DIRECT INVESTMENT (January – July 2011)¹

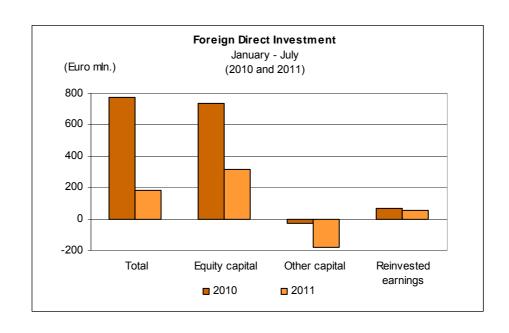
According to preliminary data, the *Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* for January – July 2011 increased by EUR 183.8 million (0.5% of GDP), compared to an increase of EUR 775.6 million (2.2% of GDP) for January – July 2010.

(EUR million)

| | | 2010 | | | | 2011 | | | |
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| Direct investment, net | 68.0 | 402.6 | 187.1 | 657.6 | -119.8 | 175.6 | 61.3 | 117.1 | -540.5 |
| Direct investment abroad * | -32.9 | -61.7 | -23.4 | -118.0 | -32.4 | -11.3 | -22.8 | -66.6 | 51.4 |
| Equity capital | -24.1 | -20.4 | -6.3 | -50.8 | -29.2 | -12.3 | -22.4 | -64.0 | -13.1 |
| Other capital | -6.7 | -34.6 | -15.5 | -56.8 | -3.2 | 1.0 | -0.5 | -2.7 | 54.1 |
| Reinvested earnings | -2.1 | -6.7 | -1.6 | -10.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.4 |
| Foreign Direct Investment | 101.0 | 464.2 | 210.4 | 775.6 | -87.3 | 187.0 | 84.1 | 183.8 | -591.9 |
| Equity capital, incl. | 202.5 | 302.6 | 230.1 | 735.2 | 227.3 | 58.7 | 27.9 | 313.9 | -421.3 |
| from privatisation | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| non-privatisation flows | 202.5 | 302.6 | 230.1 | 735.2 | 227.3 | 58.7 | 27.9 | 313.9 | -421.3 |
| Other capital | -132.5 | 126.8 | -22.3 | -27.9 | -339.5 | 106.5 | 48.9 | -184.0 | -156.1 |
| Reinvested earnings | 30.9 | 34.8 | 2.6 | 68.4 | 24.8 | 21.8 | 7.3 | 53.9 | -14.5 |

Source: direct investment companies, the 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 – July 2011 amounted to EUR 313.9 million. It decreased by EUR 421.3 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2010 (EUR 735.2 million). The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents amounted to EUR 121.4 million, close to the EUR 117.5 million attracted in January – July 2010.

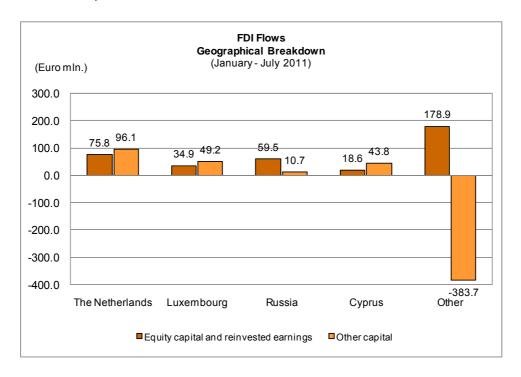


^{*}For assets, a minus sign denotes an increase in holdings, and a positive figure represents a decrease.

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 negative, amounting to EUR 184.0 million in January – July 2011, compared to a negative other capital, net of EUR 27.9 million in January – July 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 – July 2011 were estimated at EUR 53.9 million, against EUR 68.4 million in the same period of 2010.

By country, the largest direct investments in Bulgaria for the period January – July 2011 were those of the Netherlands (EUR 171.8 million), Luxembourg (EUR 84.1 million) and Russia (EUR 70.2 million). The negative flows from other countries were due to net payments on intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.



According to preliminary data in January – July 2011 *Direct investment abroad* increased by EUR 66.6 million, compared to an increase of EUR 118.0 million in January – July 2010.

When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – July 2010 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of September 14, 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 – August 2011 report revisions of July 2011 data will be presented.

The 2010 and 2011 data are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports to the BNB from foreign direct investment enterprises and with the annual NSI data.

GDP for 2011 - EUR 38,892 million (BNB estimate) and GDP for 2010 -- NSI data (as of 11.03.2011) at EUR 36,032.9 million.

¹ Preliminary data for 2010 and 2011. The data for January 2008 - June 2011 are revised.

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