

## DIRECT INVESTMENT (January – May 2016)<sup>1</sup>

According to preliminary data, *foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* presented according to the *directional principle* amounted to EUR 517.3 million (1.1% of GDP<sup>2</sup>) in January – May 2016, dropping by EUR 271.4 million (34.4%) from January – May 2015 (EUR 788.7 million, 1.8% of GDP)<sup>3</sup>. In May 2016 *foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* grew by EUR 88.5 million, compared with an increase of EUR 6.4 million in May 2015.

(EUR million)

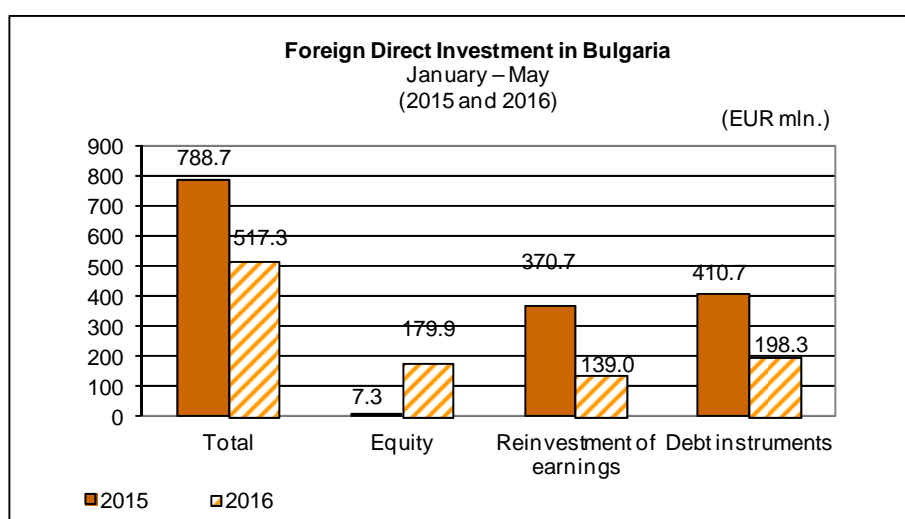
	2015				2016				2016/2015
	Q1	Apr	May	Jan-May	Q1	Apr	May	Jan-May	Jan-May
<b>Direct investment, net</b>	<b>-559.4</b>	<b>-238.9</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>-802.1</b>	<b>-356.7</b>	<b>-48.1</b>	<b>-75.4</b>	<b>-480.1</b>	<b>322.0</b>
<b>Direct investment abroad *</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>-42.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>50.6</b>
Equity	36.3	0.9	6.9	44.1	12.1	5.5	8.1	25.7	-18.4
Reinvestment of earnings	-9.8	-1.4	-2.7	-13.9	-8.7	0.0	0.0	-8.7	5.2
Debt instruments	0.0	-42.2	-1.5	-43.7	7.5	7.7	5.0	20.2	63.9
<b>Foreign Direct Investment</b>	<b>586.0</b>	<b>196.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>788.7</b>	<b>367.6</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>517.3</b>	<b>-271.4</b>
Equity	95.2	24.4	-112.3	7.3	144.5	21.1	14.3	179.9	172.7
Reinvestment of earnings	214.6	78.1	78.1	370.7	139.0	0.0	0.0	139.0	-231.7
Debt instruments	276.3	93.7	40.6	410.7	84.1	40.1	74.1	198.3	-212.3

Data presented following the directional principle and compiled in accordance with the methodological requirements of the Sixth Edition of the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (IMF, 2008)*.

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

A positive sign denotes an increase in assets and liabilities; a negative sign denotes a decrease in assets and liabilities.

*Equity* (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) amounted to EUR 179.9 million in January – May 2016. It grew by EUR 172.7 million in comparison with that attracted in January – May 2015 (EUR 7.3 million).



<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data. The data for May 2016 are to be revised with the June 2016 report. The 2014 and 2015 data are subject to revisions with the annual NSI data and reports from foreign direct investment enterprises.

<sup>2</sup> GDP amounting to EUR 46,346 million for 2016 (BNB forecast), and EUR 44,161.6 million for 2015 (NSI data as of 8 March 2016) according to ESA 2010.

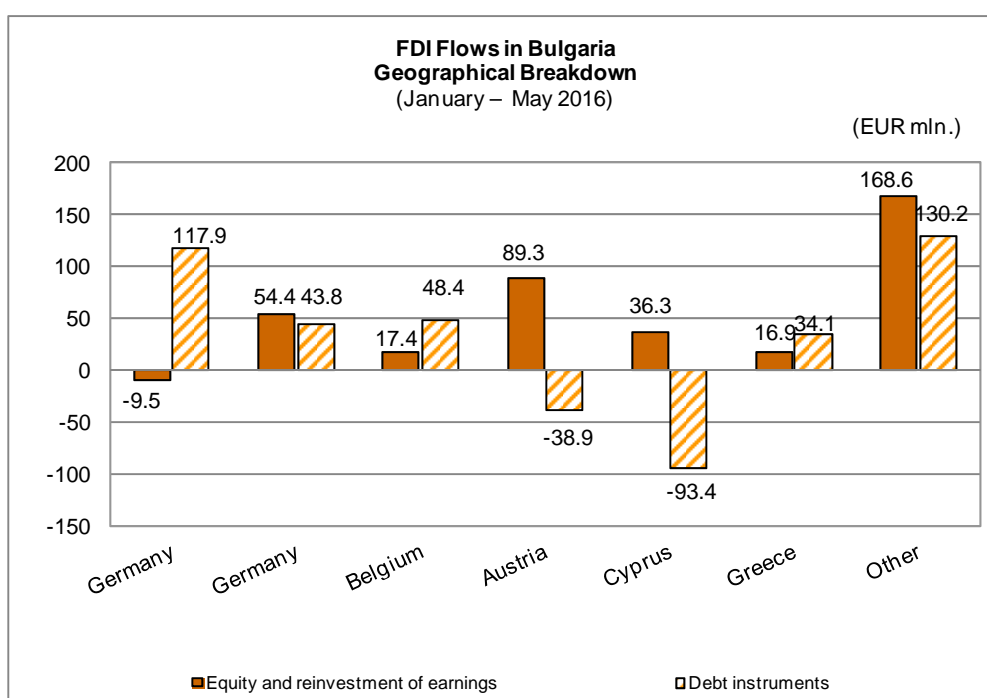
<sup>3</sup> When comparing the data year-on-year it should be taken into account that the initial FDI data for January – May 2015, published in the BNB press release on 17 July 2015, have been subsequently revised ([www.bnb.bg](http://www.bnb.bg), section Press Office/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments).

*Real estate investments of non-residents* totalled EUR 16.5 million, compared with EUR 15.5 million attracted in January – May 2015. The largest inflow of real estate investment was from Russia – EUR 2.9 million (17.6% of the total amount for January – May 2016) and the Switzerland (EUR 2.1 million, (12.7%).

*Reinvestment of earnings* (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise based on preliminary profit and loss data) were estimated at EUR 139 million for January – May 2015, compared with EUR 370.7 million in the same period of 2015.

The net *debt instruments* (the change in the net liabilities between affiliated enterprises on financial loans, suppliers' credits and debt securities) totalled EUR 198.3 million in January – May 2016, compared with EUR 410.7 million in January – May 2015<sup>4</sup>.

The largest net direct investment inflow in Bulgaria for January – May 2016 was from the Netherlands (EUR 108.3 million).



According to preliminary data, *direct investment abroad* totalled EUR 37.2 million in January – May 2016, compared with a decline of EUR 13.5 million in January – May 2015. In May 2016 it grew by EUR 13.1 million, compared with an increase of EUR 2.7 million in May 2015.

<sup>4</sup> The data on *debt instruments* are based on preliminary information from foreign direct investment enterprises on credits extended/received to/from nonresidents. The data for 2014 and 2015 are subject to revisions with their quarterly and annual reports.