom and democracy, prosperity, jobs and growth.

The [celebrations focus on youth](#): a [Youth Summit](#) will be held in Rome on 24 -25 March.

International Essay Competition 2007

All young people between 18 and 25 years of age, from any country of the world are invited to share their experience and ideas on fighting corruption. The essay should address the following questions: How does corruption affect your life? What can you do to fight the corruption that you face?

The deadline for sending the essays is 15 March 2007.

Full details of topics, length, format, rules, awards, criteria, and the application process are available at: <http://www.essaycompetition.org>

The authors of the best essays will be invited to participate in the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) that will take place in Bled, Slovenia, on May 17-18, 2007: [Click here for details](#)

The Essay Competition is co-organised by the [World Bank](#) and the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway](#), in partnership with [other organisations](#).

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Это будет «болгарский месяц»

(this is the Bulgarian month)

Every month the United Euro Bridge will issue a newsletter customised to a different European Country. If you like to contribute with the editing, email us admin@unitedeurobridge.org

Република България

In 1988 the population was 8,859,000 people, and in 2001 7,950,000. Now Bulgaria suffers a heavy demographic crisis. Do you want to know more? [Click here](#)

Did you know? Some more 'surprising' facts about Bulgaria

The Rila Cross, a wooden cross with 140 microscopic scenes from the Bible featuring more than 1,500 figurines, the largest of them no bigger than a grain of rice, was carved by a monk over a period of 12 years. **Lactobacillus Bulgaricus**, the bacterium that is responsible for giving Bulgarian yoghurt its unique flavour and consistency, can be found only in Bulgarian air.

The Voyager spacecraft, launched in the 1970s on a voyage to meet and communicate with other planets, carried a laser disc of ten songs believed to be representative of Earth. One of these songs was the Bulgarian tune Izlel e Deliu Haidutin from the Rhodopes region. The famous **Bulgarian rose-oil**, produced in the region of Kazanlak, is a component of French and of other world-famous perfumes.

The largest bay is the Bourgas bay at the Black Sea coast. It stretches 31km into the land. At its widest, it measures 41km, and its deepest point is 25m. **The only Bulgarian volcano**, long extinct, is Kozhukh (281m above sea level). It is not far from the southwestern town of Petrich. **Bulgaria has 3 national parks**, 10

natural parks, 90 reserves, 429 reservation areas and 350 natural landmarks. The best known and most popular of these are listed below. In the [European Union](#), Bulgaria is at second place (after [Spain](#)) by the number of the [UNESCO](#) Biosphere reserves, 16. The first nature reserve in the country was [Silkosia](#) in the [Strandzha](#) mountain, declared in [1931](#); followed by [Parangalitsa](#), [Rila](#) in [1933](#).

Bulgarian Folk Music Instruments

[Kaval](#), [gaida](#) and [gadoulka](#) are the most diffused Bulgarian folk musical instruments. Some of these instruments are used in the whole country, but others only in special regions. For example the most used musical instrument in Rhodopes is the mountain gaida named Rhodopian gaida too; in the region of Pirin - the different kind of tambouras; in southeast Thrace - kaval, gaida, gadoulka, tapan. [Balkanfolk](#)

And now for the palate...

Do you have any unique and exciting recipe that you would like to share with us? If so, please email it to: admin@unitedeurobridge.org

To impress all you friends try this delicious **Milk Banista!**

Ingredients: (Mlechna banitsa)

400g flour

9 eggs

3/2 milk

3/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup semolina

1 tbsp sunflower oil

1 tbsp vinegar

1 cup water

180g butter

confectioner's sugar

Prepare a medium-hard dough from the flour, 1 egg, oil, vinegar and water and roll into sheets (pre-made pastry sheets or filo dough may also be used). Place the sheets in a tray, basting each with melted butter. Bring the milk to boil, add the sugar, remaining butter and



semolina while stirring constantly, followed by the beaten eggs when cooled. Mix well and pour over the pastry sheets. Bake in a moderate oven. Cut in squares and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

Kashmir, Sofia (Bulgaria). And now more [Delicious Bulgaria](#)

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