

DIRECT INVESTMENT (January – March 2011)¹

Due to net payments on intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises, according to preliminary data, the *Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* for January – March 2011 decreased by EUR 5.1 million, compared to an increase of EUR 52.7 million (0.1% of GDP) attracted in January – March 2010.

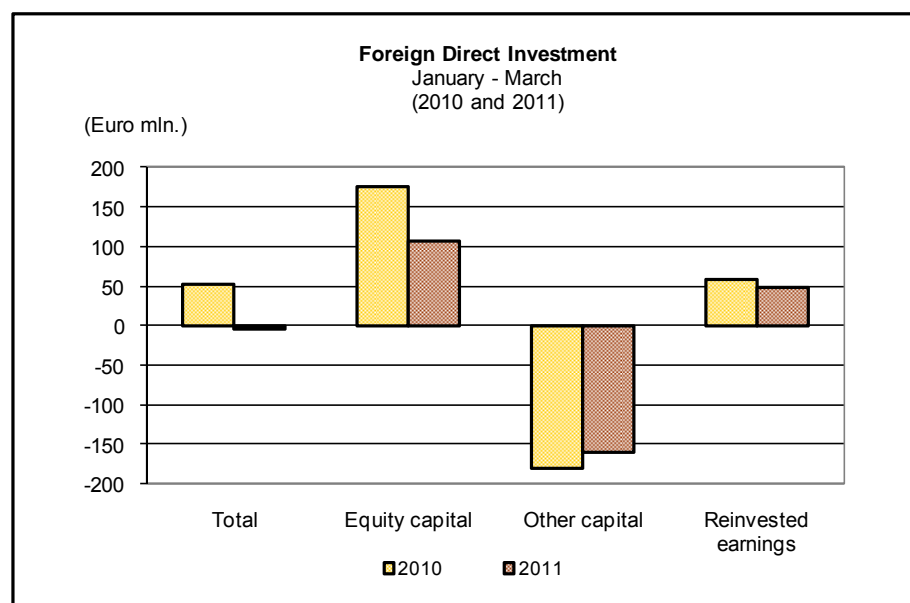
(EUR million)

	2010					Общо	2011		2011 - 2010
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Direct investment, net	-178.3	23.8	419.6	443.0	572.5	1458.9	-368.7	-27.0	-50.8
Direct investment abroad *	-16.1	-28.9	-60.4	-32.6	-57.7	-179.6	-5.8	-21.9	7.0
Equity capital	-13.5	-22.7	-19.3	-12.9	-43.3	-98.1	-3.2	-17.3	5.3
Other capital	-1.9	-4.1	-34.5	-14.9	-14.1	-67.6	-2.6	-4.6	-0.5
Reinvested earnings	-0.7	-2.1	-6.7	-4.8	-0.3	-13.9	0.0	0.0	2.1
Foreign Direct Investment	-162.2	52.7	480.0	475.6	630.2	1638.6	-363.0	-5.1	-57.8
Equity capital, incl.	94.7	176.0	272.5	513.7	530.5	1492.7	78.9	106.8	-69.2
<i>from privatisation</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>non-privatisation flows</i>	94.7	176.0	272.5	513.7	530.5	1492.7	78.9	106.8	-69.2
Other capital	-276.1	-180.9	142.3	-75.7	51.4	-62.8	-457.9	-160.0	20.9
Reinvested earnings	19.2	57.6	65.2	37.6	48.2	208.7	16.0	48.2	-9.5

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.

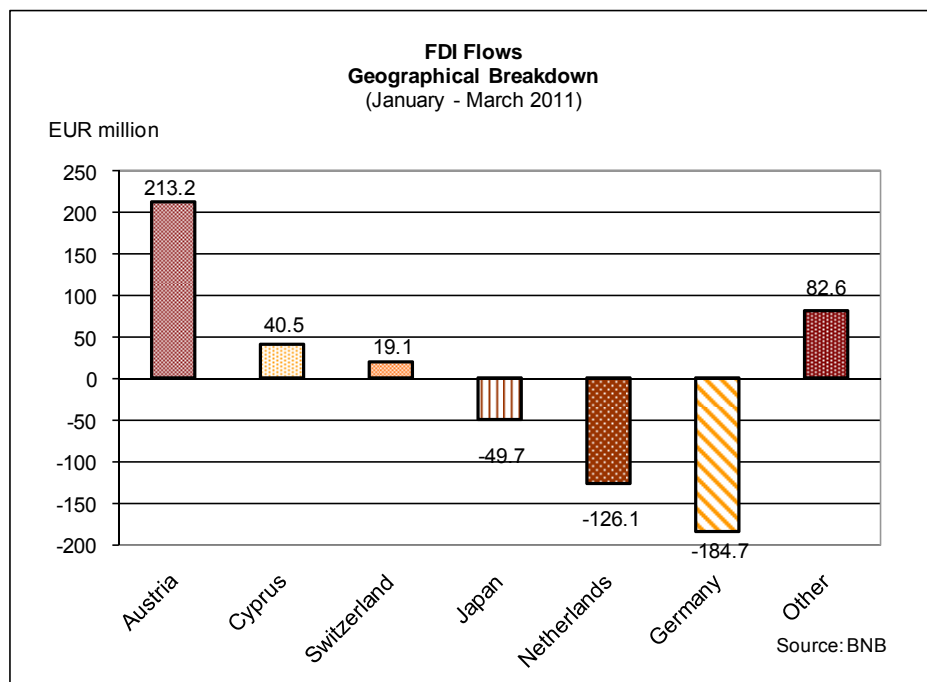
The attracted *Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country)* for January – March 2011 amounted to EUR 106.8 million. It decreased by EUR 69.2 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2010 (EUR 176 million). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 37.5 million against EUR 36.7 million in January – March 2010.



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 negative, amounting to EUR 160 million in January – March 2011, compared to a negative *other capital, net* of EUR 180.9 million in January – March 2010.

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 – March 2011 were estimated at EUR 48.2 million, against EUR 57.6 million in the same period of 2010.

By country, the largest net direct investments in Bulgaria for the period January – March 2011 were those of Austria (EUR 213.2 million) and Cyprus (EUR 40.5 million). The net payments to Germany, the Netherlands and Japan amounted to EUR 184.7 million, EUR 126.1 million and EUR 49.7 million.



¹ Preliminary data for 2010 and 2011. The data for February 2011 are revised.

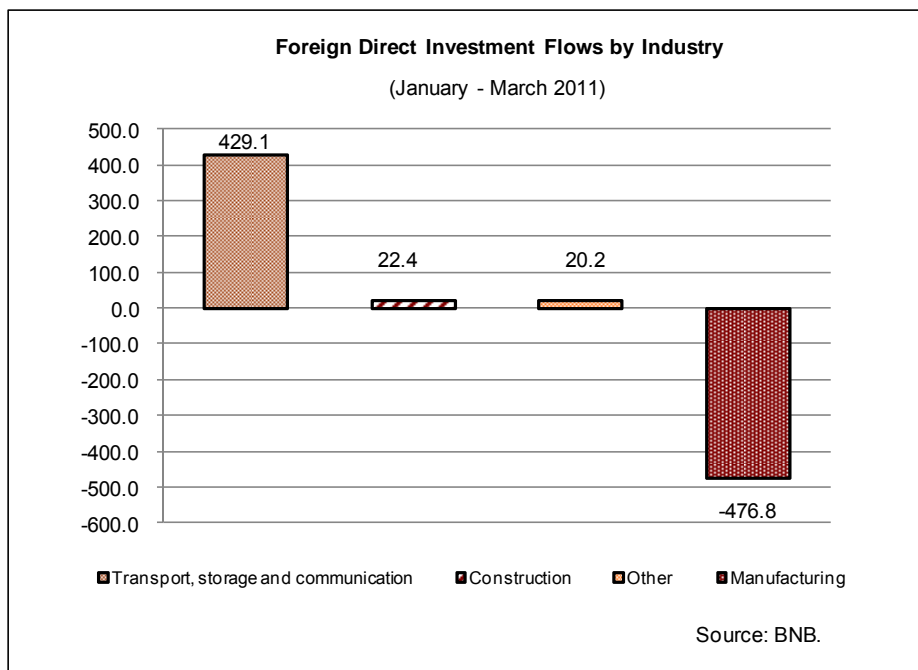
When comparing the data you it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – April 2010 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of May 17, 2010 (www.bnb.bg, section Press Releases/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments), was subsequently revised. In accordance with the preliminary data the flow difference for the reporting period and for the same period in the previous year was mainly due to the payments on received intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.

With the January – April 2011 report revisions of January -- March 2011 data will be presented. The 2010 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 2011 also with the quarterly NSI data.

GDP for 2011 - EUR 38,202 million (BNB estimate) and GDP for 2010 -- NSI data (as of 11.03.2011) at EUR 36,032.9 million.

² The 2010 and 2011 data include only estimates of banks' data on reinvested earnings.

By branch, the largest investments for January – March 2011 were in *Transport, storage and communication* (EUR 429.1 million). The largest net payments in the reporting period were in *Manufacturing* (EUR 476.8 million).



According to preliminary data in January – March 2011 Direct investment abroad increased by EUR 21.9 million compared to an increase of EUR 28.9 million in January – March 2010.