

DIRECT INVESTMENT (January - May 2012)¹

According to preliminary data, the *Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* for January - May 2012 increased by EUR 473.8 million (1.2% of GDP), compared to an increase of EUR 72.2 million (0.2% of GDP) for January - May 2011.

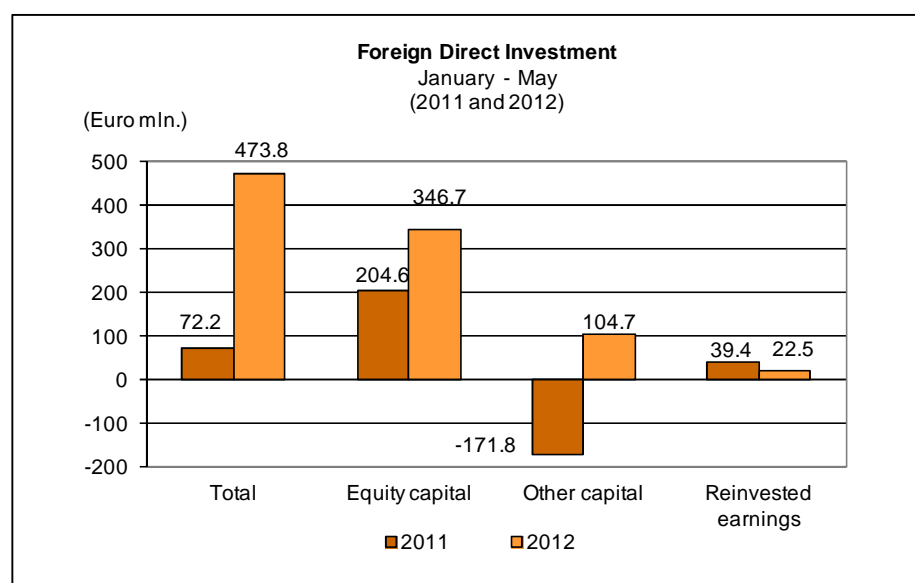
(EUR million)

	2011				2012				2012 - 2011
	Q1	Apr	May	Jan-May	Q1	May	Jan-May	Jan-May	
Direct investment, net	-86.2	100.6	1.2	15.5	452.4	-64.3	19.7	407.9	392.3
Direct investment abroad *	-44.0	-4.7	-7.9	-56.6	-26.0	-13.2	-26.8	-66.0	-9.3
Equity capital	-29.2	-4.7	-9.7	-43.7	-22.8	-9.9	-26.7	-59.3	-15.7
Other capital	-9.2	0.0	1.9	-7.3	-3.2	-3.3	-0.1	-6.6	0.7
Reinvested earnings	-5.6	-0.1	-0.1	-5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7
Foreign Direct Investment	-42.2	105.3	9.0	72.2	478.4	-51.1	46.5	473.8	401.6
Equity capital, incl.	232.2	-11.6	-16.0	204.6	222.7	66.3	57.6	346.7	142.1
<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>	232.2	-11.6	-16.0	204.6	222.7	66.3	57.6	346.7	142.1
Other capital	-299.3	109.7	17.8	-171.8	242.2	-121.9	-15.6	104.7	276.4
Reinvested earnings	24.8	7.3	7.3	39.4	13.5	4.5	4.5	22.5	-16.9

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

¹ For assets, a minus sign denotes an increase in holdings, and a positive figure represents a decrease.

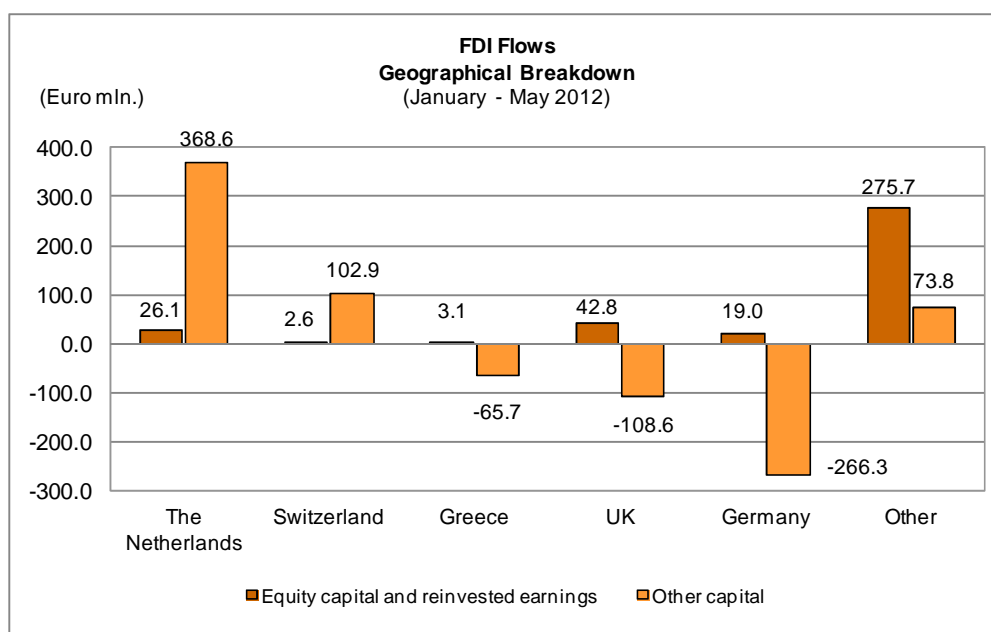
The attracted *Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country)* for January - May 2012 amounted to EUR 346.4 million. It increased by EUR 57.6 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2011 (EUR 204.6 million). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 98.1 million, compared to EUR 72.5 million attracted in January - May 2011.



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 104.7 million in January - May 2011, compared to a negative *other capital, net* of EUR -171.8 million in January - May 2011.

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 - May 2012 were estimated at EUR 22.5 million, against EUR 39.4 million in the same period of 2011.

By country, the largest direct investments in Bulgaria for the period January - May 2012 were those of the Netherlands (EUR 394.7 million) and Switzerland (EUR 105.5 million). The largest negative flows for the period were towards Germany (EUR -247.3 million), UK (EUR -65.8 million) and UK Greece (EUR -62.6 million) mainly due to net payments on intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.



According to preliminary data in January - May 2012 *Direct investment abroad* increased by EUR 66.1 million, compared to an increase of EUR 56.6 million in January - May 2011.

¹ Preliminary data for 2011 and 2012. The data for April 2012 are revised.

When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January - May 2011 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of July 15, 2011 (www.bnb.bg, section Press Releases/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments), was subsequently revised.

With the June 2012 report revisions for May 2012 data will be presented.

The 2011 and 2012 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 2012 - EUR 39,703.7 million (BNB estimate) and GDP for 2011 -- NSI data (as of 06.03.2012) at EUR 38,483 million.

² The 2011 and 2012 data include only estimates of banks' data on reinvested earnings.