## **DIRECT INVESTMENT**

(January – December 2009)<sup>1</sup>

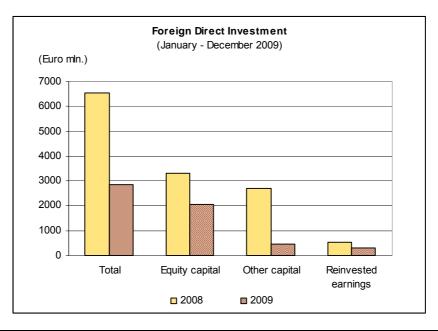
According to preliminary data, the **Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria** for January – December 2009 amounted to EUR 2,844.8 million (8.4% of GDP) compared to EUR 6,549 million (19.2% of GDP) attracted in January – December 2008.

(EUR million)

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Direct investment, net	805.2	1948.9	1864.3	1445.3	491.2	6063.7	817.3	906.0	507.0	480.1	196.8	2710.2	-3353.5
Direct investment abroad *	-413.7	-62.0	18.3	-27.9	-8.1	-485.3	-23.1	-24.9	-43.0	-43.6	-21.3	-134.5	350.8
Equity capital	-395.2	-39.4	-41.3	-33.3	-7.7	-509.2	-17.2	-16.6	-38.0	-38.0	-21.2	-109.7	399.5
Other capital	-12.8	-16.6	64.6	9.2	0.9	44.4	-5.9	-8.3	-5.0	-5.5	-0.1	-24.8	-69.2
Reinvested earnings	-5.7	-6.1	-5.0	-3.8	-1.3	-20.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.5
Foreign Direct Investment	1218.9	2011.0	1846.0	1473.1	499.3	6549.0	840.4	930.8	549.9	523.6	218.1	2844.8	-3704.3
Equity capital, incl.	461.9	1295.8	824.6	726.8	292.3	3309.0	460.0	748.3	497.1	363.7	142.1	2069.1	-1239.9
from privatisation	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
non-privatisation flows	461.9	1295.8	824.6	726.8	292.3	3309.0	460.0	748.3	497.1	363.7	142.1	2069.1	-1239.9
Other capital	620.9	570.5	870.0	644.3	173.0	2705.7	282.9	90.6	-11.5	97.4	53.1	459.4	-2246.3
Reinvested earnings	136.2	144.6	151.4	102.0	34.0	534.3	97.5	92.0	64.3	62.5	22.8	316.3	-218.0
Mergers and acquisitions, net	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
Receipts	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
Payments	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

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

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 – December 2009 amounted to EUR 2,069.1 million, which was 72.7% of the foreign direct investment. It decreased by EUR 1239.9 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2008 (EUR 3,309 million, 50.5% of total foreign direct investment). The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents amounted to EUR 522.9 million compared to EUR 1,392.9 million for January – December 2008.

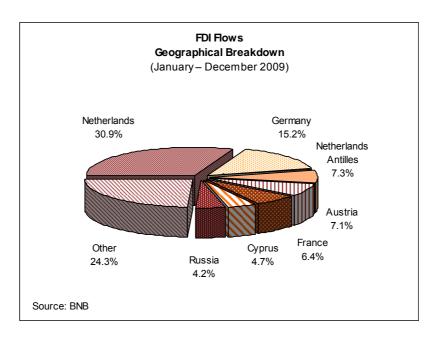


<sup>\*</sup>For assets, a minus sign denotes an increase in holdings, and a positive figure represents a decrease.

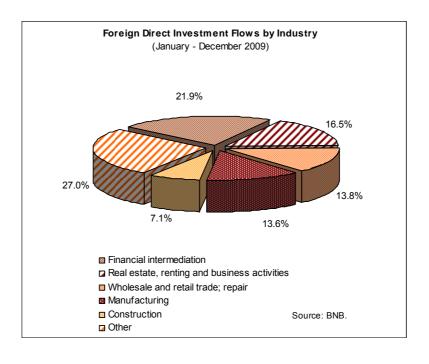
The other capital, net (the change in the net liabilities of the direct investment enterprise to the direct investor on financial loans, suppliers' credits and debt securities) was positive, amounting to EUR 459.4 million in January – December 2009, compared to a net other capital amounting to EUR 2,705.7 million in the same period of 2008.

According to preliminary data, the *Reinvested Earnings*<sup>2</sup> (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise) in January – December 2009 are estimated at EUR 316.3 million compared to EUR 534.3 million in the same period of 2008.

By country, the largest investments in Bulgaria for the reporting period were those of the Netherlands (30.9% of the total foreign direct investment), Germany (15.2%) and Netherlands Antiles (7.3%).



By branch, the largest investments for January – December 2009 were in *Financial Intermediation* (EUR 622.6 million), *Real Estate* (EUR 470 million) and *Wholesale and retail trade; repair* (EUR 393.8 million).



According to preliminary data in January – December 2009 **Direct investment abroad** increased by EUR 134.5 million compared to an increase of EUR 485.3 million in January – December 2008. The equity capital invested abroad in January – December 2009 amounted to EUR 109.7 million, compared to EUR 509.2 million in January – December 2008.

When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – December 2008 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of February 13, 2009 (www.bnb.bg, section Press Releases/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments), was subsequently revised

With the January 2010 report revisions of 2007 – 2009 data will be presented. The data for 2007, 2008 and 2009 are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports to the BNB from foreign direct investment enterprises, for 2008 -- 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 for 2009 (preliminary NSI data) - EUR 33,846 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Preliminary data for 2008 and 2009. The data for November 2009 are revised.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 2008 and 2009 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.