

DIRECT INVESTMENT

(January – April 2009)¹

According to preliminary data, the **Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria** for January – April 2009 amounted to EUR 955.4 million (2.8% of GDP) compared to EUR 1,924.3 million (5.6% of GDP) attracted in January – April 2008.

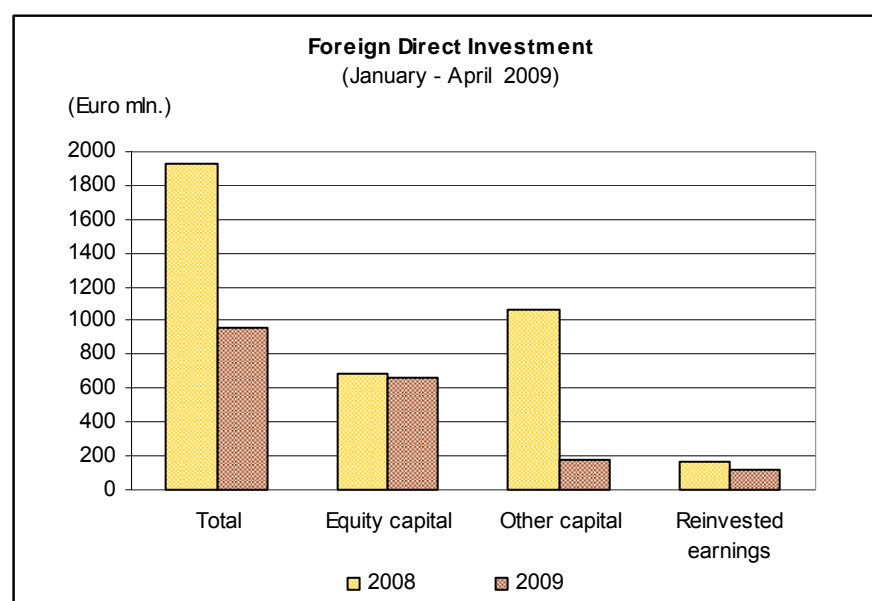
(EUR million)

	2008					2009					2009 - 2008
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Direct investment, net	307.5	328.1	156.4	696.2	1488.3	289.0	137.3	308.5	196.6	931.4	-556.9
Direct investment abroad *	-21.6	-16.8	-371.6	-25.9	-436.0	-6.9	-3.7	-4.9	-8.4	-24.0	411.9
Equity capital	-19.9	-15.3	-362.6	-16.2	-414.0	-7.1	-3.3	-4.1	-8.4	-22.9	391.0
Other capital	-1.9	-1.7	-9.2	-9.8	-22.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.9	0.0	-1.1	21.5
Reinvested earnings	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6
Foreign Direct Investment	329.2	344.9	528.0	722.1	1924.3	295.9	141.0	313.4	205.0	955.4	-968.9
Equity capital, incl.	163.8	189.0	130.3	205.5	688.6	99.2	151.4	234.4	174.3	659.3	-29.3
<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
<i>non-privatisation flows</i>	163.8	189.0	130.3	205.5	688.6	99.2	151.4	234.4	174.3	659.3	-29.3
Other capital	124.2	114.7	356.6	472.8	1068.3	167.3	-39.7	49.6	1.3	178.5	-889.8
Reinvested earnings	41.2	41.2	41.2	43.9	167.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	117.6	-49.8
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.

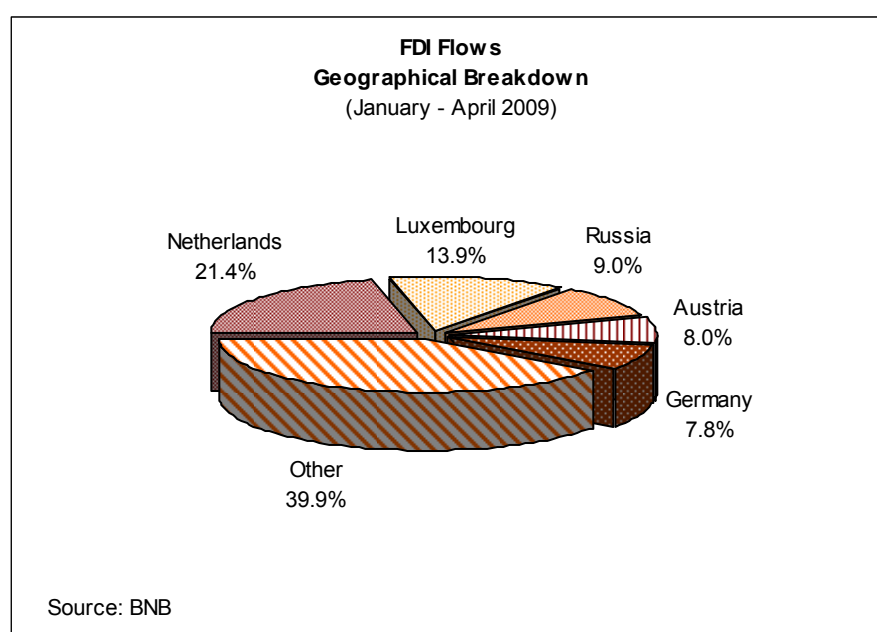
The attracted *Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country)* for January – April 2009 amounted to EUR 659.3 million, which was 69% of the foreign direct investment. It decreased by EUR 29.3 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2008 (EUR 688.6 million, 35.8% of total foreign direct investment). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 187.3 million compared to EUR 446.9 million for January – April 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 178.5 million in January – April 2009, compared to a *net other capital* amounting to EUR 1,068.3 million in the same period of 2008. It decreased by EUR 889.8 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2008.

According to preliminary data, the *Reinvested Earnings*² (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise) in January – April 2009 are estimated at EUR 117.6 million compared to EUR 167.4 million in the same period of 2008. They decreased by EUR 49.8 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 (21.4% of the total foreign direct investment), Luxembourg (13.9%) and Russia (9%).



According to preliminary data in January – April 2009 **Direct investment abroad** increased by EUR 24 million compared to an increase of EUR 436 million in January – April 2008. The equity capital invested abroad in January – April 2009 amounted to EUR 22.9 million, compared to EUR 414 million in January – April 2008.

¹ Preliminary data for 2008 and 2009. The data for January – March 2009 are revised. When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – April 2008 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of June 17, 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 (preliminary BNB estimate) for 2009 - EUR 33,889 million.

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