

# Doing architecture in Bulgaria

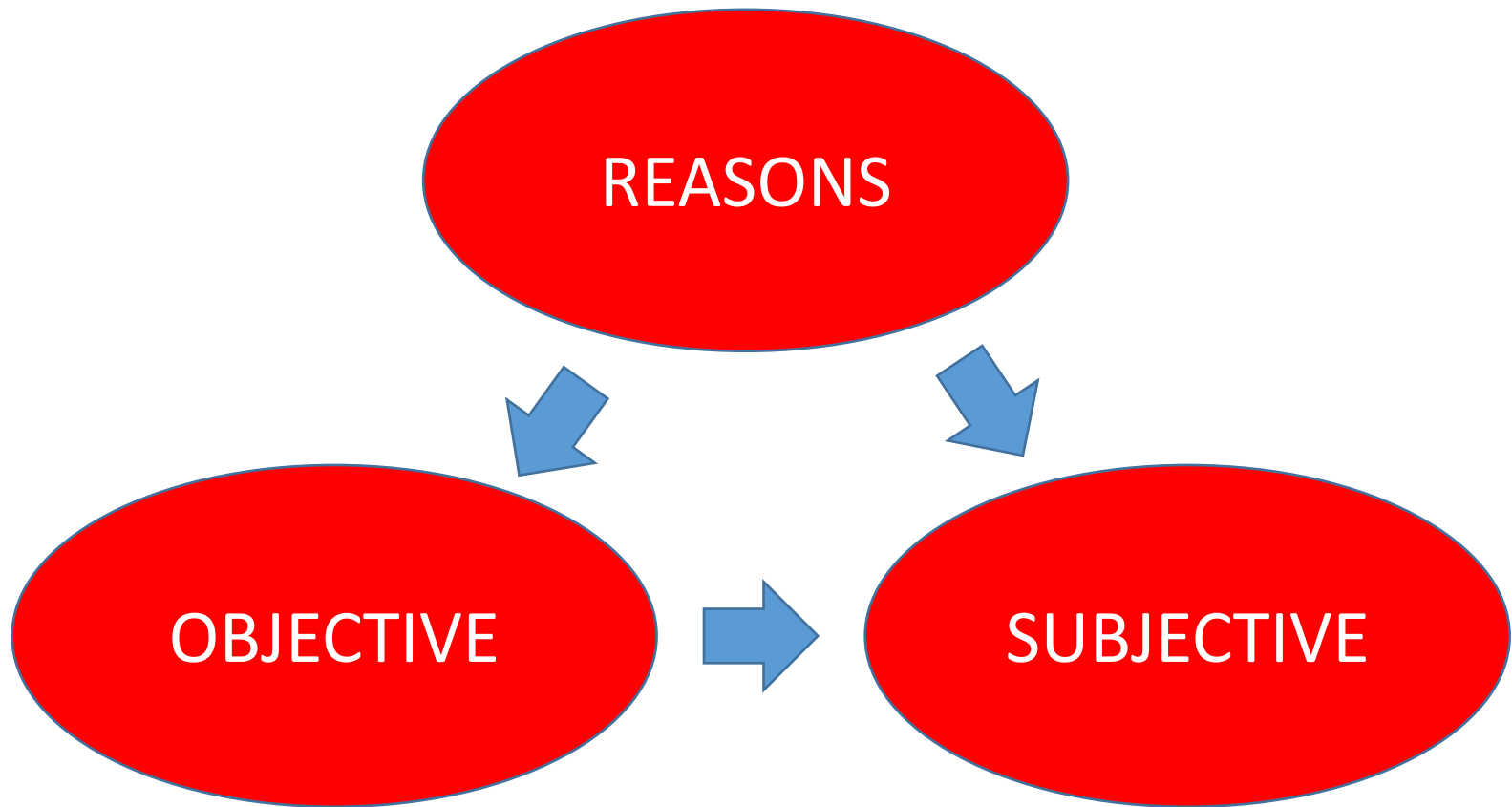
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Doing architecture in Bulgaria is...

...Hard!



## OBJECTIVE REASONS:

- messy legislation
- huge bureaucracy
- small economy

SUBJECTIVE REASON:

**TOO MANY ARCHITECTS!**

3800



# How many architects are there in the world?

- 1 000?
- 25 000?
- 250 000?
- 1 000 000?
- 4 000 000?
- 3 750 000 000?
- 7 500 000 000?

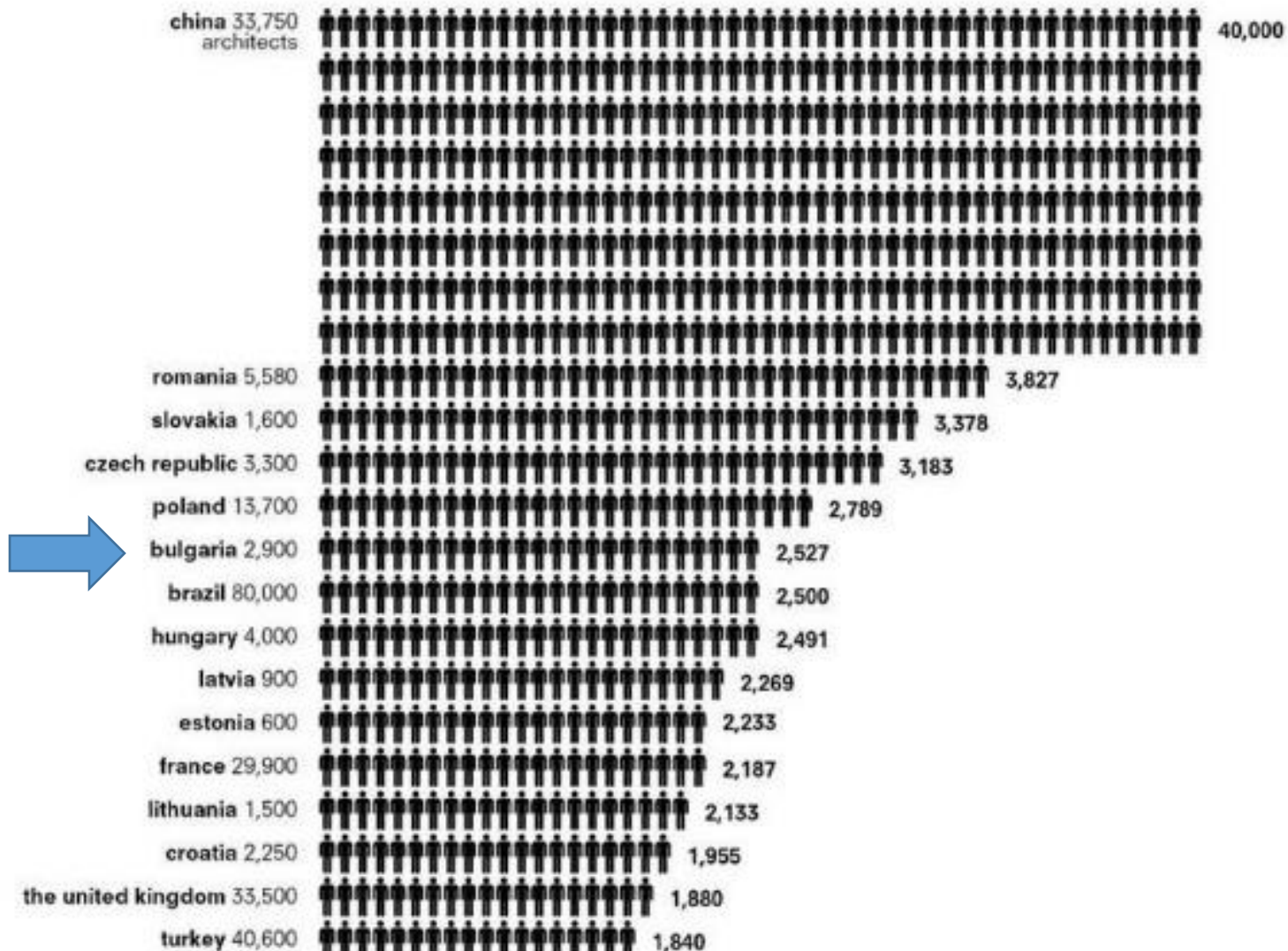
# First estimate 1.3 million

- A good place to start estimating the total number of architects on Earth is the [International Union of Architects](#), that adopts the national architectural associations of **124 countries** and claims a membership of **1.3 million**.
- The organizations adopted are mainstream groups like the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), but in many countries, there's a lot of architects who *aren't* members of these organizations, and there's also an additional **72 countries** in the world, so it's a safe bet **1.3 million is too low**.

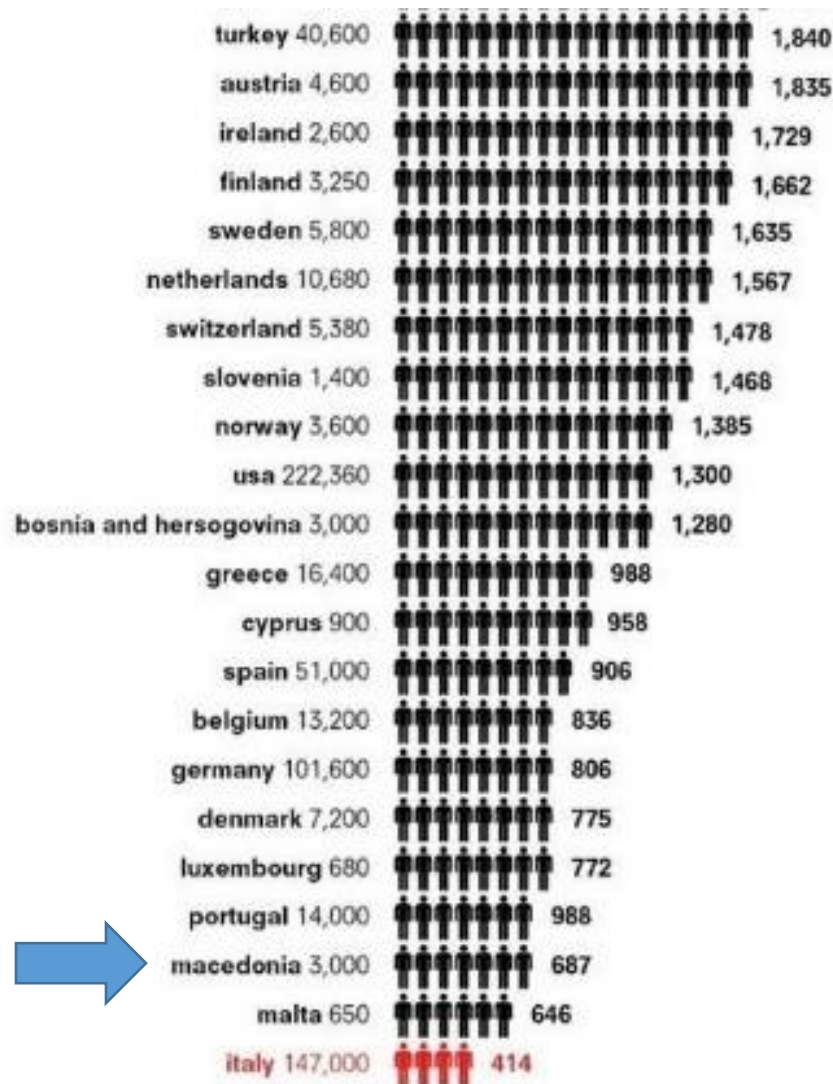
# Estimate per country

- Perhaps the most comprehensive census of architects available is in the form of an [infographic](#) from the **2014** Venice Biennale exhibition “Monditalia.” Its purpose is to illustrate a disparity between concentrations of architects around the world and in doing so lists the number of architects per person in **36 countries**.

# Inhabitants per 1 architect, 2014



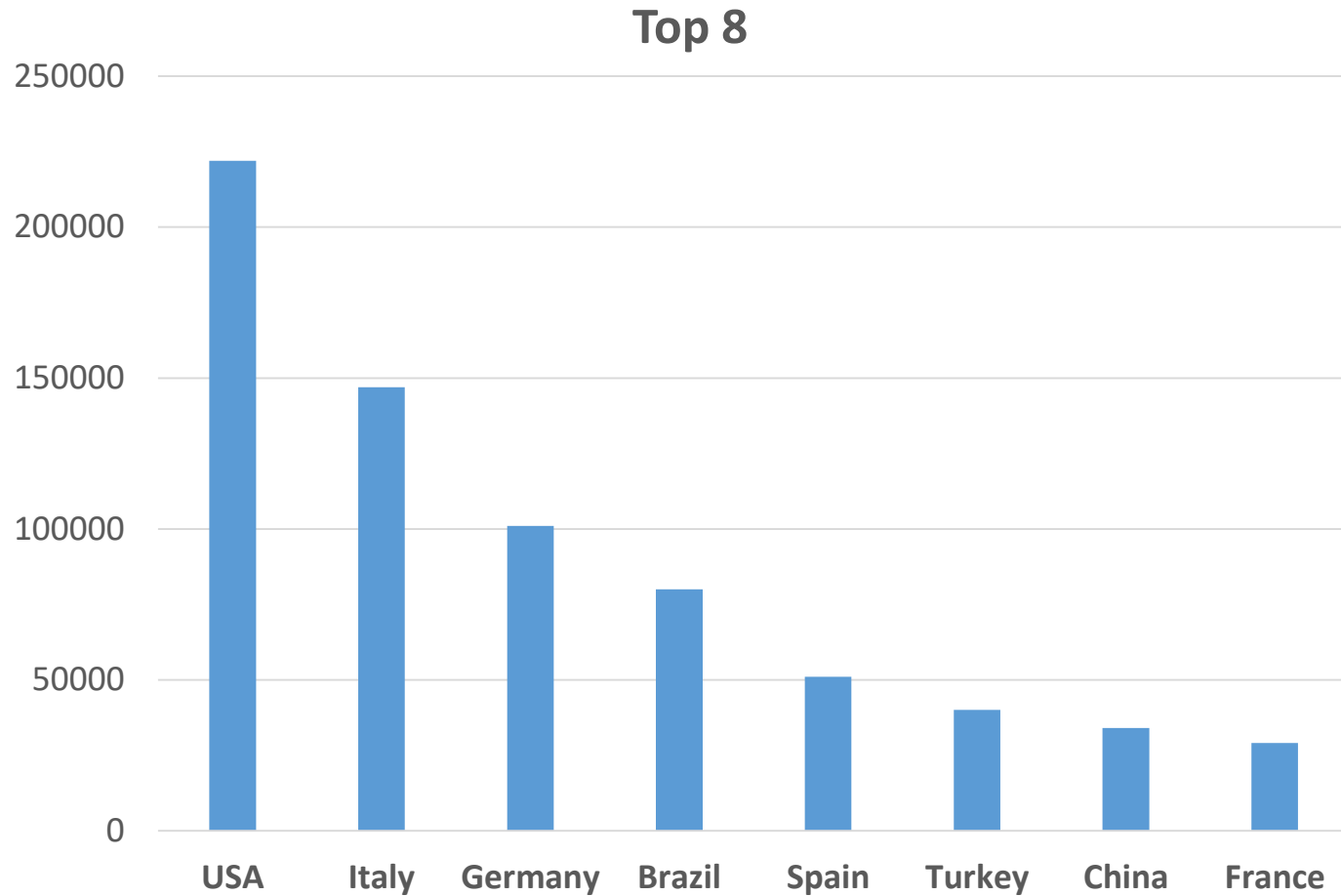
# Inhabitants per 1 architect, 2014



# Total architects by country

USA	222000
Italy	147000
Germany	101000
Brazil	80000
Spain	51000
Turkey	40000
China	34000
France	29000
	<b>704000</b>

# Total architects by country



# Second estimate 2.7 million

- The average number of architects per person across the 36 countries surveyed is 2,759. If this average were representative of the whole world ([7.5 billion people](#)), that would mean there are **2.7 million architects on the planet.**



# Licensed vs. non-licensed

- Average ratio is from 1:3 to 1:5



# Third estimate 3.8 million

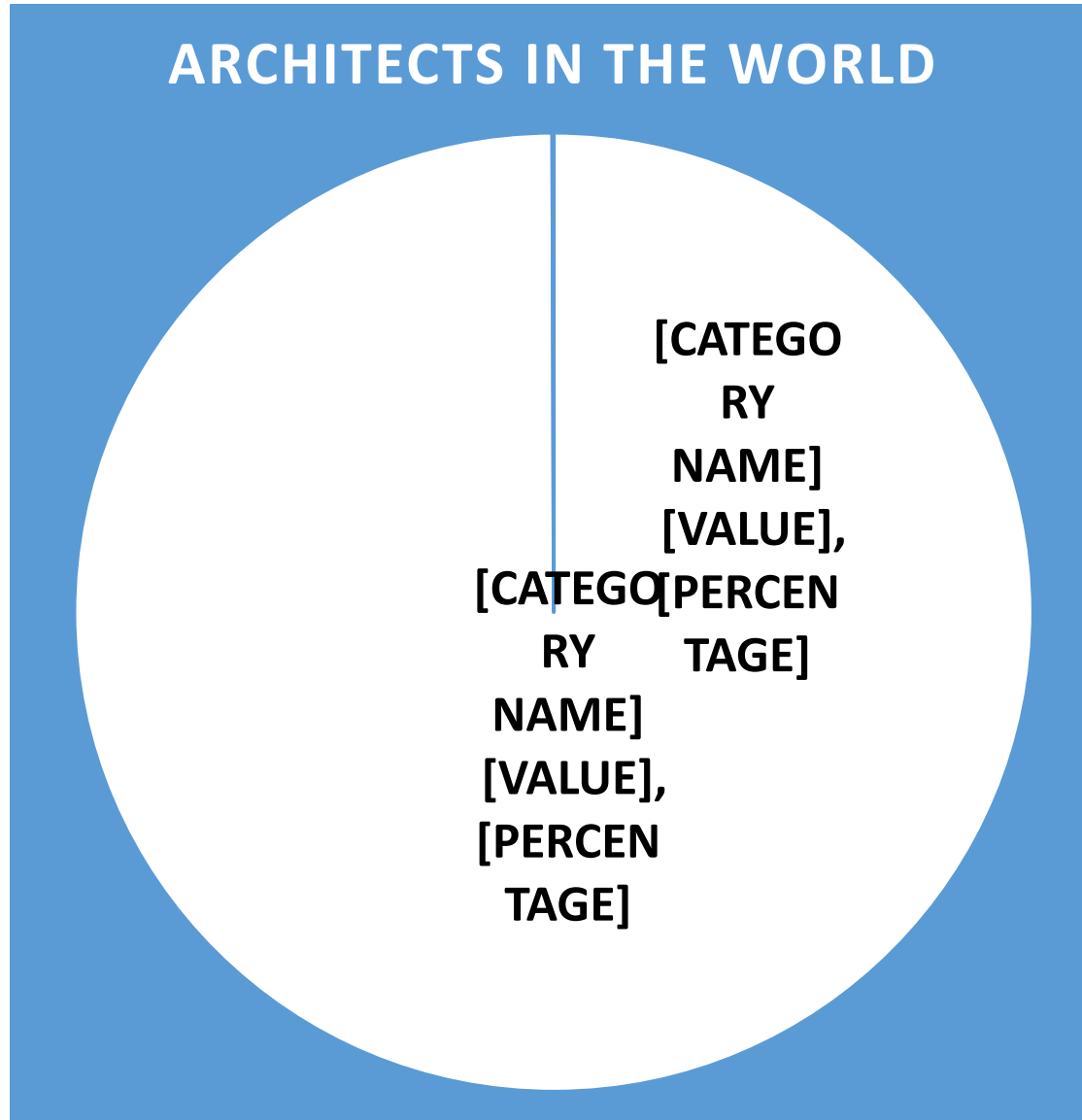
- Including all architectural professionals in all countries.



How exclusive we are?

Population	7,500,000,000
Architects	3,800,000

# How exclusive we are?



# Other data to consider

- In 1972 there were 250 000 architects in a world of 3 800 000 000 people.
- In 45 years the world population increased 2 times.
- In 45 years the architectural population increased 16 times.

# Conclusions

- Architects are 0% of the world population.
- Architects population grows 8 times faster than the world
- Bulgarian architects are 3,800 out of 3,800,000 world architects
- Bulgarian architects are 0.001% of the 0%
- **It is an exclusive blessing to be an architect in Bulgaria and in the world!**

Thank you!