

DIRECT INVESTMENT
(January – March 2009)¹

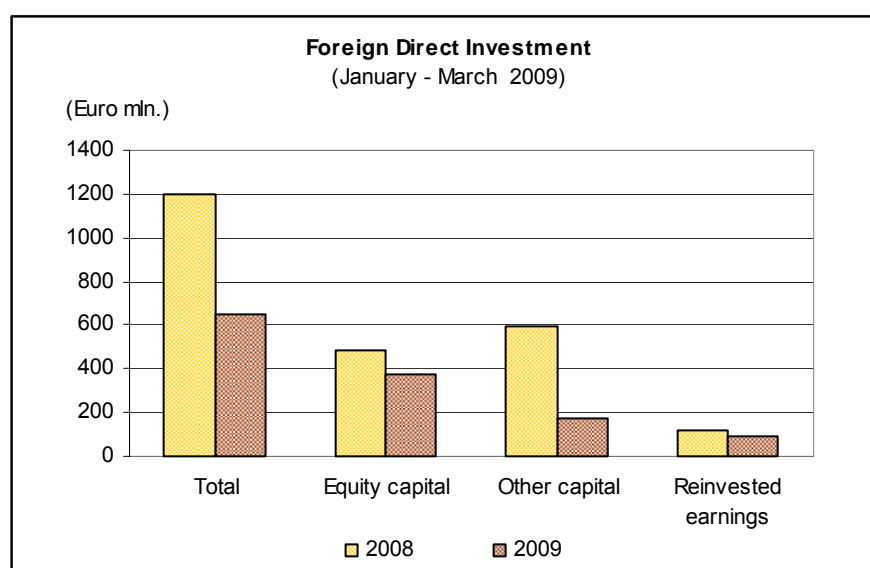
According to preliminary data, the **Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria** for January – March 2009 amounted to EUR 646.6 million (1.9% of GDP) compared to EUR 1,202.1 million (3.5% of GDP) attracted in January – March 2008.

	2008								2009				2009 - 2008
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Direct investment, net	307.5	328.1	156.4	792.0	2017.0	1750.4	1125.4	5685.0	200.7	124.5	307.5	632.7	-159.4
Direct investment abroad *	-21.6	-16.8	-371.6	-410.1	-53.4	23.5	-38.1	-478.0	-6.3	-3.3	-4.3	-13.9	396.1
Equity capital	-19.9	-15.3	-362.6	-397.8	-39.3	-40.9	-35.5	-513.5	-6.3	-3.3	-4.1	-13.7	384.1
Other capital	-1.9	-1.7	-9.2	-12.7	-14.5	62.8	-6.8	28.8	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	12.5
Reinvested earnings	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.6	4.2	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Foreign Direct Investment	329.2	344.9	528.0	1202.1	2070.5	1726.9	1163.5	6163.0	207.1	127.7	311.8	646.6	-555.5
Equity capital, incl.	163.8	189.0	130.3	483.1	1293.2	794.4	646.9	3217.6	55.7	104.6	218.6	379.0	-104.1
<i>from privatisation</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>non-privatisation flows</i>	163.8	189.0	130.3	483.1	1293.2	794.4	646.9	3217.6	55.7	104.6	218.6	379.0	-104.1
Other capital	124.2	114.7	356.6	595.5	645.6	790.8	414.4	2446.3	117.3	-6.3	63.8	174.7	-420.8
Reinvested earnings	41.2	41.2	41.2	123.5	131.7	141.7	102.2	499.1	34.1	29.4	29.4	92.9	-30.6
Mergers and acquisitions, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: direct investment companies, Privatisation Agency, the National Statistical Institute, the Central Depository, banks.

¹For assets, a minus sign denotes an increase in holdings, and a positive figure represents a decrease.

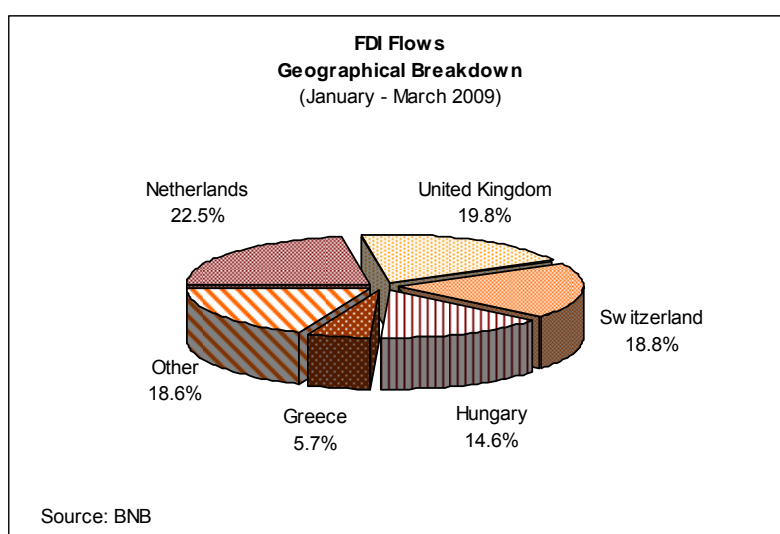
The attracted *Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country)* for January – March 2009 amounted to EUR 379 million, which was 58.6% of the foreign direct investment. It decreased by EUR 104.1 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2008 (EUR 483.1 million). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 131.4 million compared to EUR 321.1 million for January – March 2008.



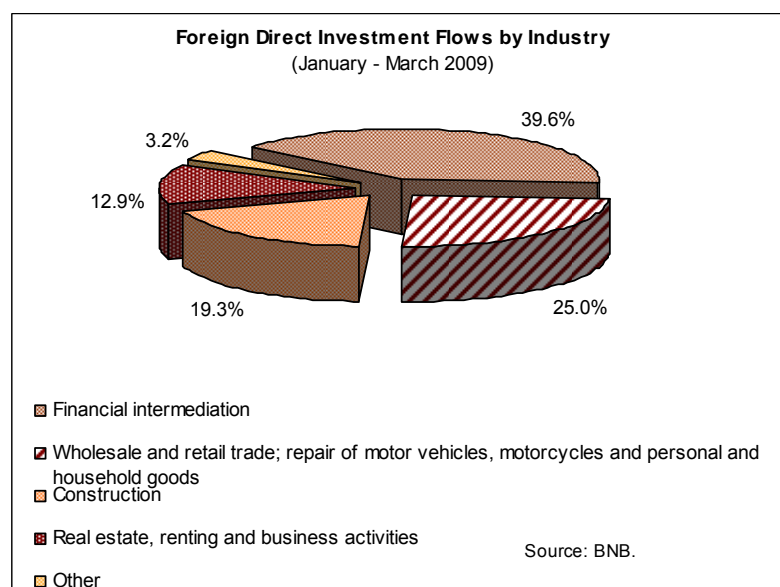
The *other capital, net* (the change in the net liabilities of the direct investment enterprise to the direct investor on financial loans, suppliers' credits and debt securities) was positive, amounting to EUR 174.7 million in January – March 2009, compared to a *net other capital* amounting to EUR 595.5 million in the same period of 2008. It decreased by EUR 420.8 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2008.

According to preliminary data, the *Reinvested Earnings²* (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise) in January – March 2009 are estimated at EUR 92.9 million compared to EUR 123.5 million in the same period of 2008. They decreased by EUR 30.6 million in comparison with the same period in 2008.

By country, the largest investments in Bulgaria for the reporting period were those of the Netherlands (22.5% of the total foreign direct investment), the UK (19.8%) and Russia (18.8%).



By branch, the largest investments for January – March 2009 were in *Financial intermediation* (EUR 256.1 million), *Wholesale and retail trade* (EUR 161.5 million) and *Construction* (EUR 124.8 million).



According to preliminary data in January – March 2009 **Direct investment abroad** increased by EUR 13.9 million compared to an increase of EUR 410.1 million in January – March 2008. The equity capital invested abroad in January – March 2009 amounted to EUR 13.7 million, compared to EUR 397.8 million in January – March 2008.

¹ Preliminary data for 2008 and 2009. The data for January 2009 are revised. When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – March 2008 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of May 15, 2008 (www.bnb.bg, section Statistics/Balance of Payments/Press Releases), was subsequently revised. The 2008 and 2009 data are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports to the BNB from foreign direct investment enterprises and with the annual NSI data, and for 2009 also with the quarterly NSI data. GDP for 2008 (preliminary NSI data) - EUR 34,117.5 million and forecast GDP for 2009 - EUR 33,889 million.

² The 2008 and 2009 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.