

DIRECT INVESTMENT (January – August 2010)¹

According to preliminary data, the *Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* for January – August 2010 was EUR 835.9 million (2.3% of GDP), compared to EUR 2118.8 million (6% of GDP) attracted in January – August 2009.

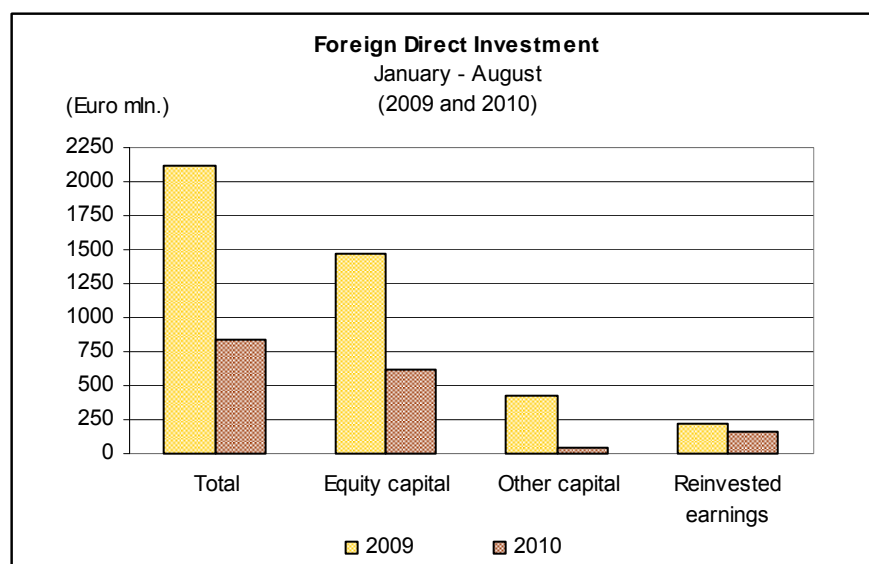
(EUR million)

	2009					2010					2010 - 2009
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Direct investment, net	893.2	658.4	324.9	161.6	2038.0	16.5	527.9	118.7	101.6	764.6	-1273.4
Direct investment abroad *	-24.7	-22.5	-8.4	-25.1	-80.7	-19.9	-40.2	-7.8	-3.3	-71.3	9.5
Equity capital	-17.2	-16.9	-9.4	-19.1	-62.6	-20.3	-19.4	-7.8	-3.3	-50.8	11.7
Other capital	-9.0	-6.9	0.2	-6.7	-22.4	-2.4	-20.8	0.0	0.0	-23.2	-0.7
Reinvested earnings	1.5	1.4	0.7	0.7	4.3	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	-1.5
Foreign Direct Investment	917.9	680.8	333.3	186.7	2118.8	36.4	568.2	126.5	104.9	835.9	-1282.9
Equity capital, incl.	508.4	664.2	255.4	119.2	1547.1	180.7	272.6	135.8	34.8	623.9	-923.2
<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>	508.4	664.2	255.4	119.2	1547.1	180.7	272.6	135.8	34.8	623.9	-923.2
Other capital	340.2	-39.3	65.1	54.6	420.5	-201.9	230.4	-31.0	48.3	45.7	-374.7
Reinvested earnings	69.3	56.0	12.9	12.9	151.2	57.6	65.2	21.7	21.7	166.3	15.1

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

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

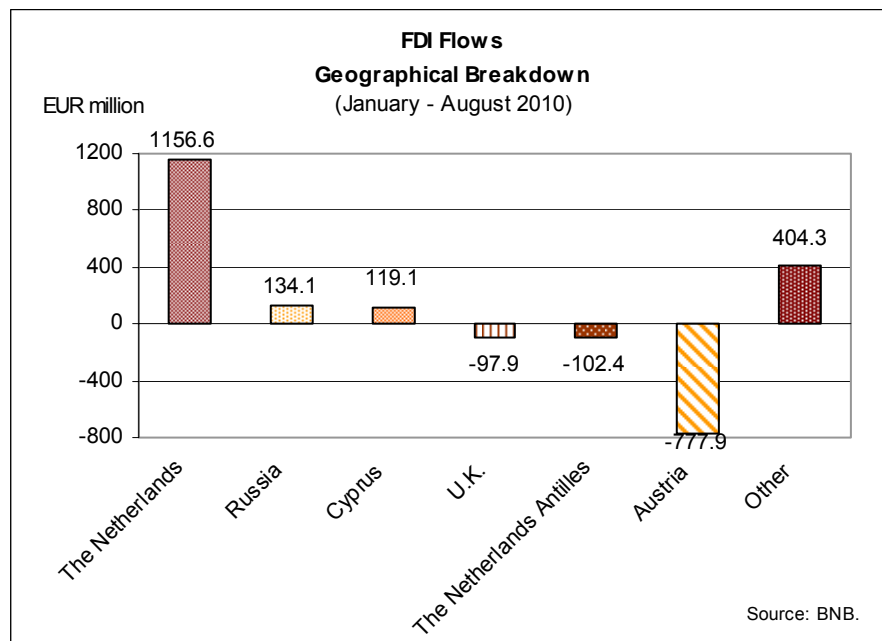
The attracted *Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country)* for January – August 2010 amounted to EUR 623.9 million. It decreased by EUR 923.2 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2009 (EUR 1,547.1 million). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 150.7 million, against EUR 405.7 million for the period January – August 2009.



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 45.7 million in January – August 2010, compared to EUR 420.5 million in January – August 2009. In accordance with the preliminary data¹ the difference of the flows for the reporting period in comparison with the same period in the previous year was mainly due to the lower levels of received intercompany credits compared to previous years, on the one hand, and on the other – to the payments on intercompany lending in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.

Based on preliminary data on profit/loss, the *Reinvested Earnings*² (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise) in January – August 2010 are estimated at EUR 166.3 million, against EUR 151.2 million in the same period of 2009.

By country, the largest net direct investments in Bulgaria for the period January – August 2010 were those of the Netherlands (EUR 1,156.6 million), Russia (EUR 134.1 million) and Cyprus (EUR 119.1 million). The net payments to Austria, the Netherlands Antilles and the UK amounted to EUR 777.9 million, EUR 102.4 million and EUR 97.9 million. The higher net receipts from the Netherlands and respectively net payments to Austria were mainly due to transactions associated with revolving intercompany credits.



According to preliminary data in January – August 2010 **Direct investment abroad** increased by EUR 71.3 million compared to an increase of EUR 80.7 million in January – August 2009.

¹ Preliminary data for 2009 and 2010. The data for July 2010 are revised.

When comparing the data you it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – August 2009 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of October 14, 2009 (www.bnb.bg, section Press Releases/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments), was subsequently revised.

With the January – August 2010 report revisions of the August 2010 data will be presented. The 2009 and 2010 data are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports of FDI enterprises submitted to the BNB, as well as with the quarterly NSI data.

GDP for 2009 - EUR 35,042.5 million (NSI data as of 08.09.2010) and GDP for 2010 (estimated by the BNB) – EUR 36,136 million.

² The 2009 and 2010 data include only estimates of banks' data on reinvested earnings.