Sweden and Bulgaria both entered the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) in the early nineties. Back then, the number of countries within the ISSP were limited. Moreover, the social-cultural diversity of countries was not extensive - limiting the analytical capacity of the programme. The inclusion of Bulgaria strengthened the influence of post-socialist countries in the ISSP. Over time Bulgaria has regularly taking an active part in the ISSP and thereby contributed to the programme’s success.

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