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THOUSANDS PROTEST IN BULGARIA AGAINST EURO AND TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL CURRENCY

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Bulgaria's new government, which was formed last month, has made eurozone membership a key priority. Opposition parties want a referendum to be held.

Thousands of people took to the streets in Bulgaria on Saturday, calling on the government to preserve the country's currency, the Bulgarian lev, and not enter the euro area.

In the capital, Sofia, and various other cities, demonstrations against the introduction of the euro currency began at around noon. The protests were organised by the ultranationalist Revival Party and several NGOs.

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