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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS¹

JANUARY – MAY 2008

Current and Capital Account

In the period January – May 2008, the Current and Capital account deficit was EUR 2,859 million (8.7% of GDP²), against a deficit of EUR 2,536.5 million (8.8% of GDP) for the same period in 2007.

Current Account

The Current account for May 2008 was negative and amounted to EUR 627.4 million and the deficit increased by EUR 166.9 million compared to the same month in 2007 (deficit of EUR 460.5 million). The main factor for the increase of the current account deficit compared to May 2007 was the higher (by EUR 203.2 million) trade deficit.

The Current account deficit in the period January – May 2008 was EUR 3,059.4 million, which is an increase of EUR 473.1 million compared to January – May 2007 (EUR 2,586.3 million). As a percent of GDP the deficit amounted to 9.3% and was higher by 0.4 p.p. compared to January – May 2007 (8.9% of GDP). The main factor for the increase of the current account deficit was the higher (by EUR 664.2 million) trade deficit, as well as the decrease of services balance (by EUR 75.9 million) and increase of income deficit (by EUR 10.2 million), while the contribution of the item *Current Transfers, net* was positive – EUR 277.1 million.

The trade deficit³ for May 2008 (EUR 804.5 million) increased by 203.2 million compared to May 2007 (EUR 601.3 million). Over the reporting period the trade balance was negative, amounting to EUR 3,365.5 million (10.3% of GDP) and the deficit increased by EUR 664.2 million compared to January – May 2007 (a deficit of EUR 2,701.3 million, 9.3% of GDP). The trade deficit increase was also due to the increase of crude oil and natural gas prices.

- In May 2008 **Exports (FOB)** amounted to EUR 1,321 million compared to EUR 1,099.3 million for the same month in 2007 and increased by EUR 221.7 million (20.2%). In January – May 2008, exports amounted to EUR 6,336.7 million and increased by 26.1% (EUR 1,311.2 million) compared to the same period in 2007 (EUR 5,025.5 million). The exports growth rate in January – May 2007 yoy was 8%.

¹ The analysis is prepared based on the analytical table of the Balance of Payments in EUR. The 2007 and 2008 data are preliminary. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report revisions of the May 2008 data will be presented.

² GDP for 2007 (preliminary NSI data) - EUR 28,898 million and forecast GDP for 2008 - EUR 32,824 million.

³ Exports and imports data should be interpreted carefully due to the problems with their coverage and quality in 2007 after the introduction of the INTRASTAT system as from January 1, 2007.

- **Imports (FOB)** for May 2008 amounted to EUR 2,125.5 million compared to EUR 1,700.7 million for the same month in 2007 and increased by EUR 424.9 million (25%). In January – May 2008 imports (FOB) amounted to EUR 9,702.2 million and increased by 25.6% (EUR 1975.4 million) compared to the same period in 2007 (EUR 7,726.8 million). The imports growth rate for January – May 2007 yoy was 18.2%. The difference in imports growth rates yoy for the reporting period in 2008 and for the same period in 2007 was due to the increase of crude oil and natural gas prices.

The balance on ***the Services item*** was negative, amounting to EUR 52.8 million (0.2% of GDP) against a positive balance of EUR 23 million for the same period in the previous year. It decreased by EUR 75.9 million compared to the same period in 2007 and this was due to the decrease of the balances on items *Transportation* (by EUR 63.4 million) and *Travel* (by EUR 72.3 million).

- The Travel balance was negative, amounting to EUR 35.7 million (0.1% of GDP) against a positive balance amounting to EUR 36.7 million (0.1% of GDP) for the period January – May 2007.

Income balance was negative amounting to EUR 29.4 million (0.1% of GDP) compared to a negative balance of EUR 19.2 million for January – May 2007. The increase of the income deficit yoy (by EUR 10.2 million) was mainly due to higher payments on Direct Investments (by EUR 100.5 million).

Net Current transfers amounted to EUR 388.4 million (1.2% of GDP) against EUR 111.3 million (0.4% of GDP) for January – May 2007, and increased by EUR 277.1 million. The receipts from the European Union (EUR 397.9 million) increased by EUR 356.1 million compared to the same period in 2007 (EUR 41.8 million). The payments of current transfers towards the EU for the reporting period amounted to EUR 165.7 million against EUR 128.9 million for the same period in the previous year.

Capital Account

The Capital account balance amounted to EUR 200.4 million (EUR 200.4 million net capital transfers from the EU funds), compared to a positive balance of EUR 49.8 million (EUR 49.2 million net capital transfers from the EU funds) for the period January – May 2007, and was higher by EUR 150.7 million.

Financial Account

The Financial account balance was positive amounting to EUR 3,510.8 million, compared to a positive balance of EUR 3,262.2 million for the same period in 2007 and was higher by EUR 248.5 million.

According to preliminary data in January – May 2008 ***Direct investment abroad*** increased by EUR 418.2 million compared to an increase of EUR 43.6 million in January – May 2007.⁴

⁴ The difference between the investments for the two periods was mainly due to an investment made abroad in March 2008 by a Bulgarian subsidiary of a big multinational company.

According to preliminary data ***the Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria*** for the reporting period was EUR 1,705.3 million (5.2% of GDP) and was lower by EUR 314.7 million compared to the same period in 2007 (EUR 2,020.1 million, 7% of GDP). The direct investment covered 55.7% of the current account deficit, against 78.1% for January – May 2007. The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents were lower by EUR 125.5 million (17.6%) compared to January – May 2007 and amounted to EUR 587.3 million (34.4% of the direct investment for the period).

Portfolio investment - assets decreased by EUR 38.4 million, compared to a decrease of EUR 57 million for the same period in 2007. Banks decreased their portfolio investments – assets by EUR 151.7 million against a decrease of EUR 101.4 million for the period January – May 2007. ***Portfolio investment – liabilities*** decreased by EUR 91.2 million against a decrease of 220.3 million for January – May 2007.

Other investment – assets decreased by EUR 938.9 million, compared to a decrease of EUR 563 million for the same period in 2007. The item *Currency and Deposits* of banks decreased by EUR 987.3 million compared to a decrease of EUR 653.7 million for January – May 2007. ***Other investment – liabilities*** increased by EUR 1,401.7 million against an increase of EUR 920.9 million for January – May 2007. The increase for the reporting period in 2008 was mainly due to the increase (by EUR 1,023.3 million) of the net liabilities of Other Sectors.

The item ***Net errors and omissions*** was positive, amounting to EUR 222.3 million compared to a negative item amounting to EUR 409.9 million for the same period of 2007.

The ***Overall balance*** was positive, amounting to EUR 874.1 million (2.7% of GDP) compared to a positive overall balance of EUR 315.9 million (1.1% of GDP) for the same period in 2007.

As of end May 2008 the BNB reserve assets (excluding valuation changes) increased by EUR 874.1 million compared to the end of December 2007.

DIRECT INVESTMENT

(January – May 2008)¹

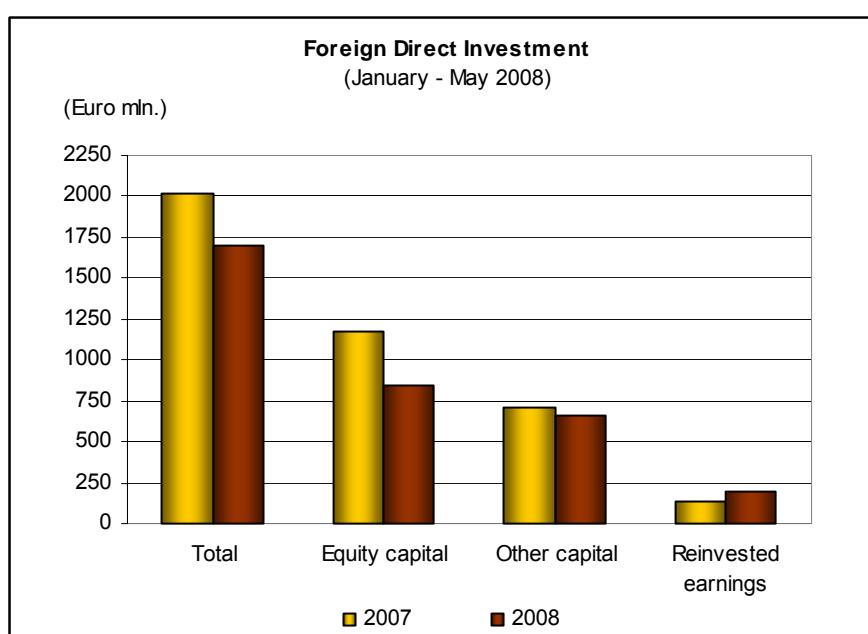
According to preliminary data, the **Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria** for January – May 2008 amounted to EUR 1,705.3 million (5.2% of GDP) compared to EUR 2,020.1 million (7% of GDP) attracted in January – May 2007.

| | 2007 | | | | | 2008 | | | 2008 - 2007 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | I-III | IV | V | I - V | I-III | IV | V | I - V | |
| Direct investment, net | 904.8 | 498.1 | 573.6 | 1976.5 | 476.0 | 365.4 | 445.8 | 1287.2 | -689.3 |
| Direct investment abroad * | 7.6 | -42.3 | -9.0 | -43.6 | -393.2 | -14.6 | -10.4 | -418.2 | -374.5 |
| Equity capital | -29.7 | -26.7 | -7.8 | -64.2 | -389.9 | -14.6 | -10.3 | -414.8 | -350.6 |
| Other capital | 26.3 | -15.7 | -1.3 | 9.3 | -3.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -3.4 | -12.6 |
| Reinvested earnings | 11.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -11.3 |
| Foreign Direct Investment | 897.2 | 540.4 | 582.5 | 2020.1 | 869.2 | 380.0 | 456.2 | 1705.3 | -314.7 |
| Equity capital, incl. from privatisation | 566.3 | 238.8 | 362.9 | 1168.1 | 528.6 | 175.4 | 140.8 | 844.9 | -323.2 |
| non-privatisation flows | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| 564.9 | 238.8 | 362.9 | 1166.7 | 528.6 | 175.4 | 140.8 | 844.9 | -321.8 | |
| Other capital | 249.2 | 273.6 | 191.6 | 714.3 | 223.2 | 165.4 | 276.2 | 664.9 | -49.5 |
| Reinvested earnings | 81.7 | 28.0 | 28.0 | 137.7 | 117.4 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 195.6 | 57.9 |
| Mergers and acquisitions, net | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Receipts | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Payments | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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

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 2008 amounted to EUR 844.9 million, which was 49.5% of the foreign direct investment. It decreased by EUR 323.2 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2007 (EUR 1168.1 million). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 587.3 million compared to EUR 712.8 million for January – May 2007.

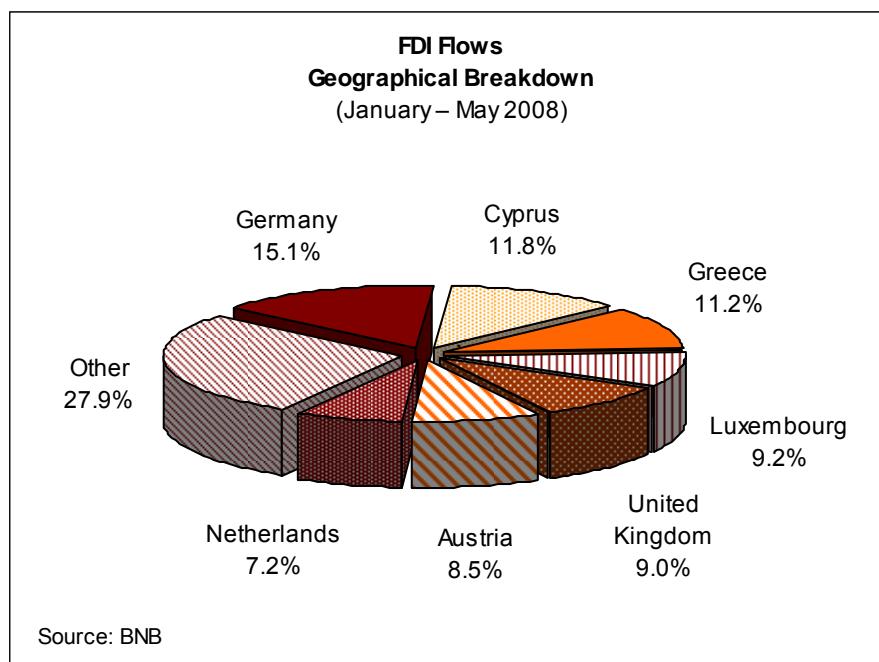


The attracted *equity capital on privatisation deals* with non-residents (that have acquired over 10% of the equity in a Bulgarian enterprise) reported in January – May 2008 did not increase, compared to an increase of EUR 1.4 million in January – May 2007. The attracted *equity capital on non-privatisation deals* totalled EUR 844.9 million in the reporting period, compared to EUR 1166.7 million for the same period in 2007.

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 664.9 million in January – May 2008, compared to a *net other capital* amounting to EUR 714.3 million in the same period of 2007.

According to preliminary data, the *reinvested earnings²* (*the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise*) in January – May 2008 are estimated at EUR 195.6 million compared to EUR 137.7 million in the same period of the previous year.

By country, the largest investments in Bulgaria for the reporting period were those of Germany (15.1% of the total foreign direct investment), Cyprus (11.8%) and Greece (11.2%).



According to preliminary data in January – May 2008 **Direct investment abroad** increased by EUR 418.2 million compared to an increase of EUR 43.6 million in January – May 2007. The equity capital invested abroad in 2008 amounted to EUR 414.8 million, compared to EUR 64.2 million in January – May 2007.³

¹ Preliminary data for 2007 and 2008. The data are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports to the BNB from foreign direct investment enterprises, as well as with the NSI annual data.

GDP for 2007 (preliminary NSI data) - EUR 28,898 million and forecast GDP for 2008 - EUR 32,824 million.

² The 2007 and 2008 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.

³ The difference between the investments for the two periods was mainly due to an investment made abroad in March 2008 by a Bulgarian subsidiary of a big multinational company.

TABLES

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF BULGARIA

ANALYTICAL PRESENTATION *

| | Monthly figures | | | Cumulated figures January - May | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | May 07 (Euro mln.) | May 08 Change | 2007 | 2008 (Euro mln.) | Change (% of GDP) | 2008 (% of GDP) |
| Current and Capital account (A + B) | -444.4 | -624.2 | -179.7 | -2536.5 | -2859.0 | -322.5 |
| A. Current Account ¹ | -460.5 | -627.4 | -166.9 | -2586.3 | -3059.4 | -473.1 |
| Goods: credit | 1099.3 | 1321.0 | 221.7 | 5025.5 | 6336.7 | 1311.2 |
| Goods: debit | -1700.7 | -2125.5 | -424.9 | -7726.8 | -9702.2 | -1975.4 |
| <i>Balance on Goods ²</i> | <i>-601.3</i> | <i>-804.5</i> | <i>-203.2</i> | <i>-2701.3</i> | <i>-3365.5</i> | <i>-664.2</i> |
| Services: credit | 376.5 | 465.6 | 89.1 | 1346.0 | 1563.5 | 217.4 |
| Transportation ³ | 105.7 | 129.3 | 23.6 | 443.1 | 522.0 | 78.9 |
| Travel ⁴ | 181.9 | 208.6 | 26.7 | 533.5 | 601.0 | 67.4 |
| Other services | 88.9 | 127.7 | 38.8 | 369.4 | 440.5 | 71.1 |
| Services: debit | -277.3 | -343.1 | -65.8 | -1323.0 | -1616.3 | -293.3 |
| Transportation ³ | -88.5 | -127.5 | -38.9 | -431.7 | -574.1 | -142.3 |
| Travel ⁴ | -107.9 | -139.4 | -31.6 | -496.9 | -636.6 | -139.8 |
| Other services | -80.9 | -76.2 | 4.7 | -394.4 | -405.6 | -11.2 |
| <i>Balance on Services</i> | <i>99.2</i> | <i>122.5</i> | <i>23.3</i> | <i>23.0</i> | <i>-52.8</i> | <i>-75.9</i> |
| Transportation, net | 17.2 | 1.8 | -15.4 | 11.4 | -52.0 | -63.4 |
| Travel, net | 69.2 | 69.0 | -4.8 | 36.7 | -35.7 | -72.3 |
| Other services, net | 51.5 | 8.0 | 43.5 | -25.0 | 34.8 | 59.8 |
| <i>Balance on goods and services</i> | <i>-502.1</i> | <i>-682.0</i> | <i>-179.9</i> | <i>-2678.3</i> | <i>-3418.4</i> | <i>-740.1</i> |
| Income: credit | 120.8 | 127.7 | 6.9 | 594.7 | 682.8 | 88.1 |
| Compensation of employees: credit ⁵ | 98.6 | 106.4 | 7.7 | 478.3 | 562.0 | 83.7 |
| Other investment income: credit | 22.2 | 21.3 | -0.9 | 116.3 | 120.7 | 4.4 |
| Income: debit | -99.3 | -121.4 | -22.1 | -613.9 | -712.2 | -98.3 |
| Compensation of employees: debit | -7.2 | -2.0 | 5.2 | -17.3 | -12.9 | 4.4 |
| Other investment income: debit | -92.1 | -119.4 | -27.3 | -596.6 | -699.3 | -102.7 |
| <i>Balance on Income</i> | <i>21.5</i> | <i>6.2</i> | <i>-15.2</i> | <i>-19.2</i> | <i>-29.4</i> | <i>-10.2</i> |
| <i>Balance on goods, services and income</i> | <i>-480.6</i> | <i>-675.8</i> | <i>-195.1</i> | <i>-2697.5</i> | <i>-3447.8</i> | <i>-750.2</i> |
| Current transfers, net | 20.1 | 48.3 | 28.2 | 111.3 | 388.4 | 277.1 |
| Current transfers: credit | 66.1 | 94.5 | 28.4 | 332.8 | 696.5 | 363.7 |
| Current transfers: debit | -45.9 | -46.1 | -0.2 | -221.5 | -308.1 | -86.6 |
| B. Capital Account ^{1,6} | 16.1 | 3.2 | -12.8 | 49.8 | 200.4 | 150.7 |
| Capital transfers, net | 16.1 | 3.2 | -12.8 | 49.8 | 200.4 | 150.7 |
| <i>Total, Groups A Plus B</i> | <i>-444.4</i> | <i>-624.2</i> | <i>-179.7</i> | <i>-2536.5</i> | <i>-2859.0</i> | <i>-322.5</i> |
| C. Financial Account ^{1,6} | 414.2 | 465.1 | 51.0 | 3262.2 | 3510.8 | 248.5 |
| <i>Direct investment, net ⁷</i> | <i>573.6</i> | <i>445.8</i> | <i>-127.7</i> | <i>1976.5</i> | <i>1287.2</i> | <i>-689.3</i> |

| | Monthly figures | | | Cumulated figures January - May | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | May 07 | May 08 (Euro mln.) | Change | 2007 | 2008 (Euro mln.) | Change | 2007 (% of GDP) | 2008 (% of GDP) |
| Direct investment abroad | -9.0 | -10.4 | -1.4 | -43.6 | -418.2 | -374.5 | -0.2% | -1.3% |
| Direct investment in reporting economy ⁸ | 582.5 | 456.2 | -126.3 | 2020.1 | 1705.3 | -314.7 | 5.2% | 7.0% |
| Mergers and acquisitions ⁹ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Portfolio investment assets ⁹ | 45.5 | 30.0 | -15.5 | 57.0 | 38.4 | -18.6 | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Portfolio investment liabilities | -28.5 | -12.4 | 16.1 | -220.3 | -91.2 | 129.1 | -0.8% | -0.3% |
| Financial derivatives, net | -7.2 | -19.4 | -12.3 | -34.9 | -64.2 | -29.3 | -0.1% | -0.2% |
| Other investment assets ^{10, 11} | -128.6 | 5.3 | 133.9 | 563.0 | 938.9 | 375.9 | 1.9% | 2.9% |
| Other investment liabilities ^{12, 13} | -40.6 | 15.8 | 56.4 | 920.9 | 1401.7 | 480.8 | 3.2% | 4.3% |
| Total, Groups A Through C | -30.3 | -159.0 | -128.8 | 725.7 | 651.8 | -73.9 | 2.5% | 2.0% |
| D. Net Errors and Omissions | -133.2 | 23.5 | 156.7 | -409.9 | 222.3 | 632.1 | -1.4% | 0.7% |
| OVERALL BALANCE | -163.4 | -135.5 | 27.9 | 315.9 | 874.1 | 558.2 | 1.1% | 2.7% |
| E. Reserves and Related Items | 163.4 | 135.5 | -27.9 | -315.9 | -874.1 | -558.2 | -1.1% | -2.7% |
| BNB Forex Reserves ¹⁴ | 163.4 | 135.5 | -27.9 | -60.6 | -874.1 | -813.5 | -0.2% | -2.7% |
| Use of Fund credit, net | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -255.3 | 0.0 | 255.3 | -0.9% | 0.0% |
| Exceptional financing, net | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |

* Analytic presentation in accordance with IMF 5-th edition of the "Balance of Payments Manual".

¹ Preliminary data. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report, balance of payments data for May 2008 are to be revised.

² Data are based on customs declarations, supplemented with NSI data and processed by the BNB, as of date of customs clearing. The data are reconciled with the NSI. For 2008 preliminary NSI data as of 4 July 2008 which include data from the system INTRASTAT for the EU member states and from customs declarations for non-EU countries.

³ The recalculation of imports at FOB prices is based on a methodology developed by the BNB and the NSI.

⁴ Estimates following a methodology of the BNB and the Ministry of Economy. For 2007 - 2008 data are based on preliminary NSI data on the number of foreign visitors and data on Bulgarians travelling abroad.

⁵ Estimates following a methodology of the BNB.

⁶ A minus sign denotes a capital outflow (increase in assets or decrease in liabilities).

⁷ Data are provided by direct investment companies reporting to BNB, Agency for Privatization, NSI, Central Depository, banks and others.

The 2007 and 2008 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.

⁸ On the basis of the reports submitted to the BNB by the enterprises with financial credits received from non-residents.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

⁹ Mergers and acquisitions are included in this item.

¹⁰ Banks' data.

¹¹ Data on net change of trade credits-assets paid advances and receivables from suppliers), reported to the BNB are included in this item.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

¹² Bank for International Settlements (BIS) data are used for January - September 2007. For October - December 2007 and for 2008 - data are subject to revisions.

¹³ Data on net change of trade credits-liabilities (received advances and payables to suppliers), reported to the BNB are included in this item.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

¹⁴ Excluding valuation changes due to the exchange rate changes. A minus sign (-) denotes an increase in the reserves, a positive sign (+) - a decrease.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF BULGARIA

ANALYTIC PRESENTATION*
(monthly data)

| ANALYTIC PRESENTATION* | ANALYTIC PRESENTATION* | | | | | | | | | | Cumulated figures January - May | | Twelve-month cumulated figures ending | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | May. 07 | Jun. 07 | Jul. 07 | Aug. 07 | Sep. 07 | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | 2007 | 2008 | 31.V.2007 | 31.V.2008 |
| Debt securities | -9.5 | -14.6 | -14.1 | -146.8 | -37.9 | -66.9 | 111.0 | -79.7 | -11.6 | 27.1 | -7.7 | -45.5 | -13.8 | 462.5 | -436.5 | 257.4 | -300.1 |
| Financial derivatives, net | -7.2 | -8.1 | -4.0 | -10.3 | 13.6 | 31.2 | -18.4 | -30.3 | 0.4 | -10.0 | -22.1 | -13.1 | -19.4 | -34.9 | -64.2 | -123.5 | -90.5 |
| Other investment, assets | -128.6 | -26.7 | -323.2 | -405.0 | 570.4 | -115.8 | -378.5 | -389.5 | 712.1 | 187.6 | -157.7 | 191.6 | 5.3 | 565.0 | 938.9 | -1010.2 | -129.6 |
| Trade credits ¹¹ | -27.4 | -27.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -144.9 | 0.0 | -175.6 | -19.4 |
| Loans | -6.5 | -7.5 | -14.1 | -11.7 | -36.5 | -12.0 | -49.4 | -31.3 | -23.9 | -42.0 | 5.0 | 13.6 | -17.1 | -78.5 | -107.4 | -220.8 | -144.7 |
| Currency and deposits ¹² | -108.6 | 3.1 | -272.3 | -383.4 | 568.4 | -76.7 | -367.1 | -327.2 | 746.2 | 196.4 | -116.7 | 185.9 | -11.8 | 776.0 | 999.9 | -703.4 | -34.0 |
| Other assets | 13.9 | 5.1 | -39.5 | -12.7 | 10.5 | -2.6 | 0.6 | -12.9 | 15.0 | 1.0 | -2.8 | 15.0 | 0.7 | -51.0 | 17.5 | -23.8 | -34.0 |
| Other investment, liabilities | 40.6 | 730.3 | 378.2 | 601.9 | 640.3 | 407.7 | 925.0 | 651.4 | 606.7 | 444.6 | 1039.0 | 509.0 | 15.8 | 920.9 | 1401.7 | 273.3 | 5736.6 |
| Trade credits ¹³ | 79.0 | 79.4 | -11.3 | -11.2 | 38.4 | 38.1 | 38.2 | 38.1 | -20.2 | -3.2 | -2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 112.3 | -9.3 | 268.5 | 151.0 |
| Loans | -18.1 | 703.9 | 435.3 | 357.7 | 332.0 | 245.4 | 459.0 | 217.2 | 126.0 | 526.7 | 194.2 | 64.8 | 412.8 | 1128.9 | 1944.6 | 3642.0 | 1925.0 |
| Currency and deposits | -119.9 | -53.8 | -37.5 | 195.3 | 393.2 | 136.3 | 404.5 | 630.9 | -787.3 | 296.4 | 305.8 | 520.1 | -78.9 | 355.6 | 256.1 | 554.1 | -33.9 |
| Other liabilities | 18.4 | 0.9 | -8.3 | 60.3 | -73.7 | -12.4 | 23.3 | 2.6 | -33.4 | 25.3 | 209.3 | -205.2 | 29.9 | 36.3 | 26.0 | 18.7 | -33.9 |
| Current, Capital and Financial Account | -30.3 | 834.6 | 492.3 | 580.7 | 1234.4 | 38.2 | 468.0 | -114.7 | -290.0 | 227.8 | 563.4 | 309.7 | -159.0 | 725.7 | 651.8 | 2036.9 | 4185.2 |
| Net errors and omissions | -133.2 | -254.9 | -210.0 | -112.2 | 105.7 | 50.8 | -250.6 | -14.5 | -40.9 | -271.0 | -46.6 | 557.2 | 23.5 | -408.9 | 222.3 | -483.4 | -463.4 |
| OVERALL BALANCE | -163.4 | 579.7 | 282.3 | 468.5 | 1340.1 | 89.0 | 217.5 | -129.2 | -330.9 | -43.2 | 516.8 | 866.9 | -135.5 | 315.9 | 874.1 | 1553.5 | 3721.9 |
| Reserves and related items | 163.4 | -579.7 | -282.3 | -468.5 | -1340.1 | -89.0 | -217.5 | 129.2 | 330.9 | 43.2 | -516.8 | -866.9 | 135.5 | -315.9 | -874.1 | -1553.5 | -3721.9 |
| Official reserve assets ¹⁴ | 163.4 | -579.7 | -282.3 | -468.5 | -1340.1 | -89.0 | -217.5 | 129.2 | 330.9 | 43.2 | -516.8 | -866.9 | 135.5 | -315.9 | -874.1 | -1553.5 | -3721.9 |
| Use of fund credits and loans, net | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -60.6 | -874.1 | -1230.1 | -3721.9 |
| Exceptional financing transactions | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -255.3 | 0.0 | -323.5 | 0.0 |

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Banks data.

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¹⁶ Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

¹⁷ Excluding valuation changes due to the exchange rate changes. A minus sign (-) a decrease.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF BULGARIA
ANALYTIC PRESENTATION*
(Quantity data)

| ANALYTIC PRESENTATION* (mln EUR) | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | | | | Change 2008/2007 | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Change Q1 |
| Financial derivatives, net | -16.4 | -23.2 | -17.6 | -55.5 | -112.7 | -18.5 | -24.5 | -0.7 | -17.5 | -61.2 | -31.7 | -2.1 | -1.3 | 17.0 | 37.9 | 51.5 |
| Other investment, assets | -669.7 | -160.7 | -986.9 | -525.7 | -2353.0 | 470.4 | 65.9 | -157.8 | -883.9 | -505.5 | 742.0 | 1140.1 | 226.6 | 839.0 | -358.2 | 1847.5 |
| Trade credits ¹¹ | -53.1 | -64.1 | -42.8 | 33.4 | -128.6 | -90.1 | -82.2 | 8.1 | 0.0 | -164.3 | 0.0 | -37.0 | -18.1 | 50.8 | -33.4 | -37.7 |
| Loans | 15.0 | -63.9 | -5.7 | -81.1 | -135.6 | -12.4 | -12.1 | -36.8 | -97.9 | -159.3 | -97.1 | -27.4 | 51.7 | -31.2 | -23.7 | -84.7 |
| Currency and deposits ¹² | -623.8 | -42.6 | -948.0 | -483.3 | -2097.7 | 630.6 | 148.5 | -87.3 | -771.0 | 79.3 | 825.9 | 1254.4 | 191.0 | 860.7 | -287.7 | 2018.4 |
| Other assets | -7.8 | 9.8 | -0.4 | 5.3 | 6.9 | -57.6 | 11.8 | -41.7 | -15.0 | -102.6 | 13.3 | -49.9 | 1.9 | -41.3 | -20.2 | -109.5 |
| Other investment, liabilities | 692.1 | 780.8 | 1033.8 | 700.8 | 3207.5 | 585.2 | 1066.1 | 1620.5 | 1984.1 | 5255.8 | 876.8 | -107.0 | 285.3 | 586.7 | 1283.3 | 2048.4 |
| Trade credits ¹³ | 36.1 | 195.3 | 37.9 | 53.5 | 322.8 | 45.8 | 237.5 | -33.9 | 114.7 | 272.5 | -9.3 | -81.9 | 42.2 | -71.7 | 61.2 | -50.3 |
| Loans | 348.6 | 675.9 | 792.1 | 528.1 | 2344.8 | 351.9 | 764.7 | 1125.0 | 684.2 | 2925.8 | 869.9 | 3.2 | 88.8 | 332.9 | 581.1 | 518.1 |
| Currency and deposits | 264.8 | -111.5 | 198.4 | 162.3 | 514.1 | 275.0 | 30.8 | 561.1 | 1171.7 | 2028.5 | -185.1 | 10.2 | 142.3 | 352.7 | 1009.3 | 1514.5 |
| Other liabilities | 42.5 | 21.1 | 5.4 | -43.2 | 25.8 | 4.1 | 33.1 | -21.8 | 13.5 | 29.0 | 201.3 | -38.4 | 12.0 | -27.1 | 56.7 | 197.2 |
| Current, Capital and Financial Account | 138.8 | 1420.1 | 988.0 | 5.3 | 2532.3 | 179.2 | 1384.1 | 2307.3 | 391.5 | 4259.2 | 501.1 | 40.4 | -39.1 | 1339.3 | 386.2 | 1726.8 |
| Net errors and omissions | -356.9 | -512.3 | -372.1 | 494.6 | -746.7 | -128.0 | -536.8 | -216.5 | -214.3 | -1065.5 | -358.4 | 228.9 | -24.5 | 155.6 | -708.8 | -348.8 |
| OVERALL BALANCE | -218.0 | 907.8 | 596.0 | 499.9 | 1785.6 | 51.3 | 844.3 | 2090.8 | 177.3 | 3163.7 | 142.7 | 269.3 | -63.5 | 1494.9 | -322.6 | 91.4 |
| Reserves and related items | 218.0 | -907.8 | -596.0 | -499.9 | -1785.6 | -51.3 | -844.3 | -2090.8 | -177.3 | -3163.7 | -142.7 | -269.3 | 63.5 | -1494.9 | 322.6 | -91.4 |
| Official reserve assets ¹⁴ | 411.7 | -874.6 | -568.1 | -474.8 | -1505.8 | -31.4 | -608.8 | -2090.8 | -177.3 | -2908.4 | -142.7 | -443.2 | 265.8 | -1522.7 | 297.6 | -111.3 |
| Use of fund credits and loans, net | -193.7 | -33.2 | -27.8 | -25.1 | -279.8 | -19.9 | -235.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -255.3 | 0.0 | 173.8 | -202.3 | 27.8 | 25.1 | 24.5 |
| Exceptional financing transactions | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF BULGARIA
STANDARD PRESENTATION*
(Monthly data)

| STANDARD PRESENTATION * | (min EUR) | Twelve-month cumulated figures ending | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | May '07 | Jun. '07 | Jul. '07 | Aug. '07 | Sep. '07 | Oct. '07 | Nov. '07 | Dec. '07 | Jan. '08 | Feb. '08 | Mar. '08 | Apr. '08 | May. '08 |
| Equity | 362.9 | 279.5 | 226.9 | 585.5 | 417.1 | 310.1 | 299.7 | 301.4 | 179.8 | 201.2 | 147.6 | 175.4 | 140.8 | 844.9 |
| Other capital ⁷ | 191.6 | 209.5 | 296.5 | 188.1 | 38.2 | 131.5 | 188.3 | 375.4 | 69.7 | 30.9 | 184.3 | 165.4 | 276.2 | 3247.5 |
| Reinvested earnings | 28.0 | 28.0 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 0.0 | 36.8 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 327.3 |
| Mergers and acquisitions, net ⁸ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -7.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 446.5 |
| Portfolio investment, net | | | | | | | | | | | | | | -7.4 |
| Assets ⁹ | 17.0 | -52.2 | 130.4 | -151.8 | 16.4 | -86.3 | 43.0 | -206.8 | 81.0 | -12.9 | -62.6 | -76.0 | 17.6 | -163.2 |
| Equity securities | 45.5 | -63.3 | 31.8 | -44.0 | 56.0 | -16.7 | -39.8 | -103.2 | 101.3 | -31.2 | -44.3 | -17.5 | 30.0 | 57.0 |
| Debt securities | -2.0 | -14.2 | -17.7 | -8.3 | -6.0 | -10.0 | -13.6 | -4.1 | -12.4 | -3.6 | -0.1 | -7.4 | -3.0 | -38.4 |
| Liabilities | 47.6 | -49.1 | 49.5 | 52.2 | 61.9 | -6.7 | -26.2 | -99.0 | 104.9 | -18.8 | -44.2 | -10.1 | 33.1 | -18.2 |
| Equity securities | -28.5 | 11.1 | 98.6 | -185.8 | -39.5 | -69.6 | -82.8 | -103.7 | -20.3 | 18.3 | -18.2 | -58.5 | -12.4 | -26.5 |
| Debt securities | -19.0 | 25.7 | 112.6 | -89.0 | -1.6 | -2.7 | -28.2 | -24.0 | -8.7 | -8.8 | -10.5 | -13.0 | -1.4 | -98.4 |
| Financial derivatives,net | -9.5 | -14.6 | -14.1 | -146.8 | -37.9 | -66.9 | 111.0 | -79.7 | -11.6 | 27.1 | -7.7 | -45.5 | -13.8 | -38.4 |
| Other investment | -7.2 | -8.1 | -4.0 | -10.3 | 13.6 | 31.2 | -18.4 | -30.3 | 0.4 | -10.0 | -22.1 | -13.1 | -19.4 | -38.4 |
| Assets | -169.2 | 703.6 | 55.1 | 196.9 | 1210.7 | 291.9 | 546.5 | 261.9 | 105.4 | 632.1 | 881.3 | 700.6 | 21.1 | -136.8 |
| Trade credits ¹⁰ | -128.6 | -26.7 | -323.2 | -405.0 | 570.4 | -115.8 | -378.5 | -389.5 | 712.1 | 187.6 | -157.7 | 191.6 | 5.3 | -136.8 |
| Loans | -27.4 | -27.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -52.8 |
| Currency and deposits ¹¹ | -6.5 | -7.5 | -14.1 | -11.7 | -11.0 | -36.5 | -12.0 | -49.4 | -31.3 | -23.9 | -42.0 | 5.0 | 13.6 | -100.3 |
| Other assets | -108.6 | 3.1 | -272.3 | -383.4 | 568.4 | -76.7 | -367.1 | -327.2 | 746.2 | 196.4 | -16.7 | 185.9 | -11.8 | -26.5 |
| Liabilities | 13.9 | 5.1 | -39.5 | -12.7 | 10.5 | -2.6 | 0.6 | -12.9 | -2.8 | 15.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 3.5 | -38.4 |
| Trade credits ¹² | -40.6 | 730.3 | 378.2 | 601.9 | 640.3 | 407.7 | 925.0 | 651.4 | -606.7 | 444.6 | 1039.0 | 509.0 | 15.8 | -38.4 |
| Loans | 79.0 | 79.4 | -11.3 | -11.4 | -11.2 | 38.4 | 38.1 | 38.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -144.9 |
| Currency and deposits | -18.1 | 703.9 | 435.3 | 357.7 | 332.0 | 245.4 | 459.0 | -20.2 | 217.2 | 126.0 | 526.7 | 194.2 | 64.8 | -175.6 |
| Other liabilities | -119.9 | -53.8 | -37.5 | 195.3 | 393.2 | 136.3 | 404.5 | 630.9 | -787.3 | 296.4 | 305.8 | 520.1 | -78.9 | -107.4 |
| BNB Reserve assets (increase:-) ¹³ | 163.4 | -579.7 | -282.3 | -468.5 | -1340.1 | -89.0 | -217.5 | 129.2 | 330.9 | 43.2 | -516.8 | -866.9 | 135.5 | -220.8 |
| Monetary gold | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -144.7 |
| Special drawing rights | 2.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -3.5 | 0.0 | -3.7 | -4.0 |
| Reserve position in the Fund | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Foreign exchange | 160.5 | -579.7 | -282.2 | -468.4 | -1340.1 | -86.9 | -217.4 | 129.2 | 330.9 | 43.2 | -513.3 | -866.9 | 135.6 | -220.8 |
| Net Errors and Omissions | -133.2 | -254.9 | -210.0 | -112.2 | 105.7 | 50.8 | -250.6 | -14.5 | -40.9 | -271.0 | -46.6 | 557.2 | 23.5 | -463.4 |
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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
SERVICES

| | | 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | Cumulated figures January - May 2008* | | Change 2008/2007 May Jan-May | | |
|--|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | | January - May 2007 | | 2007 | | |
| (min EUR) | | May. 07 | Jun. 07 | Jul. 07 | Aug. 07 | Sep. 07 | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | | | | |
| Services, net¹ | | 99.2 | 286.1 | 419.5 | 326.0 | 172.2 | -35.2 | -37.0 | -42.9 | -96.4 | -29.6 | -18.1 | -31.2 | 122.5 | 23.0 | -52.8 | 23.3 | -75.9 |
| Credit | | 376.5 | 572.3 | 722.6 | 688.9 | 479.0 | 275.9 | 251.1 | 283.4 | 261.9 | 262.5 | 279.7 | 293.8 | 465.6 | 1346.0 | 1563.5 | 89.1 | 217.4 |
| Transportation ² | 105.7 | 152.5 | 191.6 | 185.5 | 135.6 | 96.9 | 87.6 | 89.1 | 90.3 | 93.9 | 105.0 | 103.6 | 129.3 | 443.1 | 522.0 | 23.6 | 78.9 | |
| Travel ³ | 181.9 | 318.4 | 444.3 | 427.3 | 269.8 | 103.6 | 78.1 | 112.2 | 94.8 | 87.1 | 104.5 | 105.9 | 208.6 | 533.5 | 601.4 | 26.7 | 67.4 | |
| Other services ⁴ | 88.9 | 101.4 | 86.7 | 76.2 | 73.6 | 75.5 | 85.4 | 82.1 | 76.8 | 81.5 | 70.2 | 84.3 | 127.7 | 369.4 | 440.5 | 38.8 | 71.1 | |
| Communications services | 12.4 | 9.0 | 11.3 | 10.8 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 9.6 | 8.0 | 5.3 | 8.4 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 42.6 | 45.4 | 76.8 | 30.3 | 31.4 | |
| Construction services | 9.6 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 9.7 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 40.0 | 23.9 | -4.1 | -16.0 | |
| Insurance services | 2.8 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 13.6 | 12.7 | -0.4 | -0.9 | -0.7 | |
| Financial services | 1.8 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 10.4 | 9.7 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.7 | |
| Computer and information services | 10.1 | 9.5 | 8.2 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 34.6 | 40.5 | -1.2 | 5.9 | |
| Royalties and license fees | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 1.8 | -0.4 | |
| Other business services | 48.1 | 56.3 | 47.6 | 38.8 | 41.9 | 40.0 | 47.5 | 45.7 | 44.9 | 51.4 | 41.8 | 53.0 | 62.4 | 200.7 | 253.5 | 14.3 | 52.9 | |
| Personal, cultural and recreational services | 4.0 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 19.2 | 17.7 | -1.8 | -1.5 | |
| Government services, n.i.e. | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | |
| Debit | | -277.3 | -286.2 | -303.1 | -362.9 | -306.9 | -311.1 | -288.1 | -326.3 | -358.3 | -292.1 | -297.8 | -325.0 | -343.1 | -1323.0 | -1616.3 | -65.8 | -293.3 |
| Transportation ² | -88.5 | -102.1 | -102.6 | -116.8 | -110.7 | -107.4 | -110.4 | -103.1 | -118.7 | -103.9 | -106.5 | -117.4 | -127.5 | -431.7 | -574.1 | -38.9 | -142.3 | |
| Travel ³ | -107.9 | -112.1 | -118.0 | -137.0 | -129.6 | -117.6 | -112.0 | -109.0 | -138.0 | -115.3 | -117.5 | -126.4 | -139.4 | -496.9 | -636.6 | -31.6 | -139.8 | |
| Other services ⁴ | -80.9 | -72.0 | -82.5 | -109.1 | -66.6 | -86.1 | -65.7 | -114.2 | -101.6 | -72.9 | -73.7 | -81.2 | -76.2 | -394.4 | -405.6 | 4.7 | -11.2 | |
| Communications services | -7.0 | -12.2 | -4.6 | -6.7 | -8.6 | -6.2 | -5.6 | -8.8 | -7.7 | -6.6 | -5.3 | -8.4 | -4.0 | -28.8 | -32.1 | 3.0 | -3.3 | |
| Construction services | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.4 | -1.6 | -0.6 | -0.8 | -1.3 | -0.8 | -3.7 | -0.6 | -2.6 | -0.5 | -1.2 | -5.8 | -8.6 | -0.5 | -2.8 | |
| Insurance services | -11.3 | -6.1 | -16.4 | -8.1 | -9.8 | -8.2 | -7.3 | -6.1 | -4.5 | -7.0 | -6.9 | -5.7 | -7.4 | -35.9 | -31.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 | |
| Financial services | -4.7 | -3.9 | -3.2 | -32.6 | -1.5 | -8.4 | -2.8 | -8.2 | -3.0 | -2.3 | -2.9 | -2.3 | -2.8 | -13.4 | -13.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 | |
| Computer and information services | -3.1 | -4.3 | -8.3 | -3.2 | -2.3 | -3.0 | -2.5 | -5.2 | -3.8 | -4.3 | -3.9 | -3.4 | -3.4 | -22.4 | -18.8 | -0.3 | 3.6 | |
| Royalties and license fees | -4.9 | -4.9 | -4.5 | -4.0 | -3.9 | -3.5 | -4.7 | -5.0 | -6.5 | -3.7 | -3.3 | -4.3 | -24.0 | -22.8 | 0.6 | 1.2 | | |
| Other business services | -47.2 | -36.7 | -43.0 | -47.8 | -38.8 | -53.7 | -40.8 | -77.6 | -72.0 | -43.7 | -46.9 | -55.4 | -51.1 | -254.8 | -269.1 | -3.9 | -14.4 | |
| Personal, cultural and recreational services | -1.6 | -2.6 | -1.5 | -4.7 | -0.8 | -1.8 | -1.1 | -2.2 | -1.4 | -1.2 | -0.8 | -1.3 | -1.6 | -6.4 | -6.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | |
| Government services, n.i.e. | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.8 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -2.9 | -3.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | | |

¹ Preliminary data. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report, balance of payments data for May 2008 are to be revised.

² Estimates for freight transportation following a methodology of the BNB and the NSI.

³ Estimates following a methodology of the BNB and the Ministry of Economy. For 2007 - 2008 data are based on preliminary NSI data on the number of foreign visitors and data on Bulgarians travelling abroad.

⁴ Data received from the banks and firm reports on accounts abroad.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

INCOME

| | (mln EUR) | | | | | | | | | | | | Cumulated figures | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|---------------|------------------|
| | May. 07 | | | Jun. 07 | | | Jul. 07 | | | Aug. 07 | | | Sep. 07 | | | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | 2007 | 2008* | January - May | Change 2008/2007 |
| Income, net | 21.5 | -69.1 | -87.9 | -15.5 | -113.3 | 31.9 | 49.2 | -87.2 | -21.5 | 55.6 | 18.5 | -88.2 | 6.2 | -19.2 | -29.4 | -15.2 | -10.2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compensation of employees ¹ | 98.6 | 98.9 | 99.6 | 111.6 | 114.9 | 113.7 | 133.4 | 137.3 | 141.5 | 137.3 | 130.8 | 154.8 | 138.1 | 135.5 | 126.7 | 127.7 | 594.7 | 682.8 | 6.9 | 88.1 | | | | | | | |
| Investment income | 22.2 | 22.6 | 34.0 | 21.8 | 22.4 | 27.8 | 31.2 | 24.8 | 35.7 | 19.8 | 22.5 | 21.5 | 21.3 | 113.0 | 105.2 | 106.4 | 478.3 | 562.0 | 7.7 | 83.7 | | | | | | | |
| Direct investment ² | 0.9 | 2.1 | -0.9 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | -9.2 | 4.0 | -0.9 | 4.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividends and distributed branch profits | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 3.5 | -1.0 | 2.2 | | | | | |
| Rainvested earnings and undistributed branch profits | -0.1 | -0.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -11.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 11.3 | | | | | | | |
| On debt (interest) | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | | | | | |
| Portfolio investment ³ | 11.4 | 10.6 | 12.7 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 59.0 | 47.5 | -0.2 | -11.5 | | | | | | | | |
| On equity (dividends) | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | | | | |
| On debt (interest) | 11.4 | 10.5 | 12.7 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 10.6 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 9.3 | 11.0 | 58.8 | 47.3 | -0.3 | -11.6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other investment ⁴ | 9.9 | 22.2 | 10.9 | 12.1 | 14.5 | 18.4 | 11.4 | 24.8 | 9.5 | 13.4 | 11.4 | 10.1 | 66.5 | 69.2 | 0.2 | 2.7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans | 1.6 | 1.5 | 11.9 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 8.2 | 2.0 | 14.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 28.7 | 24.9 | 1.3 | -3.8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits and miscellaneous accounts | 8.3 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 9.3 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 37.8 | 44.3 | -1.0 | 6.5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Debit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Compensation of employees | -99.3 | -190.6 | -221.5 | -148.8 | -250.6 | -109.6 | -88.0 | -218.0 | -176.3 | -82.5 | -214.9 | -117.0 | -121.4 | -613.9 | -712.2 | -22.1 | -98.3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment income | -7.2 | -6.2 | -4.3 | -2.3 | -1.7 | -3.1 | -1.5 | -3.3 | -1.8 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -3.8 | -2.0 | -17.3 | -12.9 | 5.2 | 4.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Direct investment ² | -92.1 | -184.4 | -217.3 | -146.6 | -248.9 | -106.5 | -86.5 | -214.7 | -174.6 | -79.9 | -114.4 | -211.1 | -119.4 | -596.6 | -699.3 | -27.3 | -102.7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividends and distributed branch profits | -65.4 | -132.8 | -158.6 | -116.7 | -200.0 | -72.3 | -58.2 | -149.2 | -67.1 | -50.0 | -54.6 | -186.9 | -98.9 | -357.0 | -457.4 | -33.5 | -100.5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rainvested earnings and undistributed branch profits ⁵ | -23.2 | -78.1 | -101.3 | -60.8 | -25.0 | -20.3 | -9.4 | -79.8 | -10.9 | -16.6 | -10.4 | -142.5 | -40.5 | -116.2 | -221.1 | -173.0 | -104.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| On debt (interest) | -14.2 | -26.8 | -26.8 | -36.8 | -36.8 | -19.0 | -138.2 | -14.6 | -37.5 | -37.5 | -32.0 | -17.0 | -5.8 | -5.3 | -19.3 | -103.1 | -40.8 | -5.1 | 62.3 | | | | | | | | |
| Portfolio investment ³ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -68.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -93.8 | -68.2 | 0.0 | 25.6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| On equity (dividends) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | | | | |
| On debt (interest) | -26.7 | -51.5 | -26.9 | -29.8 | -48.8 | -34.1 | -28.3 | -65.5 | -39.5 | -59.8 | -24.1 | -20.4 | -145.9 | -93.8 | -68.2 | 0.0 | 25.6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other investment ⁴ | -25.2 | -50.6 | -26.0 | -29.1 | -48.0 | -32.6 | -27.1 | -64.1 | -37.8 | -28.7 | -57.6 | -22.7 | -19.7 | -136.5 | -166.5 | 5.5 | -29.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans | -1.4 | -1.0 | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -1.5 | -1.2 | -1.4 | -1.8 | -1.2 | -2.2 | -1.4 | -0.7 | -9.4 | -7.3 | 0.7 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits and miscellaneous accounts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Preliminary data. The data for January – March 2008 are revised. With the May 2008 report, balance of payments data for April 2008 are to be revised.

¹ Estimates following a methodology of the BNB.

² Data are provided by companies reporting to BNB, Agency for Privatization, NSI, Central Depository, banks and the BNB.

³ Data are provided by the banks, Central Depository, Ministry of Finance, the BNB and non-bank investment intermediaries.

⁴ Data from the firms' quarterly reports, banks' monthly reports and the BNB.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

⁵ The 2007 and 2008 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

CURRENT AND CAPITAL TRANSFERS

| | | CURRENT AND CAPITAL TRANSFERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | BALANCE OF PAYMENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (mln EUR) | | May. 07 | Jun. 07 | Jul. 07 | Aug. 07 | Sep. 07 | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | Cumulated figures January - May 2008* | Change 2008/2007 May | | |
| Current and Capital transfers, net | | 36.2 | 56.7 | 42.0 | 40.4 | 63.4 | 39.8 | 170.3 | 112.4 | -15.4 | -3.1 | 338.5 | 217.3 | 51.6 | 161.0 | 588.8 | 15.4 | |
| Current transfers, net | | 20.1 | 41.8 | 19.1 | 33.9 | 19.2 | 52.6 | 37.6 | -15.4 | -14.4 | 165.2 | 204.7 | 48.3 | 111.3 | 388.4 | 28.2 | 427.8 | |
| Credit ¹ | | 66.1 | 73.6 | 65.4 | 66.0 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 114.9 | 89.5 | 53.7 | 62.1 | 227.9 | 258.3 | 94.5 | 332.8 | 696.5 | 28.4 | |
| General government | | 9.2 | 19.6 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 24.1 | 28.2 | 58.0 | 39.8 | 1.3 | 9.4 | 169.9 | 196.7 | 32.9 | 70.3 | 410.3 | 23.7 | |
| incl. EU transfers ² | | 6.0 | 17.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 21.6 | 26.6 | 56.3 | 36.2 | 0.1 | 6.5 | 169.0 | 193.7 | 28.6 | 41.8 | 397.9 | 22.6 | |
| Other (private) | | 56.8 | 54.0 | 58.9 | 58.4 | 54.7 | 60.0 | 56.9 | 49.7 | 52.4 | 52.7 | 57.9 | 61.5 | 61.6 | 262.4 | 286.2 | 4.7 | |
| Workers' remittances | | 25.8 | 24.6 | 22.5 | 26.0 | 25.1 | 25.5 | 23.3 | 20.4 | 23.3 | 19.6 | 29.9 | 26.1 | 30.1 | 123.9 | 129.0 | 4.3 | |
| Other private transfers | | 31.1 | 29.5 | 36.4 | 32.3 | 29.7 | 34.5 | 33.6 | 29.4 | 29.1 | 33.1 | 28.1 | 35.4 | 31.5 | 138.5 | 157.2 | 5.1 | |
| Debit ¹ | | -45.9 | -31.8 | -44.5 | -46.8 | -44.9 | -69.1 | -62.3 | -51.9 | -89.2 | -76.5 | -62.7 | -53.6 | -46.1 | -221.5 | -308.1 | -0.2 | |
| General government | | -26.8 | -13.4 | -22.2 | -29.8 | -26.5 | -45.8 | -36.3 | -31.8 | -50.1 | -55.1 | -39.1 | -32.7 | -22.1 | -146.4 | -199.1 | 4.7 | |
| incl. EU transfers ² | | -18.4 | -10.2 | -18.6 | -25.7 | -24.9 | -40.8 | -29.1 | -26.1 | -37.7 | -51.7 | -27.6 | -29.3 | -19.5 | -128.9 | -165.7 | -1.0 | |
| Other (private) | | -19.1 | -18.4 | -22.3 | -17.0 | -18.4 | -23.4 | -26.0 | -20.1 | -19.0 | -21.4 | -23.5 | -20.8 | -24.1 | -75.1 | -109.0 | -33.9 | |
| Workers' remittances | | -1.7 | -1.3 | -2.6 | -1.6 | -2.7 | -2.1 | -4.6 | -1.3 | -1.2 | -1.8 | -1.3 | -1.4 | -1.8 | -6.5 | -7.5 | -0.1 | |
| Other private transfers | | -17.4 | -17.1 | -19.7 | -15.5 | -15.7 | -21.3 | -21.4 | -18.8 | -17.9 | -19.6 | -22.2 | -19.4 | -22.3 | -68.6 | -101.5 | -4.9 | |
| Capital transfers, net | | 16.1 | 14.9 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 29.5 | 20.7 | 117.8 | 74.8 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 173.3 | 12.6 | 3.2 | 49.8 | 200.4 | -12.8 | 150.7 |
| Credit | | 23.3 | 14.9 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 29.5 | 20.6 | 117.8 | 74.8 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 173.3 | 12.6 | 3.2 | 57.1 | 200.4 | -20.1 | 143.3 |
| General government | | 23.3 | 14.7 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 29.4 | 20.6 | 117.8 | 74.8 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 173.3 | 12.6 | 3.2 | 56.5 | 200.4 | -20.1 | 143.9 |
| incl. EU transfers ² | | 23.3 | 14.7 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 29.4 | 20.6 | 117.8 | 74.8 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 173.3 | 12.6 | 3.2 | 56.5 | 200.4 | -20.1 | 143.9 |
| Other sectors | | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.5 | |
| Debit | | -7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -7.3 | 0.0 | 7.3 | |
| General government | | -7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -7.3 | 0.0 | 7.3 | |
| incl. EU transfers | | -7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -7.3 | 0.0 | 7.3 | |
| Other sectors | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | |

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¹ Data provided by the Banks and the BRC, NSI, Ministry of Defense and others.

² Data provided by the Ministry of Finance, State Fund "Agriculture" and the BNB.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

| | | Cumulated figures January - May 2008* | | | | | | | | | | | | Cumulated figures January - May 2007 | | Change 2008/2007 | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | May 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | Apr. 08 | | May 08 | | |
| | | May. 07 | Jun. 07 | Jul. 07 | Aug. 07 | Sep. 07 | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | 2007 | 2008* | May | Jan-May |
| Direct investment | | 573.6 | 475.8 | 540.6 | 779.7 | 478.4 | 472.0 | 507.9 | 679.9 | 267.8 | 201.0 | 7.1 | 365.4 | 445.8 | 1976.5 | 1287.2 | -127.7 | -689.3 |
| Abroad | | -9.0 | -41.3 | -19.7 | -13.4 | -13.8 | -7.1 | -17.6 | -34.4 | -20.9 | -8.4 | -363.9 | -14.6 | -10.4 | -43.6 | -418.2 | -1.4 | -374.5 |
| Equity capital ¹ | | -7.8 | -39.2 | -22.3 | -6.9 | -7.4 | -4.2 | -11.9 | -27.5 | -19.9 | -8.0 | -362.1 | -14.6 | -10.3 | -64.2 | -414.8 | -2.5 | -350.6 |
| Banks | | -0.1 | -6.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -2.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| Other sectors | | -7.7 | -33.1 | -22.3 | -6.9 | -7.2 | -4.2 | -11.9 | -27.5 | -19.9 | -8.0 | -362.1 | -14.6 | -10.3 | -62.1 | -414.8 | -2.5 | -352.7 |
| Reinvested earnings | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -11.3 |
| Banks | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other sectors | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -11.3 |
| Other capital ² | | -1.3 | -2.2 | 1.5 | -7.6 | -3.0 | -5.7 | -6.9 | -1.0 | -0.4 | -1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 9.3 | -3.4 | 1.2 |
| Banks | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other sectors | | -1.3 | -2.2 | 1.5 | -7.6 | -3.0 | -5.7 | -6.9 | -1.0 | -0.4 | -1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 9.3 | -3.4 | 1.2 |
| In the reporting economy | | 582.5 | 517.0 | 560.2 | 800.5 | 492.2 | 479.1 | 525.5 | 714.3 | 288.7 | 209.4 | 371.1 | 380.0 | 456.2 | 2020.1 | 1705.3 | -126.3 | -314.7 |
| Equity capital ³ | | 362.9 | 279.5 | 226.9 | 595.5 | 417.1 | 310.1 | 299.7 | 301.4 | 179.8 | 201.2 | 147.6 | 175.4 | 140.8 | 1168.1 | 844.9 | -222.1 | -323.2 |
| Banks | | 40.0 | -11.3 | 18.8 | 143.7 | 9.4 | 120.4 | 14.3 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 44.1 | 34.9 | 34.9 | -39.9 | -9.2 | -182.2 |
| Other sectors | | 322.9 | 290.8 | 226.9 | 576.7 | 273.4 | 190.7 | 290.3 | 181.0 | 165.5 | 190.9 | 137.9 | 175.0 | 140.7 | 1124.0 | 810.0 | -182.2 | -313.9 |
| incl. Real estate | | 205.4 | 164.2 | 152.8 | 156.3 | 105.9 | 127.6 | 167.0 | 137.9 | 109.8 | 130.3 | 97.3 | 121.7 | 128.1 | 712.8 | 587.3 | -77.3 | -125.5 |
| Reinvested earnings ⁴ | | 28.0 | 28.0 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 11.1 | 57.9 |
| Banks | | 28.0 | 28.0 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 11.1 | 57.9 |
| Other sectors | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other capital ² | | 191.6 | 209.5 | 296.5 | 168.1 | 38.2 | 131.5 | 188.3 | 375.4 | 69.7 | -30.9 | 184.3 | 165.4 | 276.2 | 714.3 | 664.9 | 84.7 | -49.5 |
| Banks | | 0.9 | 18.0 | 33.0 | 1.2 | 6.0 | 71.1 | 215.5 | 21.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 27.6 | 9.5 | 1.8 | -18.1 | -31.3 |
| Other sectors | | 190.7 | 191.5 | 263.4 | 166.9 | 32.2 | 60.4 | 117.1 | 159.9 | 67.6 | -33.1 | 184.0 | 163.4 | 273.5 | 686.7 | 655.4 | 82.8 | -31.3 |
| Mergers and acquisitions, net ⁵ | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -7.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

* Preliminary data. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report, balance of payments data for May 2008 are to be revised.

¹ On the basis of banks' reports and the quarterly reports of the firms with direct investments abroad.

² On the basis of the reports submitted to the BNB by the enterprises with financial and trade credits between related parties.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

³ Data are provided by direct investment companies reporting to BNB, Agency for Privatization, NSI, Central Depository, banks and the BNB.

⁴ The 2007 and 2008 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.

⁵ Mergers and acquisitions are included in this item.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT

| | (mln EUR) | May. 07 | Jun. 07 | Jul. 07 | Aug. 07 | Sep. 07 | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | Cumulated figures January - May 2007 | Change 2008/2007 May Jan/May | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Portfolio investment | | 17.0 | -52.2 | 130.4 | -151.8 | 16.4 | -86.3 | 43.0 | -206.8 | 81.0 | -12.9 | -62.6 | -76.0 | 17.6 | -163.2 | -52.8 | 0.6 | 110.5 |
| Assets^{1,2} | | 45.5 | -63.3 | 31.8 | 44.0 | 56.0 | -16.7 | -39.8 | -103.2 | 101.3 | -31.2 | -44.3 | -17.5 | 30.0 | 57.0 | 38.4 | -15.5 | -18.6 |
| Equities securities | | -2.0 | -14.2 | -17.7 | -8.3 | -6.0 | -10.0 | -13.6 | -4.1 | -3.6 | -12.4 | -0.1 | -7.4 | -3.0 | -18.2 | -26.5 | -1.0 | -8.3 |
| Debt securities | | 47.6 | 49.1 | 49.5 | 52.2 | 61.9 | -6.7 | -26.2 | -99.0 | 104.9 | -18.8 | -44.2 | -10.1 | 33.1 | 75.2 | 64.9 | -14.5 | -10.3 |
| Bonds and notes | | 40.4 | -9.5 | 25.6 | 49.2 | 18.8 | -11.7 | -60.0 | -33.3 | 13.2 | 6.0 | -24.3 | -15.2 | -16.7 | 43.2 | -36.9 | -57.0 | -80.1 |
| MFIs | | 44.9 | -9.1 | 33.3 | 61.1 | 14.2 | 0.2 | -18.0 | 11.5 | 23.1 | 13.0 | -4.9 | 0.2 | 18.4 | 69.5 | 49.9 | -26.5 | -19.6 |
| Other sectors | | -4.5 | -0.4 | -7.7 | -11.9 | 4.6 | -11.9 | -42.0 | -44.8 | -9.8 | -7.0 | -19.4 | -15.4 | -35.1 | -26.3 | -86.8 | -30.6 | -60.5 |
| Money market instruments | | 7.2 | -39.6 | 23.9 | 3.1 | 43.1 | 5.0 | 33.8 | -65.7 | 91.6 | -24.8 | -19.9 | 5.2 | 49.7 | 32.0 | 101.8 | 42.5 | 69.8 |
| MFIs | | 7.2 | -39.6 | 23.9 | 3.1 | 43.1 | 5.0 | 33.8 | -65.7 | 91.6 | -24.8 | -19.9 | 5.2 | 49.7 | 32.0 | 101.8 | 42.5 | 69.8 |
| Other sectors | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Liabilities¹ | | -28.5 | 11.1 | 98.6 | -195.8 | -69.6 | 82.8 | -39.5 | -103.7 | -20.3 | 18.3 | -18.2 | -58.5 | -12.4 | -220.3 | -91.2 | 16.1 | 129.1 |
| Equities securities | | -19.0 | 25.7 | 112.6 | -49.0 | -1.6 | -2.7 | -28.2 | -24.0 | -8.7 | -8.8 | -10.5 | -13.0 | 1.4 | 47.0 | -39.5 | 20.4 | -86.5 |
| MFIs ³ | | 8.6 | 22.8 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 9.0 | -1.0 | 4.7 | -9.8 | -3.3 | -3.2 | -1.4 | 0.5 | 13.6 | -17.1 | -8.1 | -30.7 |
| Other sectors ³ | | -27.6 | 2.9 | 106.6 | -50.0 | -2.4 | -11.8 | -27.2 | -28.7 | 1.1 | -5.5 | -7.3 | -11.6 | 1.0 | 33.4 | -22.4 | 28.5 | -55.8 |
| Debt securities | | -9.5 | -14.6 | -14.1 | -146.8 | -37.9 | -66.9 | 111.0 | -79.7 | -11.6 | 27.1 | -7.7 | -45.5 | -13.8 | -267.3 | -51.7 | -4.3 | 215.6 |
| Bonds and notes | | -9.5 | -14.5 | -14.1 | -34.3 | -37.9 | -0.4 | 111.0 | -79.7 | -11.6 | 27.1 | -7.7 | -45.5 | -13.8 | -267.4 | -51.7 | -4.3 | 215.7 |
| General government ^{4,5} | | -11.5 | -14.5 | -1.4 | -25.6 | -38.4 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 14.6 | -9.5 | 27.2 | -1.6 | -43.4 | -13.9 | -265.4 | -41.2 | -2.5 | 224.2 |
| MFIs ³ | | 9.9 | 0.0 | -11.9 | -6.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 9.4 | 0.1 | -9.8 | -9.3 |
| Other sectors ³ | | -8.0 | 0.0 | -0.8 | -2.0 | 0.6 | -0.5 | 105.4 | -94.3 | -2.1 | -0.2 | -6.1 | -2.1 | 0.0 | -11.4 | -10.6 | 7.9 | 0.9 |
| Money market instruments | | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -112.5 | 0.0 | -66.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Monetary authorities | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| General government ^{4,5} | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| MFIs ³ | | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Other sectors ³ | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -112.5 | 0.0 | -66.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Financial derivatives, net | | -7.2 | -8.1 | -4.0 | -10.3 | 13.6 | 31.2 | -18.4 | -30.3 | 0.4 | -10.0 | -22.1 | -13.1 | -19.4 | -34.9 | -64.2 | -12.3 | -29.3 |
| Assets | | -7.5 | -7.7 | -4.6 | -10.3 | -4.4 | -3.7 | -18.2 | -9.4 | 0.1 | -9.9 | -21.8 | -13.0 | -22.6 | -42.7 | -67.2 | -15.1 | -24.5 |
| Liabilities | | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 18.1 | 34.9 | -0.3 | -21.0 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 7.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 4.8 |

* Preliminary data. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report, balance of payments data for May 2008 are to be revised.

¹ A minus sign denotes a capital outflow (increase in assets or decrease in liabilities).

² On the basis of monthly banks' reports and the quarterly reports of other investment intermediaries.

³ Due to the quarterly reporting of the non-bank investment intermediaries the data are subject to revisions.

⁴ Data from the monthly reports of the Central Depository.

⁵ The data on government debt securities, issued on the internal market, are based on quarterly reports of the primary dealers.

⁶ Due to quarterly reports of the primary dealers of government debt securities, data are subject to revisions.

⁷ For issues of government debt securities on external markets the data are from the monthly banks' reports and the Ministry of Finance.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

OTHER INVESTMENT
(STANDARD PRESENTATION)

| | 2008/2007 | | | | | | | | | | | | Cumulated figures January - May 2008* | | Change 2008/2007 May Jan/May | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | May. 07 | Jun. 07 | Jul. 07 | Aug. 07 | Sep. 07 | Oct. 07 | Nov. 07 | Dec. 07 | Jan. 08 | Feb. 08 | Mar. 08 | Apr. 08 | May. 08 | 2007 | 2008 | | |
| Other investment, net | -169.2 | 703.6 | 55.1 | 196.9 | 1210.7 | 291.9 | 546.5 | 261.9 | 105.4 | 632.1 | 881.3 | 700.6 | 21.1 | 1228.6 | 2340.6 | 190.4 | 1112.0 |
| Assets | -128.6 | -26.7 | -323.2 | -405.0 | 570.4 | -115.8 | -378.5 | -389.5 | 712.1 | 187.6 | -157.7 | 191.6 | 5.3 | 563.0 | 938.9 | 133.9 | 375.9 |
| Trade credits ¹ | -27.4 | -27.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | -11.0 | -36.5 | -12.0 | -49.4 | -31.3 | -23.9 | -42.0 | 5.0 | 13.6 | -144.9 | 0.0 | 27.4 |
| Loans | -6.5 | -7.5 | -14.1 | -11.7 | -11.0 | -0.5 | -14.3 | -10.5 | -44.2 | -35.5 | -2.2 | -22.3 | 5.0 | 13.6 | -17.1 | -78.5 | 20.1 |
| Banks ² | -5.6 | 4.8 | 6.6 | -11.0 | -0.5 | -11.4 | -11.4 | -10.9 | -42.2 | -32.8 | -0.2 | -8.5 | -16.7 | 9.5 | -7.9 | -41.3 | 19.2 |
| Long-term | -4.5 | 6.1 | -5.8 | -22.9 | 1.3 | -11.4 | -11.4 | -10.9 | -2.0 | -2.7 | -2.0 | -13.8 | 21.7 | 4.1 | 0.7 | -48.7 | 14.0 |
| Short-term | -1.1 | -1.3 | -0.8 | 11.9 | -1.8 | -2.9 | 0.4 | -2.9 | -0.4 | -5.1 | 4.2 | -21.7 | -19.7 | 0.0 | -9.9 | -37.2 | 0.9 |
| Other sectors ³ | -0.9 | -12.2 | -7.5 | -0.8 | -10.5 | -22.3 | -1.6 | -0.1 | -17.6 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -3.8 | -2.4 | 0.0 | 2.8 | -6.2 | -9.0 |
| Long-term | -1.0 | -5.6 | -5.4 | 0.2 | -2.1 | -10.5 | -39.8 | -1.2 | -4.5 | 4.2 | -17.8 | -17.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -12.7 | -31.0 | -0.1 |
| Short-term | 0.1 | -6.6 | -2.1 | -1.0 | -10.5 | -383.4 | 568.4 | -76.7 | -367.1 | -327.2 | -746.2 | -196.4 | -116.7 | 185.9 | -11.8 | -776.0 | 999.9 |
| Currency and deposits | -108.6 | 3.1 | -272.3 | -383.4 | -383.4 | -364.6 | -93.0 | -364.6 | -343.7 | -742.0 | -192.2 | -120.9 | 185.9 | -11.8 | 653.7 | 987.3 | 115.8 |
| Banks ⁴ | -127.6 | -15.9 | -189.6 | -282.0 | -669.7 | -93.9 | -93.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 103.5 | 0.0 | 333.5 |
| Other sectors ⁵ | 18.5 | 18.5 | -93.9 | -93.9 | -93.9 | -10.5 | -12.7 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -12.9 | -15.0 | -1.0 | 0.7 | 3.5 | -51.0 | 17.5 | -10.4 |
| Other assets | 13.9 | 5.1 | -39.5 | -39.5 | -39.5 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | -12.7 | 68.5 |
| Liabilities | -40.6 | 730.3 | 378.2 | 601.9 | 640.3 | 407.7 | 925.0 | 651.4 | -606.7 | 444.6 | -4039.0 | 509.0 | 15.8 | 665.6 | 1401.7 | 56.4 | 736.1 |
| Trade credits ⁶ | 79.0 | 79.4 | -11.3 | -11.4 | -11.2 | 38.4 | 38.1 | 38.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 112.3 | -9.3 | -79.0 |
| Loans | -18.1 | 703.9 | 435.3 | 357.7 | 332.0 | 245.4 | 459.0 | -20.2 | 217.2 | 126.0 | 526.7 | 194.2 | 64.8 | 157.4 | 1128.9 | 82.9 | 971.4 |
| Monetary authorities ⁷ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -255.3 | 0.0 | 255.3 |
| Use of fund credits and loans | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -255.3 | 0.0 | 255.3 |
| General government ⁷ | -0.4 | 121.9 | 16.9 | 20.7 | -26.1 | -9.8 | -1.3 | -44.7 | 8.3 | -33.9 | -33.9 | -257.4 | -13.0 | -6.7 | -46.4 | -302.8 | -6.3 |
| Long-term | -0.4 | 121.9 | 16.9 | 20.7 | -26.1 | -9.8 | -1.3 | -44.7 | 8.3 | -33.9 | -33.9 | -257.4 | -13.0 | -6.7 | -46.4 | -302.8 | -6.3 |
| Banks ² | -172.0 | 409.3 | 68.7 | 51.1 | 82.0 | 46.8 | 31.0 | -72.1 | 10.3 | 42.9 | 157.4 | 170.3 | 27.4 | 422.9 | 408.4 | 199.4 | 831.3 |
| Long-term | -142.9 | 269.0 | 136.0 | 47.0 | 96.3 | 23.7 | 14.5 | 40.6 | 2.7 | 15.8 | 28.7 | 229.4 | -3.5 | -112.5 | 273.1 | 139.4 | 385.6 |
| Short-term | -29.1 | 140.3 | -67.3 | 4.1 | -14.2 | 23.1 | 16.5 | -112.7 | 7.6 | 27.1 | 128.7 | -59.1 | 30.9 | -310.4 | 135.2 | 60.0 | 445.6 |
| Other sectors ³ | 154.3 | 172.7 | 285.9 | 276.1 | 208.5 | 429.2 | 96.6 | 198.6 | 117.1 | 626.7 | 36.9 | 44.1 | 882.0 | 1023.3 | -110.2 | 141.3 | |
| Long-term | 42.0 | 90.2 | 195.7 | -200.4 | 69.4 | 234.0 | 115.1 | 85.6 | 36.2 | 373.5 | 29.1 | 10.5 | 336.5 | 535.0 | 31.5 | 198.5 | |
| Short-term | 112.3 | 82.4 | 154.0 | 486.3 | 206.7 | 113.6 | 195.2 | -18.5 | 113.0 | 80.8 | 253.2 | 7.8 | 33.6 | 545.6 | 488.4 | -78.7 | -57.2 |
| Currency and deposits ⁸ | -119.9 | -53.8 | -37.5 | 195.3 | 393.2 | 136.3 | 404.5 | 630.9 | -787.3 | 296.4 | 305.8 | 520.1 | -78.9 | 359.6 | 256.1 | 41.0 | -103.5 |
| Banks | -119.9 | 0.9 | -8.3 | 60.3 | -73.7 | 23.3 | 2.6 | -33.4 | 25.3 | 209.3 | -205.2 | 29.9 | 36.3 | 26.0 | 11.6 | -10.3 | |
| Other liabilities | 18.4 | 0.9 | -8.3 | 60.3 | -73.7 | 23.3 | 2.6 | -33.4 | 25.3 | 209.3 | -205.2 | 29.9 | 36.3 | 26.0 | 11.6 | -10.3 | |

* Preliminary data. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report, balance of payments data for May 2008 are to be revised.

¹ Data on net change of trade credits/assets paid advances and receivables from suppliers), reported to the BNB are included in this item.

² Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

³ Data from the monthly banks' reports.

^{4,8} Source: "Money and Banking Statistics", the BNB.

⁵ Bank for International Settlements (BIS) data are used for January - September 2007. For October - December 2007 and for 2008 - data are subject to revisions.

⁶ Data on net change of trade credits-liabilities (received advances and payables to suppliers), reported to the BNB are included in this item.

⁷ Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

⁷ Source: Ministry of Finance and the BNB.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

| STANDARD PRESENTATION * | | January - May 2007 | | January - May 2008 | | Change 2008/2007 | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | (mn EUR) | Rest of the World | Intra EU | Extra EU | Rest of the World | Intra EU | Rest of the World |
| Current account¹ | -2586.3 | -1456.1 | -1130.1 | -3059.4 | -1320.7 | -1738.7 | -473.1 |
| Goods, services and income, net | -2697.5 | -1490.0 | -1207.6 | -3447.8 | -1659.3 | -1788.5 | -750.2 |
| Goods and services.net | -2678.3 | -1543.9 | -1134.4 | -3418.4 | -1664.9 | -1753.4 | -740.1 |
| Trade Balance ² | -2701.3 | -1515.9 | -1185.4 | -3365.5 | -1643.6 | -1722.0 | -664.2 |
| Goods, credit | 5025.0 | 3174.0 | 1851.5 | 6336.7 | 3859.2 | 2477.4 | 1311.2 |
| Goods, debit | -7726.8 | -4689.9 | -3036.9 | -9702.2 | -5502.8 | -4199.4 | -1975.4 |
| Services, net | 23.0 | -27.9 | 51.0 | -52.8 | -21.3 | -31.5 | -75.9 |
| Services, credit | 1346.0 | 928.3 | 417.7 | 1563.5 | 1113.6 | 449.9 | 217.4 |
| Transportation³ | 443.1 | 291.6 | 151.5 | 522.0 | 360.4 | 161.7 | 78.9 |
| Travel ⁴ | 533.5 | 392.8 | 140.7 | 601.0 | 440.5 | 160.5 | 67.4 |
| Other services | 369.4 | 243.8 | 125.5 | 440.5 | 312.8 | 127.7 | 71.1 |
| Services not allocated | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Services, debit | -1323.0 | -956.2 | -366.7 | -1616.3 | -1135.0 | -481.4 | -293.3 |
| Transportation³ | -431.7 | -274.1 | -157.6 | -574.1 | -336.4 | -237.7 | -142.3 |
| Travel ⁴ | -496.9 | -404.1 | -92.8 | -636.6 | -513.2 | -123.5 | -139.8 |
| Other services | -394.4 | -278.0 | -116.3 | -405.6 | -285.4 | -120.2 | -109.1 |
| Services not allocated | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Income, net | -19.2 | 53.9 | -73.1 | -29.4 | 5.6 | -35.0 | -10.2 |
| Income, credit | 594.7 | 513.6 | 81.1 | 682.8 | 581.1 | 101.7 | 88.1 |
| Compensation of employees ⁵ | 478.3 | 453.8 | 24.5 | 562.0 | 512.8 | 49.3 | 83.7 |
| Investment income | 116.3 | 59.7 | 56.6 | 120.7 | 68.4 | 52.4 | 4.4 |
| Income, debit | -613.9 | -459.7 | -154.2 | -712.2 | -575.5 | -136.7 | -98.3 |
| Compensation of employees | -17.3 | -9.6 | -7.7 | -12.9 | -7.3 | -5.5 | 4.4 |
| Investment income | -596.6 | -450.1 | -146.5 | -699.3 | -568.2 | -131.1 | -102.7 |
| Current transfers, net | 111.3 | 33.8 | 77.4 | 388.4 | 338.6 | 49.7 | 277.1 |
| Current transfers, credit | 332.8 | 221.9 | 110.9 | 696.5 | 593.8 | 102.7 | 363.7 |
| Current transfers, debit | -221.5 | -188.1 | -33.4 | -308.1 | -255.2 | -52.9 | -86.6 |
| Capital account^{1,6} | 49.8 | 49.7 | 0.1 | 200.4 | 200.4 | 0.1 | 150.7 |
| Capital transfers, net | 49.8 | 49.7 | 0.1 | 200.4 | 200.4 | 0.1 | 150.7 |
| Capital transfers, credit | 57.1 | 57.0 | 0.1 | 200.4 | 200.4 | 0.1 | 143.3 |
| Capital transfers, debit | -7.3 | -7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 |
| Financial account^{1,6} | 2946.3 | 3073.9 | -127.5 | 2636.7 | 3566.3 | -929.6 | -309.7 |
| Direct investment | 1976.5 | 1816.8 | 159.7 | 1287.2 | 1115.2 | 172.0 | 689.3 |
| Abroad | -43.6 | 12.5 | -56.1 | -418.2 | -391.3 | -26.9 | -374.5 |
| Equity capital | -64.2 | -10.8 | -53.4 | -414.8 | -390.6 | -24.2 | -350.6 |
| Reinvested earnings | 11.3 | -0.2 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -11.3 | 0.2 |
| Other capital | 9.3 | 23.5 | -14.3 | -3.4 | -0.7 | -2.6 | -12.6 |
| In the reporting economy ⁷ | 1804.3 | 215.8 | 1705.3 | 1506.5 | 198.9 | 199.5 | 134.7 |
| Equity capital | 1168.1 | 960.9 | 207.2 | 844.9 | 645.3 | 187.1 | 8.4 |
| Reinvested earnings | 137.7 | 132.3 | 5.4 | 195.6 | 195.6 | 8.4 | 57.9 |
| Other capital ⁸ | 714.3 | 711.1 | 3.2 | 664.9 | 674.0 | -9.1 | -49.5 |
| Mergers and acquisitions, net ⁹ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Portfolio investment | -163.2 | 30.0 | -193.2 | -52.8 | -56.1 | 3.3 | 110.5 |
| Assets ¹⁰ | 57.0 | 43.1 | 13.9 | 38.4 | -26.2 | 16.9 | 21.5 |

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

| STANDARD PRESENTATION * | | January - May 2007 | | January - May 2008 | | Change 2008/2007 | |
|--|---------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | (mn EUR) | Rest of the World | Intra EU | Extra EU | Rest of the World | Intra EU | Extra EU |
| Equities securities | -18.2 | -14.8 | -3.4 | -26.5 | -24.2 | -2.3 | -9.4 |
| Debt securities | 75.2 | 57.9 | 17.3 | 64.9 | 41.1 | 23.8 | -16.8 |
| Liabilities | -220.3 | -13.1 | -207.2 | -91.2 | -73.0 | -18.2 | -59.9 |
| Equities securities | 47.0 | -13.8 | 60.8 | -39.5 | -71.8 | 32.3 | -86.5 |
| Debt securities | -267.3 | 0.7 | -268.0 | -51.7 | -1.2 | -50.5 | 215.6 |
| Financial derivatives,net | -34.9 | -18.1 | -16.8 | -64.2 | -48.0 | -16.2 | -29.3 |
| Other investment | 1228.6 | 1245.2 | -16.6 | 2340.6 | 2555.2 | -214.7 | 1112.0 |
| Assets | 563.0 | 481.9 | 81.0 | 938.9 | 977.3 | -38.5 | 375.9 |
| Trade credits ¹¹ | -144.9 | -80.8 | -64.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 144.9 |
| Loans | -17.1 | -8.8 | -8.3 | -78.5 | -28.1 | -50.4 | -61.4 |
| Currency and deposits ¹² | 776.0 | 603.0 | 173.0 | 999.9 | 976.4 | 23.5 | 223.9 |
| Other assets | -51.0 | -31.4 | -19.6 | 17.5 | 29.1 | -11.6 | 68.5 |
| Liabilities | 665.6 | 763.2 | -97.6 | 1401.7 | 1577.9 | -176.2 | 736.1 |
| Trade credits ¹³ | 112.3 | 155.7 | -43.4 | -9.3 | 37.4 | -46.7 | -121.5 |
| Loans | 157.4 | 271.0 | -113.5 | 1128.9 | 1303.3 | -174.5 | 971.4 |
| Currency and deposits | 359.6 | 299.1 | 60.5 | 256.1 | 216.7 | 39.3 | -103.5 |
| Other liabilities | 36.3 | 37.5 | -1.2 | 26.0 | 5.6 | -10.3 | -82.3 |
| BNB Reserve assets (increase: -) ¹⁴ | -60.6 | | | -874.1 | | | -17.1 |
| Net Errors and Omissions | -409.9 | | | 222.3 | | | -813.5 |
| | | | | | 632.1 | | |

¹ Preliminary data. The data for April 2008 are revised. With the June 2008 report, balance of payments data for May 2008 are to be revised.

² Data are based on customs declarations, supplemented with NSI data and processed by the BNB, as of date of customs clearing. The data are reconciled with the NSI. Partner country is the country of consignment. For 2008 preliminary NSI data as of 4 July 2008 which include data from the system INTRASTAT for the EU member states and from customs declarations for non-EU countries.

The recalculations of imports at FOB prices is based on a methodology developed by the BNB and the NSI .

³ Estimates for freight transportation following a methodology of the BNB and the NSI.

⁴ Estimates following a methodology of the BNB and the Ministry of Economy. For 2007 - 2008 data are based on preliminary NSI data on the number of foreign visitors to Bulgaria and the number of Bulgarians travelling abroad.

⁵ Estimates following a methodology of the BNB.

⁶ A minus sign denotes a capital outflow (increase in assets or decrease in liabilities).

⁷ Data are provided by direct investment companies reporting to BNB, Agency for Privatization, NSI, Central Depository, banks and others.

The 2007 and 2008 data include only banks' data on reinvested earnings.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

⁸ On the basis of the reports submitted to the BNB by the enterprises with financial credits received from non-residents.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

⁹ Mergers and acquisitions are included in this item.

¹⁰ Banks' data.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

¹¹ Data on net change of trade credits-assists paid advances and receivables from suppliers), reported to the BNB are included in this item.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

¹² Bank for International Settlements (BIS) data are used for January - September 2007. For October - December 2007 and for 2008 - data are subject to revisions.

¹³ Data on net change of trade credits-liabilities (received advances and payables to suppliers), reported to the BNB are included in this item.

Due to quarterly reporting data are subject to revisions.

¹⁴ Excluding valuation changes due to the exchange rate changes. A minus sign (-) denotes an increase in the reserves, a positive sign (+) - a decrease.

EXTERNAL SECTOR INDICATORS

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 [*] |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| | V | V | V | V | V | V | V | V | V | V |
| Capital and Financial Account | 6.6 | 6.8 | 5.0 | 11.1 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 18.2 | 27.8 | 36.3 | 10.0 |
| Financial Account | 6.6 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 11.1 | 13.1 | 11.6 | 17.1 | 27.1 | 35.1 | 9.9 |
| FDI | 7.1 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 10.5 | 13.8 | 14.4 | 23.6 | 21.1 | 5.0 |
| Portfolio Investment - Assets | -1.6 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 1.4 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -1.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Portfolio Investment - Liabilities | 0.1 | -1.0 | 0.8 | -2.0 | -0.7 | -2.2 | -5.1 | 2.1 | -1.5 | -0.1 |
| Other Investment - Assets | -0.4 | -2.5 | -0.8 | 2.0 | 1.3 | -6.9 | -0.2 | -9.3 | -1.7 | -0.8 |
| Other Investment - Liabilities | 1.6 | 2.4 | -0.8 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 9.6 | 8.0 | 12.7 | 18.2 | 3.3 |
| Other indicators¹¹ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross External Assets (in million Euro) ¹² | 5051.2 | 6157.2 | 6870.9 | 6896.1 | 7203.3 | 9482.3 | 10689.4 | 14146.7 | 17026.8 | 13456.0 |
| BNB reserve assets (in million Euro) ¹³ | 3206.9 | 3718.7 | 4061.2 | 4574.8 | 5308.6 | 6770.4 | 7370.3 | 8926.4 | 11936.6 | 9166.5 |
| CB foreign assets (in million Euro) | 1485.0 | 2087.0 | 2385.3 | 1944.5 | 1535.2 | 2288.4 | 2773.2 | 4227.1 | 4026.3 | 3356.1 |
| Nonfinancial sector deposits abroad (in million Euro) ¹⁴ | 359.3 | 351.4 | 424.4 | 376.8 | 359.5 | 423.6 | 545.9 | 993.2 | 1063.8 | 933.3 |
| Net External Debt (in million Euro) ¹⁵ | 5795.4 | 5725.5 | 5064.0 | 3872.8 | 3437.3 | 3176.1 | 4578.8 | 6223.2 | 11096.9 | 8053.3 |
| Net External Debt (% GDP) | 47.6 | 41.9 | 33.3 | 23.4 | 19.4 | 16.0 | 20.9 | 24.7 | 38.4 | 27.9 |
| BNB reserve assets in months of GNFS imports | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| BNB reserve assets/ Short term debt | 298.5 | 282.2 | 373.4 | 301.9 | 348.1 | 277.3 | 195.5 | 145.8 | 125.2 | 133.8 |
| BNB reserve assets (%) / FX deposits of population ¹⁶ | 278.9 | 258.3 | 190.3 | 196.8 | 213.6 | 257.9 | 221.3 | 206.9 | 202.1 | 200.7 |
| Nominal effective exchange rate (index June 1997=100) ¹⁷ | 113.4 | 112.6 | 117.1 | 121.6 | 126.8 | 127.9 | 124.1 | 126.4 | 127.5 | 126.6 |
| Real effective exchange rate (index June 1997=100), e.o.p. ¹⁸ | 118.3 | 123.1 | 126.8 | 131.4 | 140.0 | 141.7 | 141.5 | 148.9 | 161.9 | 150.5 |

* The indicators, for the calculation of which external debt data are used, are published with the external debt data for the reporting period.

^{1/} Data for 2007 and 2008 are preliminary. Flow data include the period from the beginning of the year to the reporting month, stock data are as of the end of the reporting month.

^{2/} The Euro equivalent is calculated using the e.o.p. exchange rates of the respective foreign currencies.

^{3/} Data on external liabilities on current account credits are included in the debt stock.

^{4/} Sources: Ministry of Finance, Bulgarian National Bank, banks, local companies.

^{5/} In the calculation of the indicators in which gross domestic product (GDP) is included the following data are used:

GDP for 2007 (preliminary NSI data) - Euro 28,988 million and forecast for 2008 - Euro 32,824 million.

^{6/} Goods and non-factor services. The indicator is calculated on an annual basis.

^{7/} Actual payments. The Euro equivalent is calculated using the monthly average exchange rates of the respective foreign currencies. Payments on revolving credits are not included.

^{8/} For 2006 final data from the Customs Agency, supplemented with NSI data and processed by the BNB. Preliminary data for 2007. For 2008 preliminary NSI data as of 4 July 2008, which include data from the system INTRASTAT for the EU member states and from customs declarations for non-EU countries.

^{9/} Data are provided by direct investment companies reporting to the BNB, by the Agency for Privatization, the NSI, the Central Depository and the banks. Preliminary data for 2007 and 2008.

^{10/} A negative sign (-) denotes an increase in assets and a decrease in liabilities and a positive sign (+) denotes a decrease in assets and an increase in liabilities. Including Financial Derivatives.

^{11/} Data source for the monetary aggregates, banks' assets abroad and the forex deposits: Monetary Survey (May 2008).

^{12/} Including BNB reserve assets, banks assets abroad and nonfinancial sector deposits abroad.

^{13/} Including monetary and non-monetary gold. Source: Issue Department.

^{14/} Source: BIS International Banking Statistics. For 2008 the last published data (for December 2007) are used.

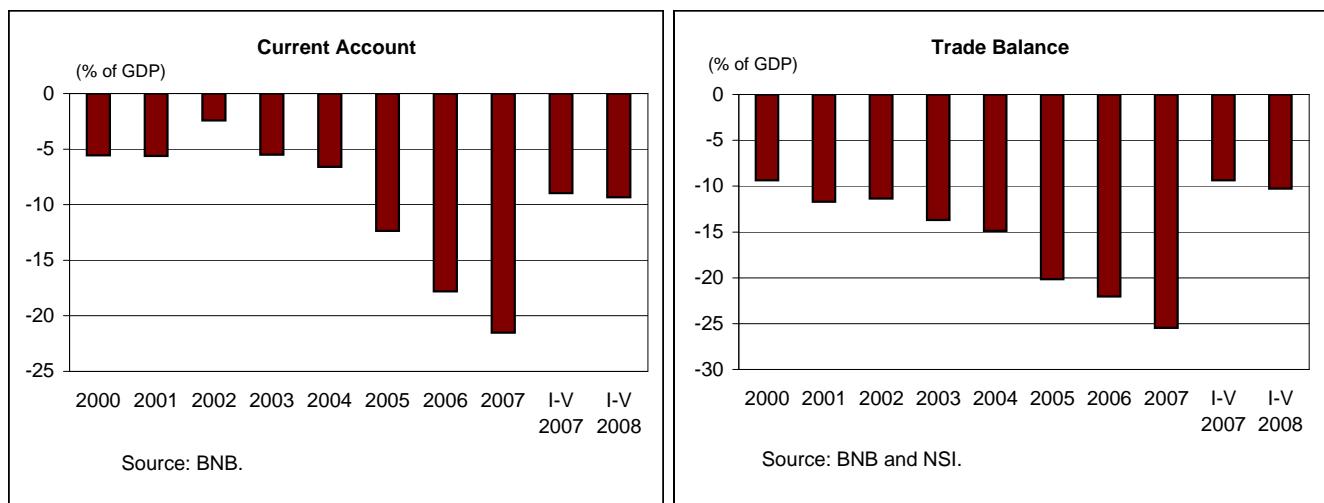
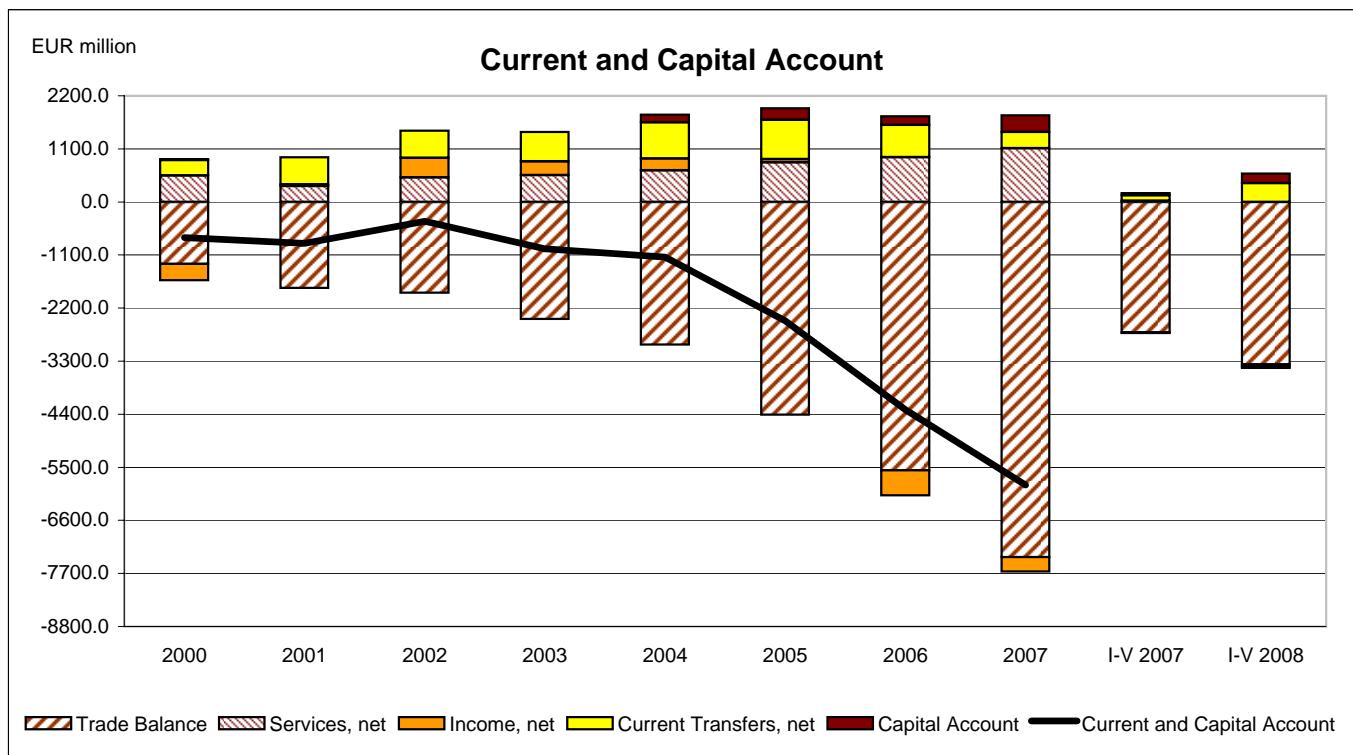
^{15/} Difference between the amount of the Gross external debt and the amount of the Gross external assets.

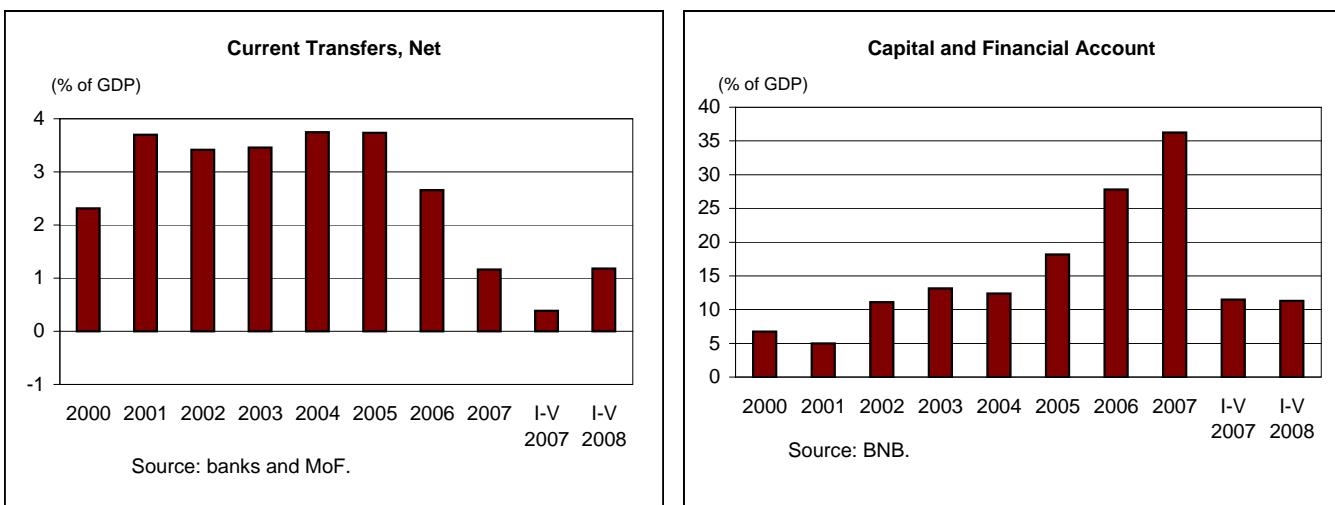
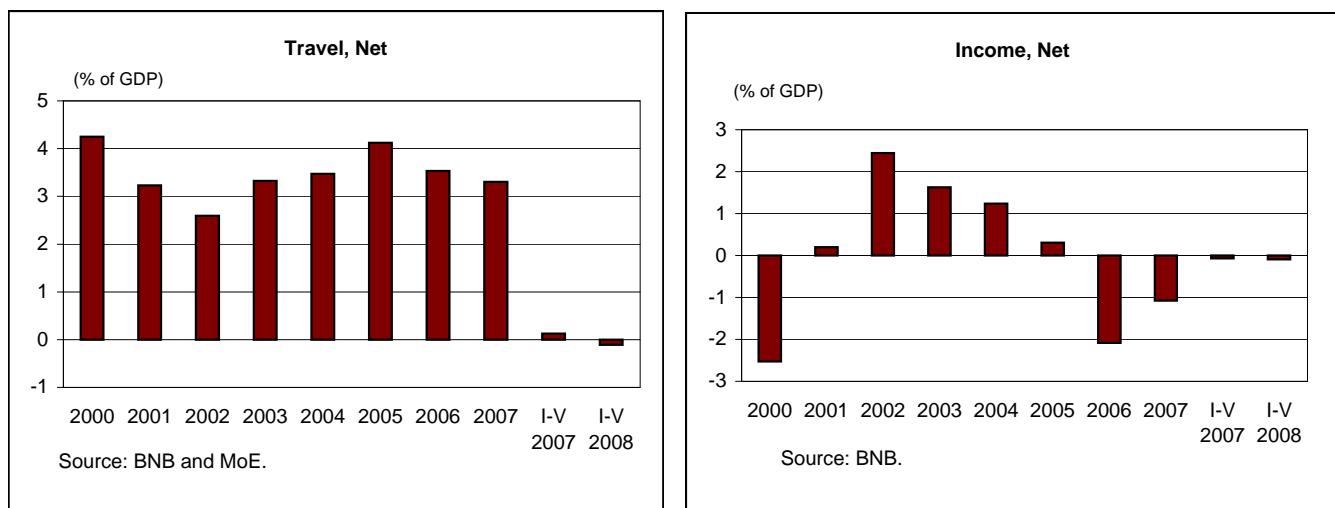
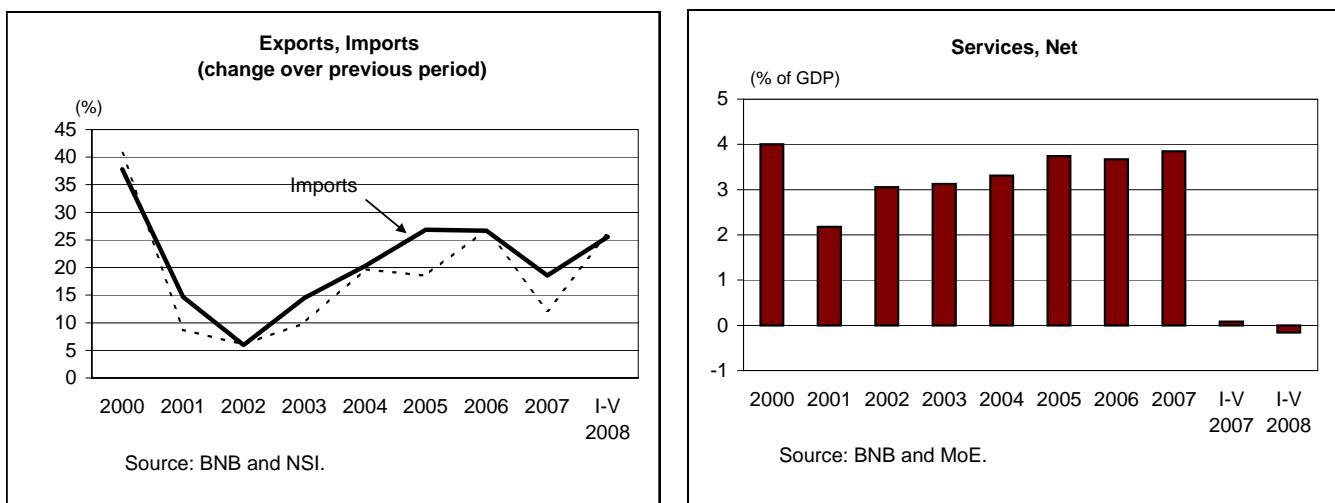
^{16/} Forex deposits of population and non-financial sector.

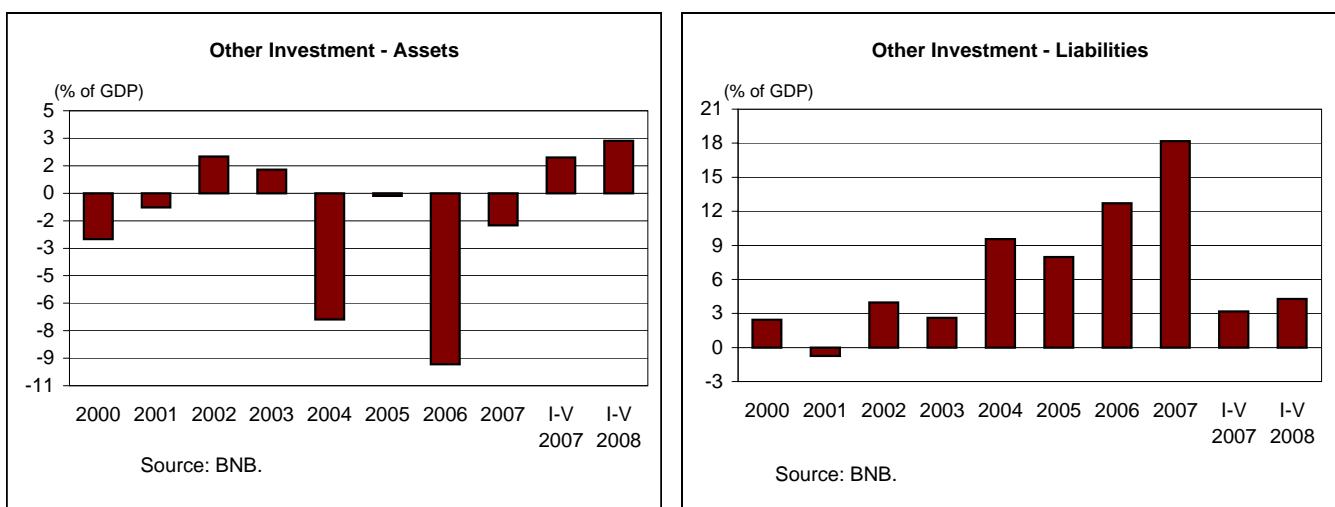
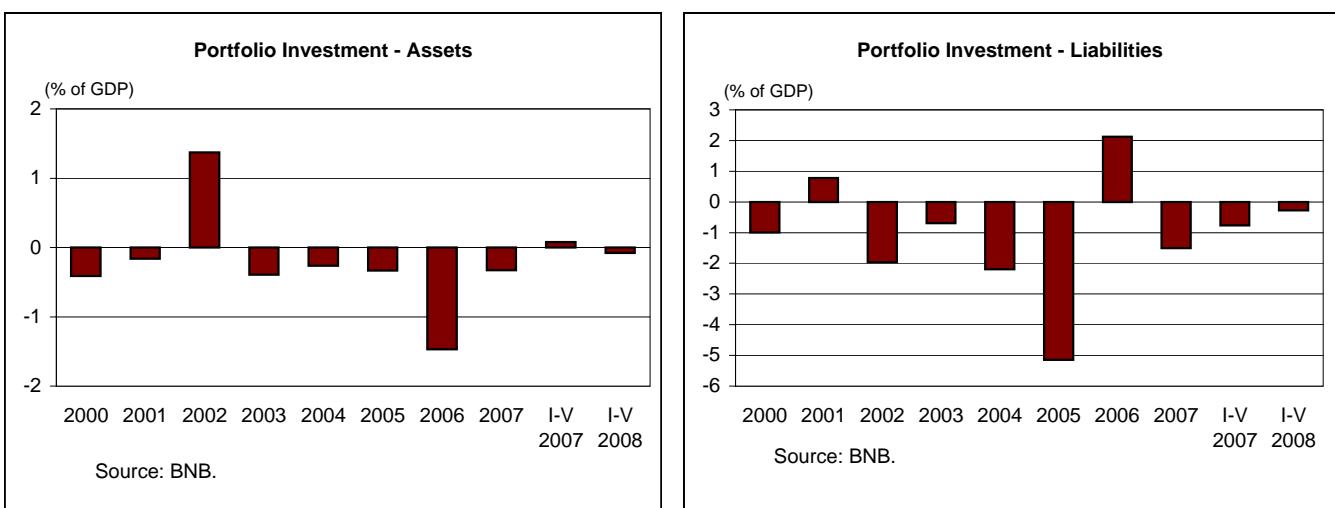
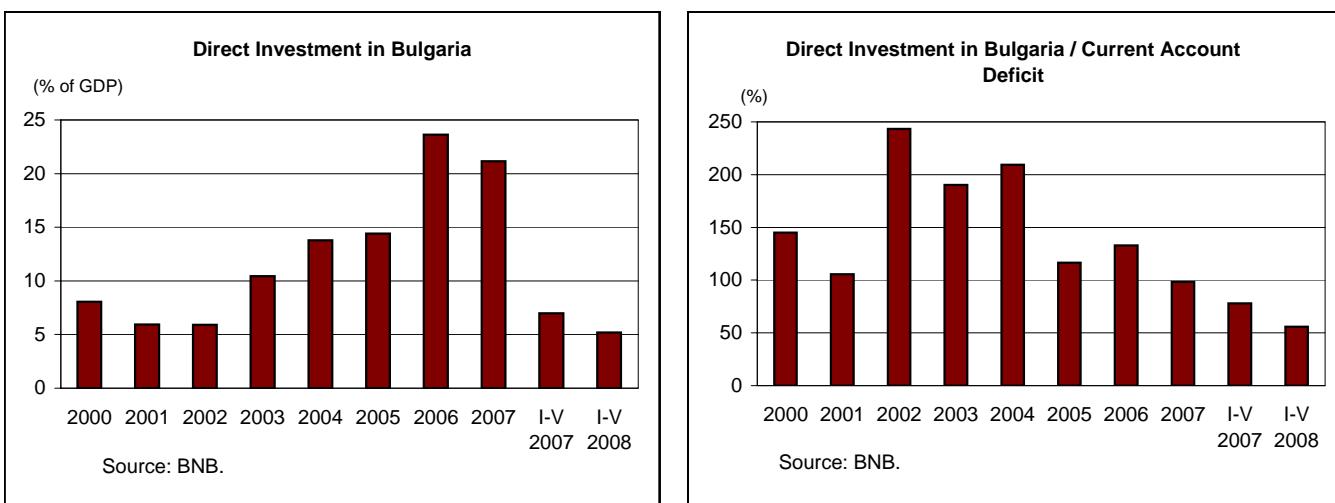
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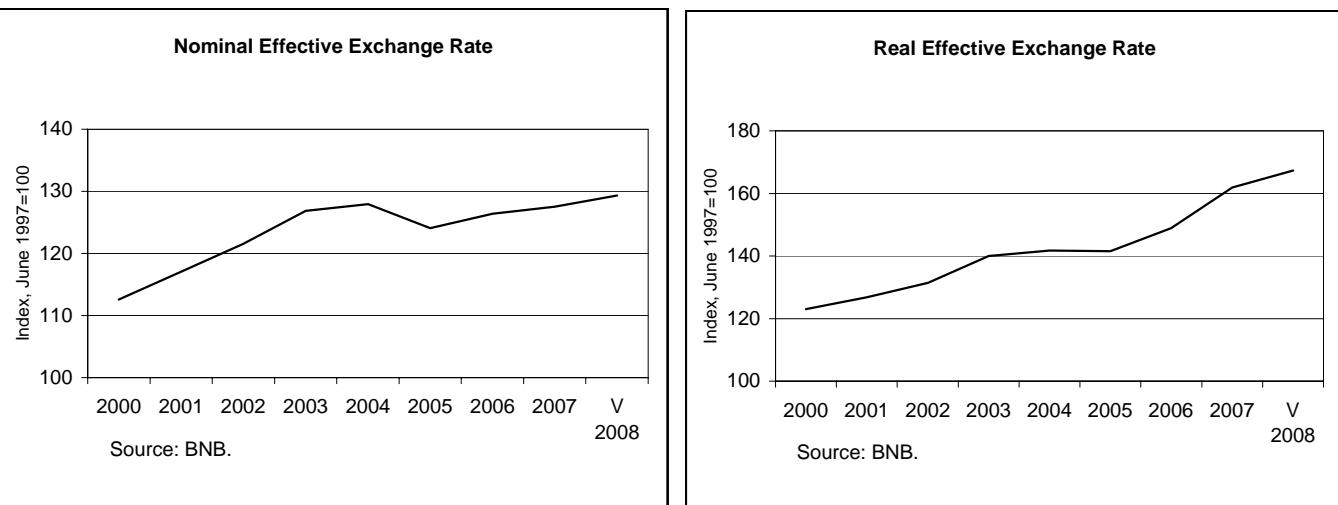
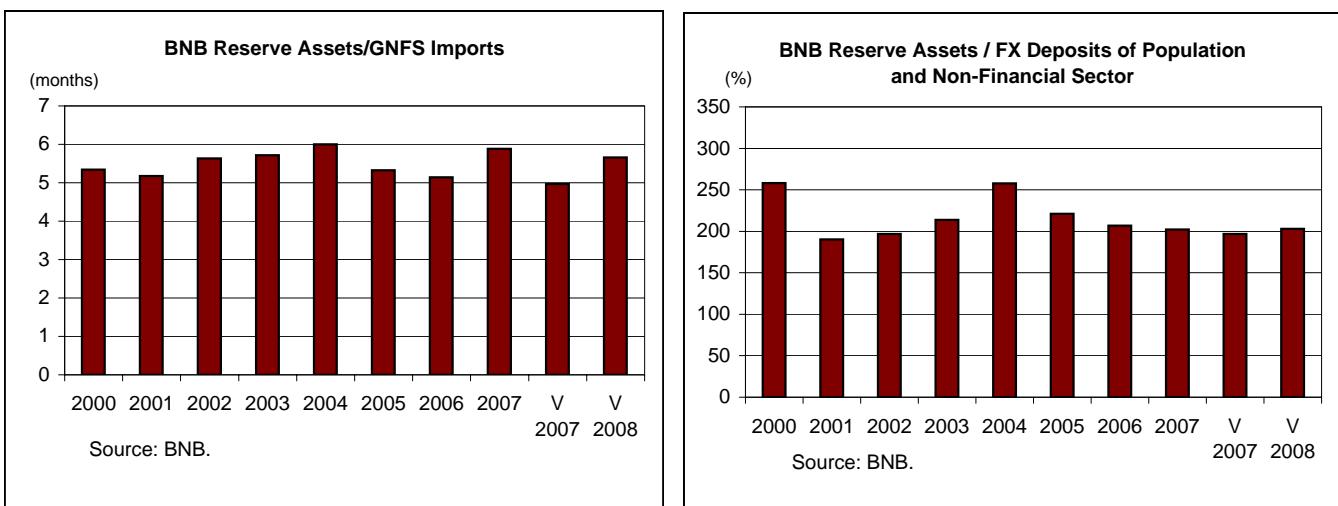
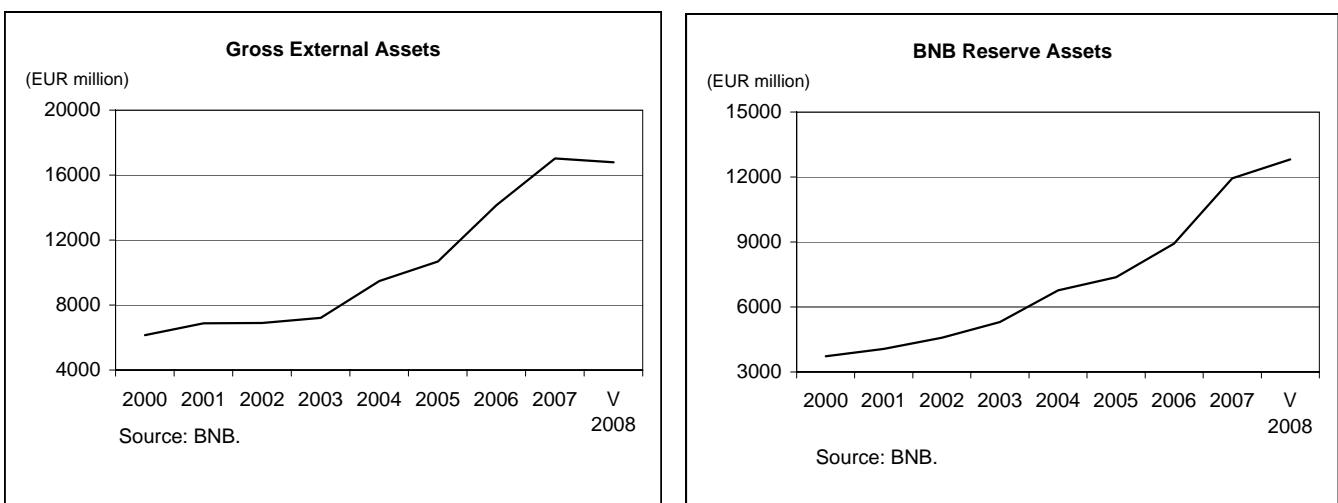
^{18/} CPI based index calculated for the reporting month.

External Sector Indicators









EXTERNAL TRADE

EXTERNAL TRADE OF BULGARIA¹

January – April 2008

Exports

In January – April 2008 the exports (FOB) amounted to EUR 5,015.6 million compared to EUR 3,926.1 million for the same period in 2007, which is an increase of EUR 1089.5 million (27.7%).

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- The main contribution to the exports growth in January – April 2008 yoy was due to groups *Petroleum Products* (an increase of EUR 221.3 million, 57%) and *Non-Ferrous Metals* (an increase of EUR 282.8 million, 59.4%). The exports of *Raw Materials for the Food Industry* increased yoy by EUR 76.5 million (62%).
- The exports of the following groups decreased yoy – *Vehicles* by EUR 12.5 million (22.4%) and *Clothing and Footwear* by EUR 5.7 million (1.1%).

Main Trade Partners and Regions

- Exports to the European Union increased yoy by EUR 588.9 million (23.5%), and their share in the total exports decreased from 64% in January – April 2007 to 61.8% for the same period in 2008. The decrease of the share of exports to the EU was due to the lower relative increase yoy of exports to the EU compared to the relative increase of total exports.
- The relative share of exports to the EU-15 member countries amounted to 50.4% in January – April 2008 compared to 53.2% for the same period in 2007. The decrease of exports share was also on account of Germany, Italy and Spain.
- The highest growth of exports yoy was that to Belgium – an increase of EUR 145.3 million (56.5%), to Greece – an increase of EUR 136.7 million (35.8%), and to Romania – an increase of EUR 124.4 million (79.4%).
- The exports to Turkey increased by 21.9% (EUR 98.3 million) and to United Arabic Emirates – by EUR 75.4 million. The exports to the USA decreased by 36.8% (EUR 35.8 million) and to Ukraine – by 21.7% (EUR 13.1 million).
- The greatest share in total exports was held by the exports to Turkey (10.9% of total exports, EUR 546.3 million) followed by the exports to Italy (10.3% of total exports, EUR 518 million).

For the purposes of consistency with the BNB statistical series on imports and exports of goods by *Main Trade Partners and Regions* the external trade statistics data are classified according to the following criteria for trade partners: imports (*CIF*) – by country of origin; exports (*FOB*) – by country of

¹ With the introduction of the INTRASTAT system at the beginning of 2007 changes have occurred in the reporting of external trade of Bulgaria with the rest of the EU member states (see methodological notes). The BNB receives from the NSI detailed data on dispatches and arrivals of goods within 60 days after the close of the reporting month. As a result, the part *External Trade of Bulgaria* of the issue *Balance of Payments of Bulgaria* covers a reporting period shorter by one month than that of the balance of payments.

consignment. The division of the EU member states into the groups *EU-15* and *EU – New Member States* is in accordance with the practice and requirements of EUROSTAT and the ECB.

Imports (CIF)

The imports (*CIF*) in January – April 2008 amounted to EUR 7,960.7 million compared to EUR 6,326.5 million for the same period in 2007, which is an increase of EUR 1,634.2 million (25.8%).

End Use

- The main contribution to the imports (*CIF*) growth in the period January – April 2008 yoy was due to the group *Crude Oil and Natural Gas* (an increase of EUR 439.9 million, 48.7%). An increase in imports was registered also by the following groups – *Vehicles* (an increase of EUR 110.4 million, 28%), *Machines and Equipment* (an increase of EUR 104.5 million, 17.3%) and *Food, Drinks and Tobacco* (an increase of EUR 97.2 million, 43.9%). The imports of *Raw Materials for the Food Industry* increased yoy by EUR 61.6 million (60.3%).
- Imports of the following groups decreased yoy – *Textiles* (EUR 26.2 million, 5.9%), *Other Fuels* (EUR 18.5 million, 53.9%) and *Raw Skins* (EUR 3.6 million, 11.6%).

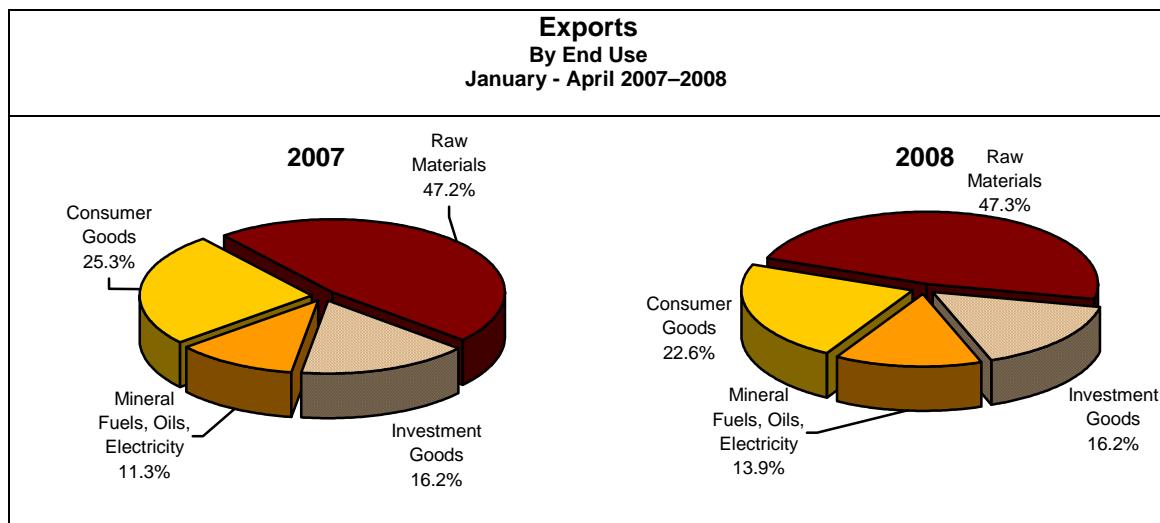
Main Trade Partners and Regions

- The imports from the EU increased yoy by EUR 650.3 million (19.2%), and their share in total imports decreased from 53.6% in January – April 2007 to 50.7% for the same period in 2008. The decrease of the share of imports from the EU was due to the lower relative increase yoy of imports from the EU compared to the relative increase of total imports.
- The share of imports from the EU–15 decreased from 42.6% in January – April 2007 to 38.1% for the same period in 2008. The decrease of imports share was also on account of Italy, Germany and Greece.
- The highest yoy increase of imports was that from Russia (EUR 473.1 million, 47.7%).
- Strongly increased also the imports from Romania (EUR 165.6 million, 76.1%) and from Germany (EUR 126.6 million, 17.2%).
- The imports from Croatia decreased yoy (by EUR 2 million, 8.8%).
- The highest share in total imports (*CIF*) was that of the imports from Russia (18.4% of total imports, EUR 1,464.9 million), followed by that from Germany (10.8% of total imports, EUR 863 million).

Contribution to the Change of Total Exports and Total Imports
(By End Use)

| Exports (by End Use) | Share (%) 2007 | Contribution to the Change of Total Exports (compared to the corresponding period of the previous year) (p.p.) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | April | | January – April | |
| | | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Consumer Goods | 25.3 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 3.6 |
| Raw Materials | 47.2 | 5.1 | 19.5 | 9.9 | 13.2 |
| Investment Goods | 16.2 | -1.7 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 4.5 |
| Mineral fuels, oils and electricity | 11.3 | -2.5 | 4.4 | -5.8 | 6.5 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS, FOB | 100.0 | 3.2 | 33.6 | 7.1 | 27.7 |

Source: BNB, NSI.

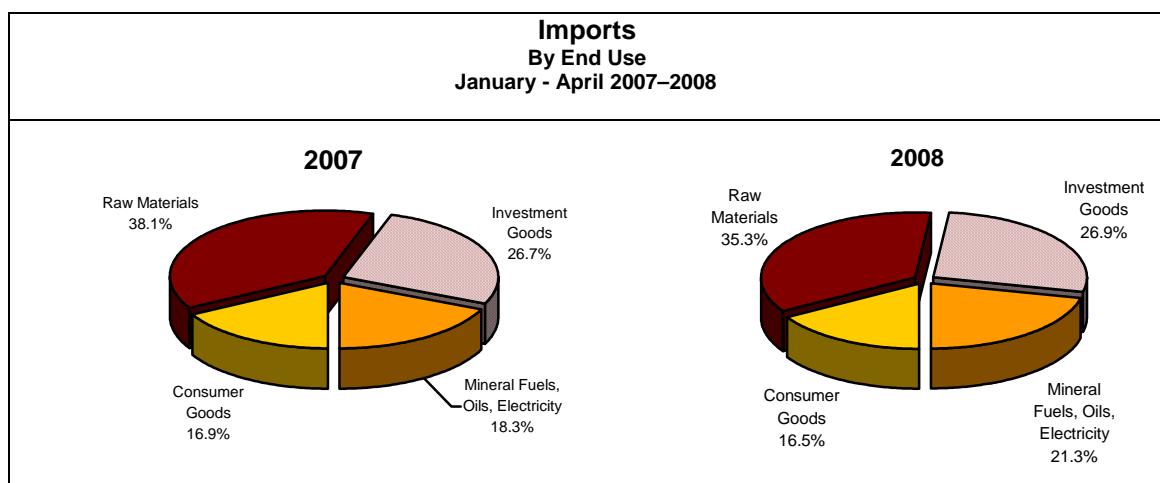


Source: BNB, NSI.

| Imports (by End Use) | Share (%) 2007 | Contribution to the Change of Total Imports ¹ (compared to the corresponding period of the previous year) (p.p.) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | April | | January – April | |
| | | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Consumer Goods | 16.9 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 3.9 |
| Raw Materials | 38.1 | 4.4 | 12.4 | 10.5 | 6.3 |
| Investment Goods | 26.7 | 5.6 | 11.9 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| Mineral fuels, oils and electricity | 18.3 | 1.5 | 6.7 | -4.3 | 8.5 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS, CIF | 100.0 | 15.4 | 37.8 | 18.3 | 25.8 |

¹ The differences between the item Total and the listed sub-items are due to the non-classified (by the Customs Agency) imports by goods type.

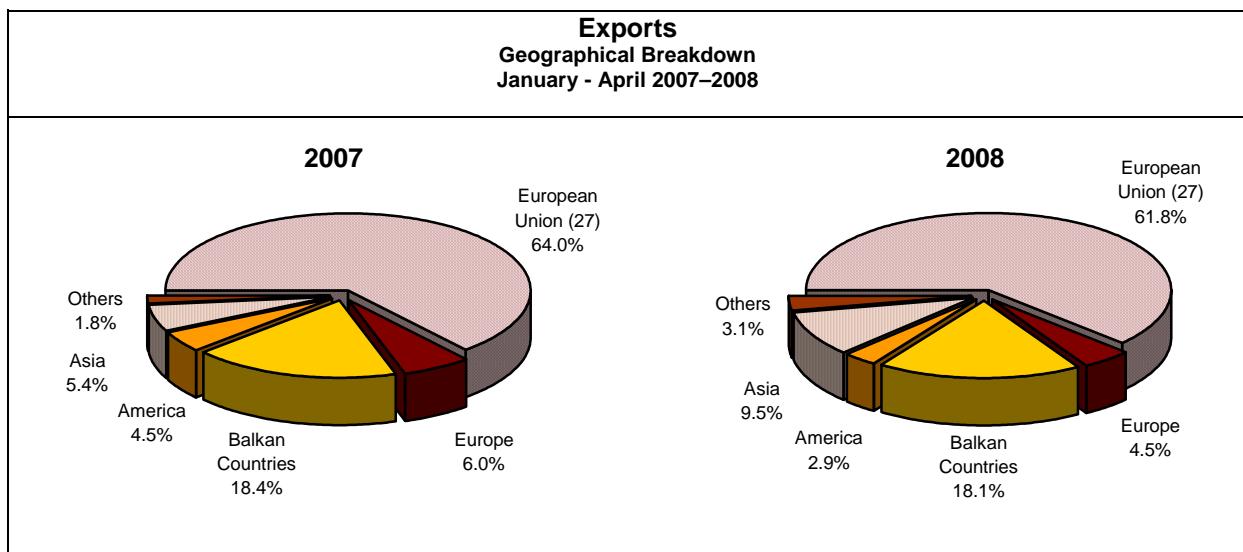
Source: BNB, NSI.



Contribution to the Change of Total Exports
(By Regions)

| Exports (by Regions) | Share (%) 2007 | Contribution to the Change of Total Exports (compared to the corresponding period of the previous year) (p.p.) | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | April | | January – April | |
| | | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| European Union (27) | 64.0 | 6.2 | 18.7 | 7.7 | 15.0 |
| European Union (15) | 53.2 | 3.9 | 15.5 | 7.1 | 11.2 |
| Italy | 11.2 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Belgium | 6.6 | -2.1 | 6.9 | 0.9 | 3.7 |
| Germany | 11.5 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 0.6 |
| EU – New Member States | 10.8 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 3.8 |
| Romania | 4.0 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 3.2 |
| Poland | 1.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Hungary | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Europe | 6.0 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 2.7 | -0.2 |
| Russia | 2.4 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| Ukraine | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | -0.3 |
| Balkan Countries | 18.4 | -1.9 | 6.7 | -0.2 | 4.8 |
| Turkey | 11.4 | -0.7 | 5.3 | 1.2 | 2.5 |
| Serbia | 3.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| America | 4.5 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 1.2 | -0.8 |
| USA | 2.5 | 0.8 | -1.8 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| Asia | 5.4 | -3.2 | 5.2 | -3.8 | 6.8 |
| Georgia | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Others | 1.8 | -0.7 | 2.1 | -0.5 | 2.2 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS, FOB | 100.0 | 3.2 | 33.6 | 7.1 | 27.7 |

Source: BNB, NSI.

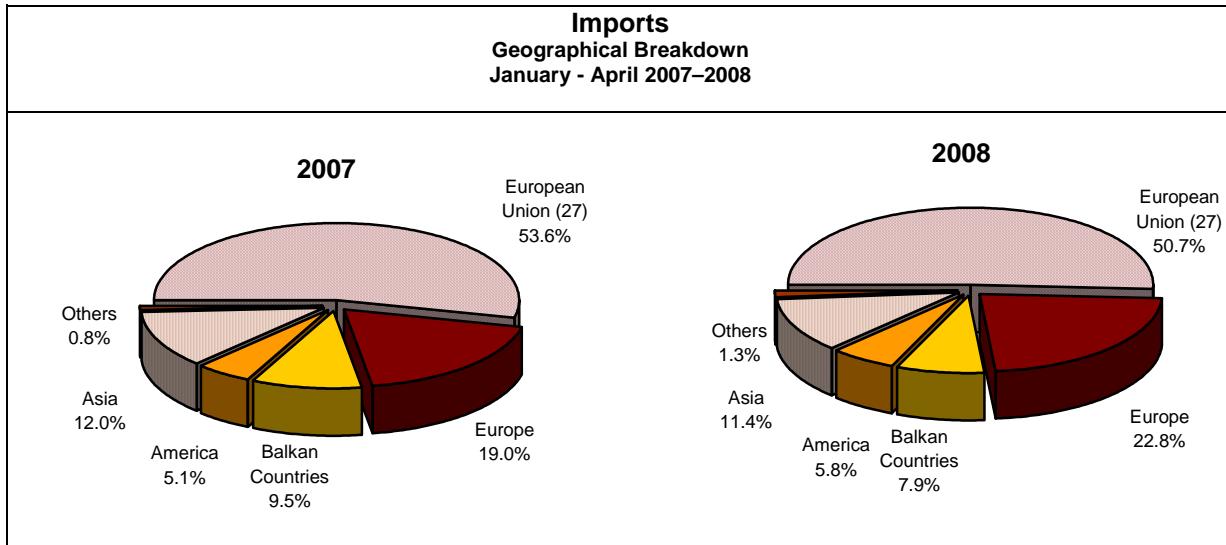


Source: BNB, NSI.

Contribution to the Change of Total Imports
(By Regions)

| Imports (by Regions) | Share (%) 2007 | Contribution to the Change of Total Imports (compared to the corresponding period of the previous year) (p.p.) | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | April | | January – April | |
| | | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| European Union (27) | 53.6 | 12.0 | 19.8 | 14.8 | 10.3 |
| European Union (15) | 42.6 | 8.9 | 12.4 | 11.3 | 5.4 |
| Germany | 11.6 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Italy | 8.9 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 0.6 |
| Greece | 5.4 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| EU – New Member States | 11.0 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 3.5 | 4.9 |
| Romania | 3.4 | 0.4 | 3.4 | -0.2 | 2.6 |
| Czech Republic | 1.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Poland | 2.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Hungary | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.5 |
| Europe | 19.0 | 3.0 | 7.4 | -2.7 | 9.7 |
| Russia | 15.7 | 4.2 | 4.3 | -2.2 | 7.5 |
| Ukraine | 2.3 | -1.1 | 2.2 | -0.4 | 1.5 |
| Balkan Countries | 9.5 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 0.5 |
| Turkey | 6.8 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| Serbia | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Macedonia | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| America | 5.1 | -3.1 | 5.0 | -0.1 | 2.2 |
| USA | 1.7 | -0.3 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Asia | 12.0 | 0.5 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 2.3 |
| China | 4.9 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| Others | 0.8 | -0.3 | 0.5 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS, C/F | 100.0 | 15.4 | 37.8 | 18.3 | 25.8 |

Source: BNB, NSI.



Source: BNB, NSI.

TABLES

EXPORTS
End-Use
2007 - 2008

Tab.1

| Commodity groups | January - December | | January | | February | | March | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % |
| 2006 | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2008 | mill. EUR |
| Consumer goods | 2948.0 | 3249.2 | 301.1 | 10.2% | 220.8 | 258.7 | 37.9 | 249.9 |
| Food | 430.8 | 515.7 | 84.9 | 19.7% | 29.0 | 40.0 | 11.0 | 37.8% |
| Tobacco | 17.3 | 32.4 | 15.1 | 87.6% | 1.5 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 51.4% |
| Beverages | 90.0 | 110.0 | 20.0 | 22.3% | 6.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 1.2% |
| Clothing and footwear | 1610.9 | 1520.2 | -90.8 | -5.6% | 123.1 | 125.8 | 2.7 | 2.2% |
| Medicines and cosmetics | 180.1 | 290.1 | 110.0 | 61.1% | 10.8 | 19.9 | 9.1 | 83.7% |
| Furniture and household appliances | 362.1 | 468.8 | 106.7 | 29.5% | 31.4 | 36.4 | 5.1 | 16.1% |
| Others | 257.0 | 312.1 | 55.1 | 21.4% | 18.9 | 28.2 | 9.3 | 49.3% |
| Raw materials | 5465.7 | 6068.6 | 602.9 | 11.0% | 433.9 | 522.5 | 88.6 | 20.4% |
| Iron and steel | 885.5 | 1013.6 | 128.1 | 14.5% | 69.6 | 89.0 | 19.4 | 27.8% |
| Non-ferrous metals | 1703.8 | 1642.0 | -61.7 | -3.6% | 116.3 | 155.1 | 38.7 | 33.3% |
| Chemicals | 301.7 | 377.6 | 75.9 | 25.2% | 34.4 | 37.6 | 3.1 | 9.0% |
| Plastics and rubber | 313.9 | 362.6 | 48.8 | 15.5% | 25.8 | 31.8 | 6.1 | 23.6% |
| Fertilizers | 64.5 | 91.6 | 27.2 | 42.1% | 1.7 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 220.5% |
| Textiles | 360.9 | 503.3 | 142.4 | 39.5% | 42.1 | 42.8 | 0.7 | 1.6% |
| Raw materials for the food industry | 413.7 | 405.6 | -8.1 | -2.0% | 30.2 | 34.6 | 4.4 | 14.6% |
| Wood products, paper and paperboard | 238.6 | 299.2 | 60.6 | 25.4% | 17.5 | 19.5 | 2.0 | 11.3% |
| Cement | 19.8 | 16.6 | -3.2 | -16.0% | 0.4 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 428.9% |
| Raw tobacco | 74.2 | 102.0 | 27.7 | 37.3% | 10.1 | 16.0 | 5.9 | 58.3% |
| Others | 1089.2 | 1254.4 | 165.2 | 15.2% | 85.8 | 88.6 | 2.8 | 3.2% |
| Investment goods | 1738.8 | 2160.6 | 421.8 | 24.3% | 142.9 | 177.2 | 34.3 | 24.0% |
| Machines and equipment | 490.0 | 697.4 | 207.4 | 42.3% | 43.2 | 54.4 | 11.2 | 26.0% |
| Electrical machines | 149.4 | 215.0 | 65.6 | 43.9% | 13.6 | 17.3 | 3.7 | 26.9% |
| Vehicles | 260.7 | 171.9 | -88.8 | -34.1% | 15.1 | 3.7 | -11.5 | -75.8% |
| Spare parts and equipment | 404.5 | 510.4 | 105.9 | 26.2% | 35.6 | 49.2 | 13.6 | 38.3% |
| Others | 434.2 | 565.9 | 131.7 | 30.3% | 35.4 | 52.7 | 17.3 | 49.0% |
| Total non energy commodities | 10152.5 | 11478.4 | 1325.9 | 13.1% | 797.7 | 958.5 | 160.9 | 20.2% |
| Mineral fuels, oils and electricity | 1859.3 | 1995.2 | 135.8 | 7.3% | 70.9 | 156.5 | 85.6 | 120.7% |
| Petroleum products | 1589.2 | 1721.1 | 131.9 | 8.3% | 57.9 | 140.1 | 82.2 | 141.9% |
| Others | 270.1 | 274.1 | 4.0 | 1.5% | 13.0 | 16.4 | 3.4 | 26.3% |
| Other Exports ^{1/} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL EXPORTS /FOB/ | 12011.9 | 13473.6 | 1461.7 | 12.2% | 868.6 | 1115.1 | 246.5 | 28.4% |
| | | | | | | | 906.1 | 1205.7 |
| | | | | | | | 299.7 | 33.1% |
| | | | | | | | 1124.4 | 1323.1 |
| | | | | | | | 198.7 | 177.0% |

1/ Includes information on exports of goods not elsewhere classified.

Sources:

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EXPORTS
End-Use
2007 - 2008

Tab.1

| Commodity groups | Q1 | | April | | January - April | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | share mill. EUR |
| Consumer goods | | | | | | |
| Food | 760.4 | 856.0 | 95.6 | 12.6% | 233.3 | 279.9 |
| Tobacco | 105.5 | 134.3 | 28.8 | 27.3% | 34.5 | 49.1 |
| Beverages | 5.6 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 28.5% | 1.8 | 3.5 |
| Clothing and footwear | 21.4 | 23.4 | 2.1 | 9.6% | 8.7 | 11.6 |
| Medicines and cosmetics | 399.3 | 391.4 | -7.9 | -2.0% | 107.3 | 109.6 |
| Furniture and household appliances | 54.1 | 82.2 | 28.0 | 51.7% | 22.6 | 25.6 |
| Others | 108.7 | 123.8 | 15.1 | 13.9% | 34.6 | 48.3 |
| Raw materials | | | | | | |
| Iron and steel | 232.9 | 241.1 | 8.3 | 3.5% | 102.3 | 115.5 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 373.1 | 542.3 | 169.3 | 45.4% | 103.0 | 216.5 |
| Chemicals | 96.4 | 112.2 | 15.8 | 16.4% | 22.6 | 39.2 |
| Plastics and rubber | 83.3 | 94.5 | 11.2 | 13.5% | 26.3 | 33.5 |
| Fertilizers | 14.2 | 31.0 | 16.8 | 118.0% | 16.8 | 30.3 |
| Textiles | 129.7 | 128.1 | -1.5 | -1.2% | 40.0 | 42.7 |
| Raw materials for the food industry | 89.5 | 141.7 | 52.2 | 58.4% | 33.8 | 58.1 |
| Wood products, paper and paperboard | 62.9 | 67.2 | 4.3 | 6.9% | 23.7 | 24.3 |
| Cement | 2.9 | 3.9 | 1.0 | 33.7% | 1.0 | 1.6 |
| Raw tobacco | 23.1 | 31.3 | 8.2 | 35.6% | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Others | 272.9 | 305.4 | 32.5 | 11.9% | 97.6 | 105.7 |
| Investment goods | | | | | | |
| Machines and equipment | 480.0 | 602.1 | 122.0 | 25.4% | 155.3 | 208.4 |
| Electrical machines | 147.9 | 189.4 | 41.4 | 28.0% | 50.5 | 66.0 |
| Vehicles | 46.0 | 54.8 | 8.8 | 19.0% | 16.0 | 19.5 |
| Spare parts and equipment | 49.7 | 34.1 | -15.6 | -31.4% | 6.2 | 9.2 |
| Others | 115.2 | 153.0 | 37.9 | 32.9% | 39.6 | 48.1 |
| Total non energy commodities | 2621.3 | 3156.9 | 535.7 | 20.4% | 860.5 | 1160.2 |
| Mineral fuels, oils and electricity | 277.9 | 487.0 | 209.1 | 75.3% | 166.6 | 211.5 |
| Petroleum products | 242.8 | 432.9 | 190.1 | 78.3% | 145.3 | 176.5 |
| Others | 35.0 | 54.1 | 19.0 | 54.4% | 21.3 | 35.0 |
| Other Exports ^{1/} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL EXPORTS /FOB/ | 2899.1 | 3643.9 | 744.8 | 25.7% | 1027.0 | 1371.7 |
| | | | | | | |

1/ Includes information on exports of goods not elsewhere classified.

Sources:

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For 2008 preliminary data, provided by the NSI, including Intastat system data as of 3-July-08, and customs declarations data as of 5-June-08.

| COMMODITY GROUPS* | January - December | | | January | | | February | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | mill. EUR | 2007 | Change % | mill. EUR | 2008 | Change % | mill. EUR | 2008 | Change % |
| Base metals and their products, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 74. Copper and articles thereof | 3163.8 | 3320.0 | 15.62 | 4.9% | 233.3 | 293.9 | 60.6 | 26.0% | 246.4 |
| Division 72. Iron and steel | 1530.4 | 1354.6 | -175.8 | -11.5% | 93.2 | 133.1 | 39.9 | 42.8% | 60.6 |
| Division 73. Articles of iron and steel | 885.5 | 1013.6 | 128.1 | 14.5% | 69.6 | 89.0 | 19.4 | 27.8% | 62.5 |
| Division 76. Aluminium and articles thereof | 209.3 | 261.7 | 52.4 | 25.0% | 18.4 | 20.1 | 1.7 | 9.2% | 67.5% |
| Division 79. Zinc and articles thereof | 208.9 | 248.9 | 40.1 | 19.2% | 20.2 | 0.2 | 1.5% | 17.0 | -8.3% |
| Division 78. Lead and articles thereof | 207.0 | 241.4 | 34.4 | 16.6% | 18.7 | 16.7 | -2.0 | -10.8% | 6.6 |
| | 69.8 | 132.1 | 62.3 | 89.3% | 8.4 | 8.8 | 0.4 | 4.8% | 35.2% |
| | | | | | | | | | -34.7% |
| | | | | | | | | | 5.5% |
| Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 84. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance ,parts | 1826.9 | 2311.4 | 484.5 | 26.5% | 151.0 | 191.8 | 40.8 | 27.0% | 157.2 |
| Division 85. Electrical machines, equipment parts thereof, sound recorders etc. | 737.1 | 1012.5 | 275.4 | 37.4% | 65.3 | 81.0 | 15.7 | 24.1% | 70.7 |
| Division 90. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, apparatus etc. | 560.2 | 749.2 | 189.0 | 33.7% | 50.5 | 69.1 | 18.6 | 36.9% | 52.5 |
| Division 87. Vehicles other than railway tramway rolling-stock, parts & accessories | 134.0 | 175.7 | 41.6 | 31.1% | 13.5 | 17.4 | 3.9 | 29.2% | 12.9 |
| | 71.1 | 100.3 | 29.2 | 41.1% | 5.4 | 7.9 | 2.5 | 46.1% | 7.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 3.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 28.7% |
| | | | | | | | | | 69.6% |
| Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear and other consumer goods, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 62. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories not knitted/crocheted | 2360.0 | 2479.8 | 119.8 | 5.1% | 200.2 | 205.4 | 5.2 | 2.6% | 207.6 |
| Division 61. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 863.3 | 849.0 | -14.2 | -1.6% | 72.5 | 73.2 | 0.7 | 1.0% | 76.0 |
| Division 94. Furniture; bedding, matters, matress support, cushion etc. | 584.0 | 618.3 | 34.3 | 5.9% | 47.5 | 50.4 | 2.9 | 6.1% | 52.8 |
| | 195.3 | 229.8 | 34.5 | 17.7% | 17.0 | 18.0 | 1.0 | 6.0% | 18.1 |
| Division 64. Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles | 208.1 | 177.0 | -31.1 | -14.9% | 14.4 | 14.9 | 0.4 | 3.0% | 15.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | 16.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 0.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 4.7% |
| Mineral products and fuels, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 27. Mineral Fuels, oils & products of their distillation; etc. | 2122.9 | 2255.5 | 132.6 | 6.2% | 82.2 | 170.6 | 88.4 | 107.5% | 83.2 |
| Division 26. Ores, Slag and ash | 1859.3 | 1987.3 | 128.0 | 6.9% | 70.6 | 156.0 | 85.4 | 121.0% | 66.5 |
| | 206.1 | 196.1 | 9.9 | -4.8% | 8.6 | 8.2 | -0.4 | -4.1% | 12.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 30.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 18.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 156.8% |
| Chemical products, plastics and rubber, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 39. Plastics and articles thereof | 973.5 | 1270.3 | 296.8 | 30.5% | 81.2 | 106.2 | 25.0 | 30.8% | 79.7 |
| Division 29. Organic chemicals | 256.0 | 299.0 | 43.1 | 16.8% | 21.3 | 25.6 | 4.4 | 20.5% | 20.8 |
| Division 30. Pharmaceutical products | 171.0 | 196.4 | 25.3 | 14.8% | 14.4 | 21.8 | 7.4 | 51.7% | 13.8 |
| Division 28. Inorganic chemicals | 98.5 | 190.1 | 91.6 | 93.0% | 5.0 | 12.9 | 7.9 | 159.3% | 9.9 |
| Division 31. Fertilizers | 137.2 | 194.4 | 57.2 | 41.7% | 21.0 | 16.8 | -4.2 | -20.2% | 10.0 |
| | 64.5 | 91.6 | 27.2 | 42.1% | 1.7 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 220.5% | 3.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | 4.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | 48.3% |
| | | | | | | | | | 142.1% |
| Animal and vegetable products, food, drinks and tobacco products, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 12. Oil seed oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grain, seed, fruit etc. | 1054.4 | 1204.5 | 150.1 | 14.2% | 79.6 | 101.3 | 21.7 | 27.2% | 84.8 |
| Division 10. Cereals | 152.7 | 161.1 | 8.4 | 5.5% | 12.3 | 19.4 | 7.1 | 57.6% | 11.7 |
| Division 24. Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 177.6 | 109.2 | -68.4 | -38.5% | 10.8 | 4.4 | -6.4 | -59.1% | 11.2 |
| | 91.5 | 134.3 | 42.8 | 46.8% | 11.6 | 18.2 | 6.6 | 57.5% | 8.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 12.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 4.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 56.6% |
| Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products, including | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 70. Glass and glassware | 510.4 | 632.1 | 121.7 | 23.8% | 41.1 | 45.9 | 4.8 | 11.6% | 47.2 |
| Division 44. Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 143.3 | 184.3 | 41.0 | 28.6% | 13.6 | 15.8 | 2.2 | 16.4% | 15.6 |
| | 164.6 | 202.3 | 37.7 | 22.9% | 12.0 | 10.0 | -2.0 | -16.9% | 14.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | 11.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | -2.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | -20.0% |
| TOTAL EXPORTS (FOB/ | 12011.9 | 13473.6 | 1461.7 | 12.2% | 868.6 | 1115.1 | 246.5 | 28.4% | 906.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | 209.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 33.1% |

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For 2008 preliminary data, provided by the NSI, including Infrastat system data as of 3-July-08, and customs declarations data as of 5-June-08.

| COMMODITY GROUPS* | March | | Q1 | | April | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | 2007 mill. EUR | 2008 mill. EUR | % Change | 2007 mill. EUR | 2008 mill. EUR | % Change |
| Base metals and their products, including: | 282.6 | 356.9 | 26.3% | 762.2 | 957.8 | 25.7% |
| Division 74. Copper and articles thereof | 116.4 | 193.7 | 77.3 | 66.4% | 302.2 | 481.8 |
| Division 72. Iron and steel | 82.8 | 78.6 | -4.3 | -5.2% | 232.9 | 241.1 |
| Division 73. Articles of iron and steel | 24.5 | 28.6 | 4.1 | 16.7% | 61.7 | 74.1 |
| Division 76. Aluminium and articles thereof | 20.9 | 21.7 | -0.7 | -3.5% | 58.1 | 65.2 |
| Division 79. Zinc and articles thereof | 23.4 | 15.0 | -8.4 | -36.0% | 67.4 | 48.2 |
| Division 78. Lead and articles thereof | 8.4 | 13.6 | 5.2 | 61.9% | 24.4 | 30.4 |
| Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools, including: | 201.4 | 222.3 | 21.0 | 10.4% | 509.6 | 651.1 |
| Division 84. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance, parts | 86.7 | 97.4 | 10.7 | 12.3% | 222.7 | 276.9 |
| Division 85. Electrical machines, equipment, parts thereof, sound recorders etc. | 59.9 | 72.5 | 12.6 | 21.1% | 162.8 | 218.8 |
| Division 90. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, apparatus etc. | 15.3 | 15.9 | 0.6 | 3.8% | 41.6 | 49.8 |
| Division 87. Vehicles other than railway tramway rolling-stock, parts & accessories | 10.3 | 14.5 | 4.2 | 40.3% | 22.7 | 34.2 |
| Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear and other consumer goods, including: | 229.4 | 200.4 | -29.0 | -12.6% | 637.1 | 634.2 |
| Division 62. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories not knitted/crocheted | 75.1 | 68.4 | -6.7 | -8.9% | 223.5 | 228.6 |
| Division 61. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 62.3 | 48.4 | -13.9 | -22.3% | 162.6 | 153.2 |
| Division 94. Furniture; bedding; matters; matress support; cushion etc. | 20.9 | 18.8 | -2.1 | -9.8% | 55.9 | 56.6 |
| Division 64. Footwear; gaiters and the like; parts of such articles | 15.2 | 13.3 | -1.9 | -12.5% | 44.9 | 44.1 |
| Mineral products and fuels, including: | 151.9 | 225.3 | 73.3 | 48.3% | 317.3 | 547.7 |
| Division 27. Mineral Fuels, oils & products of their distillation; etc. | 139.7 | 212.3 | 72.6 | 52.0% | 276.7 | 485.1 |
| Division 26. Ores, Slag and ash | 7.2 | 8.0 | 0.8 | 11.8% | 27.7 | 47.0 |
| Chemical products, plastics and rubber, including: | 118.3 | 137.5 | 19.3 | 16.3% | 279.2 | 357.0 |
| Division 39. Plastics and articles thereof | 24.8 | 26.7 | 1.9 | 7.7% | 67.0 | 76.8 |
| Division 29. Organic chemicals | 22.6 | 27.2 | 4.7 | 20.6% | 50.7 | 66.5 |
| Division 30. Pharmaceutical products | 17.1 | 20.5 | 3.4 | 19.7% | 32.0 | 57.1 |
| Division 28. Inorganic chemicals | 17.5 | 16.9 | -0.6 | -3.6% | 48.5 | 60.0 |
| Division 31. Fertilizers | 9.1 | 17.2 | 8.1 | 89.7% | 14.2 | 31.0 |
| Animal and vegetable products, food, drinks and tobacco products, including: | 88.9 | 125.9 | 37.0 | 41.6% | 253.3 | 344.7 |
| Division 12. Oil seed oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grain, seed, fruit etc. | 10.6 | 14.5 | 3.9 | 36.3% | 34.6 | 61.1 |
| Division 10. Cereals | 5.2 | 29.9 | 24.6 | 470.8% | 27.2 | 44.7 |
| Division 24. Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 9.1 | 7.7 | -1.4 | -15.2% | 28.7 | 38.5 |
| Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products, including | 52.0 | 54.7 | 2.7 | 5.2% | 140.3 | 151.3 |
| Division 70. Glass and glassware | 14.4 | 16.2 | 1.8 | 12.7% | 43.6 | 47.9 |
| Division 44. Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 16.4 | 13.1 | -3.3 | -20.4% | 42.8 | 34.5 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS (FOB/ | 1124.4 | 1323.1 | 198.7 | 17.7% | 2899.1 | 3643.9 |
| | | | | | 744.8 | 25.7% |
| | | | | | 1027.0 | 1371.7 |
| | | | | | | 344.7 |
| | | | | | | 33.6% |

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| COMMODITY GROUPS * | January - April | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2007 mill. EUR | share | 2008 mill. EUR | share | Change % |
| <i>Base metals and their products, including:</i> | | | | | |
| Division 74. Copper and articles thereof | 1021.2 | 26.0% | 1356.6 | 27.0% | 335.3 32.8% |
| Division 72. Iron and steel | 385.7 | 9.8% | 677.9 | 13.5% | 292.2 75.8% |
| Division 73. Articles of iron and steel | 335.2 | 8.5% | 356.6 | 7.1% | 21.4 6.4% |
| Division 76. Aluminium and articles thereof | 82.4 | 2.1% | 107.8 | 2.1% | 25.4 30.8% |
| Division 79. Zinc and articles thereof | 77.0 | 2.0% | 87.0 | 1.7% | 10.0 12.9% |
| Division 78. Lead and articles thereof | 87.5 | 2.2% | 60.7 | 1.2% | -26.9 -30.7% |
| | 32.6 | 0.8% | 43.3 | 0.9% | 10.7 32.8% |
| <i>Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools, including:</i> | | | | | |
| Division 84. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance, parts thereof; sound recorders etc. | 299.6 | 7.6% | 375.5 | 7.5% | 75.9 25.4% |
| Division 85. Electrical machines, equipment, parts thereof; sound recorders etc. | 218.5 | 5.6% | 295.0 | 5.9% | 76.5 35.0% |
| Division 90. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, apparatus etc. | 55.5 | 1.4% | 67.8 | 1.4% | 12.3 22.1% |
| Division 87. Vehicles other than railway tramway rolling-stock, parts & accessories | 31.5 | 0.8% | 46.7 | 0.9% | 15.2 48.2% |
| | 677.4 | 17.3% | 876.0 | 17.5% | 198.6 29.3% |
| <i>Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear and other consumer goods, including:</i> | | | | | |
| Division 62. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories not knitted/crocheted | 275.6 | 7.0% | 287.3 | 5.7% | 11.7 4.2% |
| Division 61. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 213.0 | 5.4% | 201.0 | 4.0% | -12.0 -5.7% |
| Division 94. Furniture, bedding, matters, mattres support, cushion etc. | 72.7 | 1.9% | 76.2 | 1.5% | 3.5 4.8% |
| Division 64. Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles | 56.9 | 1.4% | 56.2 | 1.1% | -0.7 -1.3% |
| | 502.9 | 12.8% | 776.8 | 15.5% | 273.9 54.5% |
| <i>Mineral products and fuels, including:</i> | | | | | |
| Division 27. Mineral Fuels, oils & products of their distillation, etc. | 442.5 | 11.3% | 696.2 | 13.9% | 253.7 57.3% |
| Division 26. Ores, Slag and ash | 41.8 | 1.1% | 56.7 | 1.1% | 14.9 35.6% |
| | 378.6 | 9.6% | 498.3 | 9.9% | 119.7 31.6% |
| <i>Chemical products, plastics and rubber, including:</i> | | | | | |
| Division 39. Plastics and articles thereof | 88.4 | 2.3% | 106.4 | 2.1% | 17.9 20.3% |
| Division 29. Organic chemicals | 58.7 | 1.5% | 87.0 | 1.7% | 28.3 48.1% |
| Division 30. Pharmaceutical products | 47.4 | 1.2% | 74.6 | 1.5% | 27.2 57.3% |
| Division 28. Inorganic chemicals | 64.3 | 1.6% | 66.9 | 1.3% | 2.6 4.1% |
| Division 31. Fertilizers | 31.0 | 0.8% | 61.3 | 1.2% | 30.3 97.8% |
| | 337.7 | 8.6% | 474.1 | 9.5% | 136.3 40.4% |
| <i>Animal and vegetable products, food, drinks and tobacco products, including:</i> | | | | | |
| Division 12. Oil-seed oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grain, seed, fruit etc. | 49.9 | 1.3% | 86.2 | 1.7% | 36.3 72.7% |
| Division 10. Cereals | 34.6 | 0.9% | 62.2 | 1.2% | 27.6 79.9% |
| Division 24. Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 35.3 | 0.9% | 46.4 | 0.9% | 11.2 31.7% |
| | 190.7 | 4.9% | 207.4 | 4.1% | 16.7 8.8% |
| <i>Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products, including</i> | | | | | |
| Division 70. Glass and glassware | 58.9 | 1.5% | 64.6 | 1.3% | 5.7 9.7% |
| Division 44. Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 58.4 | 1.5% | 47.4 | 0.9% | -11.0 -18.8% |
| | 3926.1 | 100.0% | 5015.6 | 100.0% | 1089.5 27.7% |

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EXPORTS
Main trade partners and regions

Tab.3

2007 - 2008

| COUNTRIES | January - December | | | January | | | February | | | March | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2006 | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2006 | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2006 | 2007 | mill. EUR |
| <i>EU countries - 27 incl. :</i> | 7286.6 | 8165.3 | 878.7 | 12.1% | 579.9 | 709.2 | 129.3 | 22.3% | 603.1 | 757.8 | 154.7 | 25.6% |
| EU countries - 15 incl. : 1/ | 6052.3 | 6605.8 | 553.5 | 9.1% | 494.5 | 584.2 | 89.7 | 18.1% | 515.3 | 612.4 | 97.1 | 18.9% |
| Greece | 1072.7 | 1220.2 | 147.5 | 13.8% | 77.1 | 128.3 | 51.2 | 66.3% | 83.8 | 117.6 | 33.8 | 40.3% |
| Italy | 1216.5 | 1374.3 | 157.8 | 13.0% | 106.5 | 119.2 | 12.7 | 11.9% | 107.1 | 128.7 | 21.6 | 20.1% |
| Germany | 1162.6 | 1386.9 | 224.3 | 19.3% | 105.2 | 118.7 | 13.5 | 12.8% | 116.8 | 121.1 | 4.3 | 3.7% |
| Belgium | 787.3 | 833.8 | 46.4 | 5.9% | 71.5 | 71.2 | -0.3 | -0.4% | 64.2 | 84.5 | 20.3 | 31.6% |
| France | 503.8 | 537.4 | 33.6 | 6.7% | 44.3 | 44.3 | 0.1 | 0.1% | 42.1 | 54.1 | 12.0 | 28.4% |
| G. Britain | 309.1 | 335.9 | 26.7 | 8.6% | 23.0 | 26.9 | 3.8 | 16.7% | 23.8 | 27.0 | 3.2 | 13.3% |
| Austria | 233.4 | 248.1 | 14.7 | 6.3% | 19.8 | 22.0 | 2.1 | 10.7% | 19.7 | 23.2 | 3.5 | 17.5% |
| Spain | 388.1 | 319.8 | -68.2 | -17.6% | 21.9 | 27.2 | 5.3 | 24.0% | 26.6 | 24.7 | -1.9 | -7.2% |
| Netherlands | 166.4 | 160.7 | -5.7 | -3.4% | 11.1 | 12.9 | 1.8 | 16.3% | 13.9 | 17.8 | 3.9 | 27.9% |
| EU - new member states incl. : 2/ | 1234.3 | 1559.5 | 325.2 | 26.3% | 85.4 | 125.0 | 39.6 | 46.4% | 87.8 | 145.4 | 57.6 | 65.5% |
| Romania | 505.2 | 658.5 | 153.2 | 30.3% | 29.1 | 54.4 | 25.3 | 87.1% | 36.4 | 70.7 | 34.3 | 94.4% |
| Poland | 177.8 | 218.7 | 40.9 | 23.0% | 15.5 | 21.8 | 6.2 | 40.0% | 13.8 | 22.3 | 8.5 | 61.9% |
| Hungary | 108.2 | 141.4 | 33.2 | 30.7% | 11.0 | 12.9 | 1.9 | 17.0% | 9.9 | 10.7 | 0.8 | 8.1% |
| <i>Non EU countries :</i> | 4725.3 | 5308.3 | 583.0 | 12.3% | 288.7 | 405.9 | 117.2 | 40.6% | 303.0 | 448.0 | 145.0 | 47.9% |
| <i>Europe incl. : 3/</i> | 485.9 | 709.2 | 223.2 | 45.9% | 56.8 | 43.3 | -13.4 | -23.7% | 63.9 | 63.1 | -0.8 | -1.2% |
| Russia | 182.9 | 319.7 | 136.8 | 74.8% | 17.4 | 25.7 | 8.4 | 48.1% | 20.1 | 38.0 | 17.9 | 88.8% |
| Ukraine | 88.9 | 166.7 | 77.8 | 87.5% | 8.5 | 7.5 | -1.0 | -11.9% | 30.6 | 11.9 | -18.6 | -60.9% |
| <i>Balkan countries incl. : 4/</i> | 2506.9 | 2681.0 | 174.1 | 6.9% | 137.6 | 193.6 | 56.0 | 40.7% | 165.3 | 203.6 | 38.3 | 23.2% |
| Turkey | 1392.4 | 1548.4 | 156.0 | 11.2% | 87.4 | 119.7 | 32.3 | 36.9% | 104.0 | 123.9 | 19.8 | 19.1% |
| Serbia | 464.2 | 633.0 | 168.8 | 36.4% | 30.1 | 41.5 | 11.4 | 37.9% | 34.1 | 38.4 | 4.3 | 12.6% |
| Macedonia | 263.9 | 287.1 | 23.3 | 8.8% | 12.9 | 22.2 | 9.2 | 7.1.5% | 19.4 | 24.9 | 5.5 | 28.6% |
| Albania | 82.1 | 52.5 | -29.5 | -36.0% | 3.5 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 41.4% | 3.3 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 96.6% |
| <i>Americas incl. :</i> | 505.2 | 539.2 | 34.0 | 6.7% | 44.8 | 22.2 | -22.5 | -50.4% | 25.8 | 41.2 | 15.4 | 59.6% |
| USA | 341.5 | 311.4 | -30.0 | -8.8% | 19.1 | 16.3 | -2.8 | -14.4% | 15.2 | 14.3 | -0.8 | -5.5% |
| <i>Asia incl. :</i> | 969.2 | 1064.0 | 94.8 | 9.8% | 38.8 | 139.4 | 100.7 | 25.6% | 31.2 | 120.0 | 88.7 | 284.4% |
| United Arab Emirates | 62.2 | 13.3 | -48.8 | -78.6% | 1.6 | 16.3 | 14.7 | 94.3.8% | 0.7 | 38.9 | 38.2 | 533.8% |
| Georgia | 78.2 | 163.8 | 85.6 | 109.5% | 7.7 | 17.4 | 9.7 | 125.2% | 7.2 | 20.4 | 13.2 | 182.4% |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 28.7 | 73.2 | 44.5 | 155.0% | 0.7 | 18.2 | 17.6 | 264.0% | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 25.8% |
| <i>Other countries</i> | 258.1 | 314.9 | 56.9 | 22.0% | 10.8 | 7.3 | -3.5 | -32.7% | 16.7 | 20.0 | 3.3 | 19.7% |
| TOTAL EXPORTS /FOB/ | 12011.9 | 13473.6 | 1461.7 | 12.2% | 868.6 | 1115.1 | 246.5 | 28.4% | 906.1 | 1205.7 | 299.7 | 33.1% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1/ Includes the EU member countries prior to May 1, 2004.

2/ Following Eurostat classification. Includes the new EU member countries accepted after May 1, 2004 and January 1, 2007.

3/ Includes Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland, Gibraltar (GB), Moldova, Belarus, Norway, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Iceland and Monaco.

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EXPORTS
Main trade partners and regions
2007 - 2008

Tab.3

| COUNTRIES | Q1 | | | April | | | January - April | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | mill. EUR 2007 | 2008 | Change % | mill. EUR 2007 | 2008 | Change % | 2007 | 2008 | Change % |
| EU countries - 27 incl. : | 1995.5 | 2302.7 | 397.2% | 605.9 | 797.7 | 191.8% | 31.7% | 2511.4 | 64.0% |
| EU countries - 15 incl.: 1/ | 1596.7 | 1878.2 | 281.5% | 490.5 | 649.6 | 159.1% | 32.4% | 2087.2 | 53.2% |
| Greece | 272.0 | 377.4 | 105.4% | 38.7% | 109.3 | 140.6% | 31.3 | 28.7% | 381.3% |
| Italy | 344.0 | 374.6 | 30.6% | 8.9% | 94.9 | 106.9% | 12.0 | 12.6% | 439.0% |
| Germany | 346.9 | 359.9 | 13.0% | 3.7% | 102.7 | 113.0% | 10.3 | 10.1% | 449.6% |
| Belgium | 207.5 | 282.2 | 74.6% | 36.0% | 49.7 | 120.4% | 70.7 | 142.4% | 257.2% |
| France | 132.8 | 167.7 | 35.0% | 26.3% | 42.3 | 47.0% | 4.7 | 11.2% | 175.0% |
| G. Britain | 73.5 | 89.1 | 15.5% | 21.1% | 24.9 | 25.8% | 0.9 | 3.6% | 98.4% |
| Austria | 59.8 | 66.8 | 7.0% | 11.7% | 20.7 | 39.7 | 19.1 | 92.3% | 80.5% |
| Spain | 76.1 | 74.8 | -1.3% | -1.8% | 20.6 | 26.1 | 5.5 | 26.7% | 96.8% |
| Netherlands | 38.2 | 43.7 | 5.4% | 14.2% | 13.6 | 16.7% | 3.1 | 22.6% | 51.9% |
| EU - new member states incl. : 2/ | 308.8 | 424.5 | 115.7% | 37.5% | 115.4 | 148.0% | 32.7 | 28.3% | 424.2% |
| Romania | 111.9 | 206.5 | 94.6% | 84.6% | 44.8 | 74.6 | 29.7 | 66.3% | 156.7% |
| Poland | 45.8 | 68.1 | 22.3% | 48.7% | 14.8 | 25.4 | 10.6 | 71.6% | 60.6% |
| Hungary | 30.5 | 36.5 | 6.1% | 19.9% | 11.6 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 2.7% | 42.1% |
| Non EU countries : | 993.6 | 1341.2 | 347.6% | 35.0% | 421.1 | 574.1 | 152.9 | 36.3% | 1414.7 |
| Europe incl. : 3/ | 185.8 | 163.4 | -22.3% | -12.0% | 48.8 | 62.5 | 13.7 | 28.2% | 234.6 |
| Russia | 66.8 | 96.1 | 29.3% | 43.8% | 28.8 | 34.5 | 5.7 | 19.7% | 95.7% |
| Ukraine | 52.0 | 32.0 | -20.0% | -38.5% | 8.2 | 15.1 | 6.9 | 84.4% | 60.2% |
| Balkan countries incl. : 4/ | 499.6 | 618.6 | 119.0 | 23.8% | 221.1 | 290.3 | 69.1 | 31.3% | 720.7 |
| Turkey | 315.4 | 359.1 | 43.7% | 13.8% | 132.6 | 187.3 | 54.7 | 41.2% | 448.0% |
| Serbia | 101.6 | 135.7 | 34.1% | 33.6% | 46.9 | 65.1 | 18.3 | 39.0% | 148.5% |
| Macedonia | 53.5 | 81.3 | 27.7% | 51.8% | 19.7 | 23.9 | 4.3 | 21.7% | 73.2% |
| Albania | 10.9 | 17.4 | 6.6% | 60.7% | 4.5 | 5.3 | 0.8 | 18.9% | 15.3% |
| Americas incl. : | 126.0 | 100.3 | -25.7% | -20.4% | 50.9 | 46.6 | -4.3 | -8.5% | 176.9 |
| USA | 62.5 | 45.3 | -17.2% | -27.5% | 34.7 | 16.1 | -18.6 | -53.5% | 97.2% |
| Asia incl. : | 126.8 | 341.0 | 212.2 | 164.7% | 81.9 | 135.0 | 53.2 | 65.0% | 210.7 |
| United Arab Emirates | 3.4 | 56.0 | 52.6 | 1532.8% | 1.1 | 24.0 | 22.8 | 1999.3% | 4.6% |
| Georgia | 20.8 | 53.7 | 32.9 | 158.5% | 12.7 | 24.2 | 11.5 | 91.1% | 33.4% |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 8.7 | 41.9 | 33.2 | 380.3% | 14.2 | 11.9 | -2.3 | -16.0% | 22.9% |
| Other countries | 53.4 | 117.9 | 64.4 | 120.6% | 18.5 | 39.7 | 21.2 | 114.4% | 71.9 |
| TOTAL EXPORTS FOB/ | 2899.1 | 3643.9 | 744.8 | 25.7% | 1027.0 | 1371.7 | 344.7 | 33.6% | 3926.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | 100.0% |
| | | | | | | | | | 1089.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | 27.7% |

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3/ Includes Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland, Gibraltar (GB), Moldova, Belarus, Norway, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Iceland and Monaco.

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IMPORTS
End-Use
2007 - 2008

Tab.4

| Commodity groups | January - December | | | January | | | February | | | March | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | mill. EUR | Change | mill. EUR | mill. EUR | % | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR | % | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR |
| Consumer goods | 2736.6 | | 3586.7 | 850.2 | 31.1% | 254.3 | 267.6 | 13.4 | 5.3% | 264.4 | 326.3 | 61.9 |
| Food, drinks and tobacco | 471.4 | 783.9 | 312.5 | 66.3% | 47.7 | 68.5 | 20.8 | 43.7% | 53.7 | 75.7 | 22.1 | 41.1% |
| Furniture and household appliances | 602.2 | 863.3 | 261.1 | 43.3% | 62.6 | 53.2 | -9.4 | -15.1% | 60.3 | 66.0 | 5.7 | 9.4% |
| Medicines and cosmetics | 527.5 | 623.8 | 96.3 | 18.3% | 49.0 | 50.9 | 1.9 | 3.8% | 56.2 | 55.7 | -0.5 | -0.9% |
| Clothing and footwear | 178.9 | 281.9 | 102.9 | 57.5% | 22.9 | 19.7 | -3.1 | -13.7% | 20.9 | 30.0 | 9.1 | 43.6% |
| Automobiles | 567.3 | 484.2 | 83.1 | -14.6% | 36.6 | 36.4 | -0.2 | -0.5% | 34.6 | 50.0 | 15.4 | 44.4% |
| Others | 389.3 | 549.7 | 160.4 | 41.2% | 35.5 | 39.0 | 3.4 | 9.7% | 38.8 | 49.0 | 10.2 | 26.4% |
| Raw materials | 6748.8 | | 7966.4 | 1217.6 | 18.0% | 589.2 | 640.3 | 51.1 | 8.7% | 575.0 | 700.4 | 125.4 |
| Ores | 997.8 | 1141.2 | 143.3 | 14.4% | 110.2 | 106.0 | -4.2 | -3.8% | 50.3 | 106.2 | 55.9 | 111.2% |
| Iron and steel | 802.1 | 1078.8 | 276.7 | 34.5% | 82.7 | 98.4 | 15.7 | 19.0% | 76.5 | 98.8 | 22.4 | 29.2% |
| Non-ferrous metals | 412.5 | 520.3 | 107.8 | 26.1% | 25.8 | 47.8 | 22.1 | 85.6% | 54.1 | 58.3 | 4.2 | 7.8% |
| Textiles | 1412.4 | 1400.6 | -11.8 | -0.8% | 109.2 | 105.1 | -4.1 | -3.8% | 98.9 | 98.1 | -0.7 | -0.7% |
| Wood products, paper and paperboard | 343.4 | 452.8 | 109.4 | 31.9% | 33.5 | 35.2 | 1.7 | 5.2% | 33.7 | 36.9 | 3.2 | 9.5% |
| Chemicals | 322.6 | 348.1 | 25.5 | 7.9% | 24.9 | 31.4 | 6.4 | 25.8% | 34.2 | 36.9 | 2.7 | 7.9% |
| Plastics and rubber | 844.8 | 1009.5 | 164.8 | 19.5% | 66.1 | 66.7 | 0.6 | 1.0% | 74.2 | 80.2 | 6.0 | 8.1% |
| Raw materials for the food industry | 289.7 | 356.4 | 66.7 | 23.0% | 17.5 | 32.7 | 15.2 | 86.8% | 35.0 | 45.4 | 10.3 | 29.6% |
| Raw skins | 105.1 | 106.8 | 1.7 | 1.6% | 8.4 | 6.3 | -2.0 | -24.1% | 5.7 | 4.8 | -0.8 | -14.8% |
| Raw tobacco | 19.9 | 40.3 | 20.4 | 102.4% | 0.7 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 369.5% | 1.0 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 139.9% |
| Others | 1198.4 | 1511.5 | 313.1 | 26.1% | 110.3 | 107.4 | -2.8 | -2.6% | 111.5 | 132.4 | 20.8 | 18.7% |
| Investment goods | 4845.4 | | 6051.1 | 1205.7 | 24.9% | 414.8 | 457.6 | 42.9 | 10.3% | 383.2 | 535.3 | 152.1 |
| Machines and equipment | 1626.6 | 2117.9 | 491.2 | 30.2% | 168.0 | 168.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 140.5 | 169.3 | 28.7 | 20.4% |
| Electrical machines | 505.5 | 815.0 | 219.5 | 36.9% | 56.3 | 62.3 | 6.0 | 10.6% | 55.2 | 83.1 | 27.9 | 50.6% |
| Vehicles | 1354.6 | 1443.2 | 88.6 | 6.5% | 78.8 | 94.0 | 15.2 | 19.3% | 79.8 | 122.6 | 42.8 | 53.6% |
| Spare parts and equipment | 610.0 | 718.6 | 108.7 | 17.8% | 57.8 | 56.4 | -1.3 | -2.3% | 54.0 | 65.3 | 11.3 | 21.0% |
| Others | 658.6 | 956.4 | 297.8 | 45.2% | 53.9 | 76.9 | 23.0 | 42.8% | 53.7 | 95.1 | 41.3 | 76.9% |
| Total non energy commodities | 14330.7 | 17604.2 | 3273.5 | 22.8% | 1258.2 | 1365.6 | 107.4 | 8.5% | 1222.6 | 1562.0 | 339.4 | 27.8% |
| Mineral fuels, oils and electricity | 4041.3 | 4272.7 | 231.5 | 5.7% | 272.1 | 451.2 | 179.1 | 65.8% | 217.5 | 340.5 | 123.0 | 56.6% |
| Fuels | 3527.1 | 3726.5 | 199.4 | 5.7% | 248.4 | 406.3 | 157.9 | 63.5% | 184.6 | 294.3 | 109.6 | 59.4% |
| Crude oil and Natural gas | 3192.2 | 3309.7 | 117.5 | 3.7% | 227.9 | 379.0 | 151.1 | 66.3% | 143.3 | 257.3 | 114.0 | 79.6% |
| Coal | 275.8 | 318.0 | 42.2 | 15.3% | 15.4 | 23.2 | 7.9 | 51.0% | 30.5 | 32.1 | 1.5 | 5.0% |
| Others | 59.1 | 98.8 | 39.7 | 67.1% | 5.2 | 4.1 | -1.1 | -21.4% | 10.8 | 4.9 | -5.9 | -54.5% |
| Others | 514.1 | 546.2 | 32.1 | 6.2% | 23.6 | 44.9 | 21.2 | 89.8% | 32.8 | 46.2 | 13.4 | 40.7% |
| Oils | 514.1 | 546.2 | 32.1 | 6.2% | 23.6 | 44.9 | 21.2 | 89.8% | 32.8 | 46.2 | 13.4 | 40.7% |
| Other Imports ¹⁾ | 107.3 | 0.0 | -107.3 | -100.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /CIF/ | 18479.3 | 21876.9 | 3397.6 | 18.4% | 1530.3 | 1816.8 | 286.5 | 18.7% | 1440.1 | 1902.5 | 462.4 | 32.1% |
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1/ Includes information on imports of goods in Chapter 99 "Customs alleviations" of the Customs Tariff and imports of goods not elsewhere classified.

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End-Use
2007 - 2008

Tab.4

| Commodity groups | Q1 | | April | | January - April | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | mill. EUR | Change | mill. EUR | Change | mill. EUR | share |
| 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR % | 2007 | 2008 mill. EUR % | 2007 mill. EUR | 2008 |
| Consumer goods | 133.8 | 16.6% | 260.0 | 370.6 | 42.5% | 16.5% |
| Food, drinks and tobacco | 806.3 | 940.1 | 163.2 | 225.9 | 62.6 | 16.5% |
| Furniture and household appliances | 183.1 | 195.7 | 12.6 | 6.9% | 61.1 | 77.4 |
| Medicines and cosmetics | 159.1 | 161.6 | 2.4 | 1.5% | 43.9 | 62.3 |
| Clothing and footwear | 70.6 | 85.6 | 15.0 | 21.3% | 22.2 | 32.5 |
| Automobiles | 109.1 | 132.1 | 23.0 | 21.1% | 33.6 | 49.8 |
| Others | 121.2 | 139.3 | 18.1 | 14.9% | 40.8 | 55.6 |
| Raw materials | 1842.5 | 2036.5 | 194.0 | 10.5% | 571.0 | 772.6 |
| Ores | 236.4 | 292.1 | 55.8 | 23.6% | 34.6 | 64.1 |
| Iron and steel | 253.4 | 295.0 | 41.6 | 16.4% | 78.9 | 121.7 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 153.5 | 152.1 | -1.4 | -0.9% | 52.1 | 83.5 |
| Textiles | 322.5 | 302.0 | 20.5 | -6.4% | 120.7 | 115.0 |
| Wood products, paper and paperboard | 104.2 | 111.7 | 7.6 | 7.3% | 35.0 | 41.6 |
| Chemicals | 97.1 | 105.0 | 7.9 | 8.1% | 28.6 | 36.2 |
| Plastics and rubber | 220.6 | 235.1 | 14.5 | 6.6% | 76.5 | 98.7 |
| Raw materials for the food industry | 84.3 | 125.7 | 41.4 | 49.1% | 17.7 | 37.9 |
| Raw skins | 21.5 | 17.1 | -4.4 | -20.5% | 9.1 | 10.0 |
| Raw tobacco | 3.5 | 13.4 | 9.9 | 286.2% | 2.3 | 6.8 |
| Others | 345.5 | 387.2 | 41.7 | 12.1% | 115.4 | 157.2 |
| Investment goods | 1268.0 | 1530.8 | 262.8 | 20.7% | 420.8 | 614.5 |
| Machines and equipment | 468.6 | 505.4 | 36.7 | 7.8% | 136.4 | 204.2 |
| Electrical machines | 177.5 | 213.9 | 36.4 | 20.5% | 52.8 | 67.7 |
| Vehicles | 284.4 | 353.4 | 69.0 | 24.3% | 109.3 | 150.8 |
| Spare parts and equipment | 167.2 | 183.2 | 16.0 | 9.6% | 48.4 | 66.6 |
| Others | 170.3 | 274.9 | 104.6 | 61.4% | 73.8 | 125.2 |
| Total non energy commodities | 3916.7 | 4507.3 | 590.6 | 15.1% | 1251.7 | 1757.6 |
| Mineral fuels, oils and electricity | 780.6 | 1208.4 | 427.8 | 54.8% | 377.4 | 487.3 |
| Fuels | 686.6 | 1069.8 | 383.2 | 55.8% | 344.0 | 426.2 |
| Crude oil and Natural gas | 588.8 | 972.7 | 383.8 | 65.2% | 313.8 | 369.8 |
| Coal | 71.4 | 87.4 | 16.0 | 22.3% | 22.2 | 50.3 |
| Others | 26.3 | 9.8 | -16.5 | -62.9% | 8.0 | 6.1 |
| Others | 94.0 | 138.6 | 44.6 | 47.4% | 33.4 | 61.1 |
| Oils | 94.0 | 138.6 | 44.6 | 47.4% | 33.4 | 61.1 |
| Other Imports ¹⁾ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /CIF/ | 4697.3 | 5715.7 | 1018.4 | 21.7% | 1629.1 | 2245.0 |
| | | | | | 615.8 | 37.8% |
| | | | | | 6326.5 | 100.0% |
| | | | | | 7960.7 | 100.0% |
| | | | | | 1634.2 | 25.8% |

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2007 - 2008

Tab.5

| COMMODITY GROUPS * | January | | January - December | | January | | February | |
|--|-----------|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % | mill. EUR | Change % |
| Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools, including: | | | | | | | | |
| Division 84. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance, parts | 5677.5 | 6917.7 | 12842 | 22.6% | 487.7 | 516.4 | 28.7 | 5.9% |
| Division 87. Vehicles other than railway tramway rolling-stock, parts & accessories | 1992.2 | 2557.6 | 565.4 | 28.4% | 199.1 | 192.0 | -7.1 | -3.5% |
| Division 85. Electrical machines, equipment parts thereof; sound recorders etc. | 1879.4 | 1967.7 | 88.3 | 4.7% | 126.0 | 132.3 | 6.3 | 5.0% |
| Division 90. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring checking, precision, apparatus etc. | 1310.0 | 1781.1 | 471.1 | 36.0% | 132.3 | 137.4 | 5.1 | 3.8% |
| | 227.5 | 241.8 | 14.3 | 6.3% | 20.3 | 21.0 | 0.7 | 3.5% |
| Mineral products and fuels, including: | | | | | | | | |
| Division 27. Mineral Fuels, oils & products of their distillation; etc. | 5151.0 | 5528.7 | 377.8 | 7.3% | 393.1 | 569.1 | 175.9 | 44.8% |
| Division 26. Ores, Slag and ash | 4031.4 | 4318.2 | 286.8 | 7.1% | 277.3 | 454.0 | 176.6 | 63.7% |
| | 997.8 | 1141.2 | 143.3 | 14.4% | 110.2 | 106.0 | -4.2 | -3.8% |
| Base metals and their products, including: | | | | | | | | |
| Division 72. Iron and steel | 1916.9 | 2538.3 | 621.4 | 32.4% | 173.7 | 213.6 | 39.8 | 22.9% |
| Division 74. Copper and articles thereof | 802.1 | 1078.8 | 276.7 | 34.5% | 82.7 | 98.4 | 15.7 | 19.0% |
| Division 73. Articles of iron and steel | 244.2 | 338.2 | 94.0 | 38.5% | 24.3 | 35.2 | 10.9 | 45.0% |
| | 359.9 | 478.9 | 118.9 | 33.0% | 29.0 | 37.0 | 8.0 | 27.5% |
| Division 76. Aluminium and articles thereof | 317.8 | 380.7 | 62.8 | 19.8% | 21.2 | 24.6 | 3.5 | 16.4% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Chemical products, plastics and rubber, including: | | | | | | | | |
| Division 39. Plastics and articles thereof | 1995.9 | 2364.5 | 368.5 | 18.5% | 163.8 | 176.3 | 12.5 | 7.6% |
| Division 50. Pharmaceutical products | 700.4 | 822.9 | 122.5 | 17.5% | 54.5 | 54.8 | 0.3 | 0.5% |
| Division 38. Miscellaneous chemical products | 395.3 | 463.2 | 67.9 | 17.2% | 37.4 | 39.4 | 2.0 | 5.4% |
| Division 40. Rubber and articles thereof | 160.4 | 177.3 | 16.9 | 10.5% | 14.8 | 18.3 | 3.4 | 23.1% |
| | 170.0 | 217.9 | 48.0 | 28.2% | 13.6 | 14.4 | 0.8 | 6.0% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear and other consumer goods, including: | | | | | | | | |
| Division 94. Furniture; bedding, mattresses, supports, cushion etc. | 1994.1 | 2213.8 | 219.7 | 11.0% | 163.5 | 161.3 | -2.2 | -1.3% |
| Division 61. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 168.1 | 235.7 | 67.5 | 40.2% | 13.9 | 17.0 | 3.2 | 22.8% |
| Division 52. Cotton | 221.3 | 236.0 | 14.7 | 6.6% | 23.2 | 16.9 | -6.3 | -27.1% |
| Division 51. Wool, fine/coarse animals hair horsehair | 235.6 | 231.2 | -4.4 | -1.9% | 19.5 | 17.2 | -2.3 | -12.0% |
| | 191.6 | 198.2 | 6.6 | 3.4% | 13.0 | 16.9 | 3.9 | 30.3% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Animal and vegetable products, food, drinks and tobacco products, including: | | | | | | | | |
| Division 02. Meat and edible meat offal | 901.7 | 1317.9 | 416.2 | 46.2% | 75.5 | 112.2 | 36.7 | 48.7% |
| Division 48. Paper & paperboard; articles of paper, pulp, paper/paperboard | 131.6 | 175.2 | 43.6 | 33.2% | 9.3 | 15.5 | 6.2 | 66.4% |
| Division 44. Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 128.8 | 190.2 | 61.4 | 47.6% | 13.5 | 13.2 | -0.3 | -2.3% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Other Imports ^{1/} | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /CIF/ | 18479.3 | 21876.9 | 3397.6 | 18.4% | 1530.3 | 1816.8 | 286.5 | 18.7% |
| (-)Freight | 905.2 | 1046.4 | | | 75.8 | 90.4 | | 66.7 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /FOB/ | 17574.1 | 20830.6 | 3256.5 | 18.5% | 1454.5 | 1726.4 | 271.9 | 18.7% |
| | | | | | | | | |

* Commodity groups includes divisions of the Harmonized System of Commodity Description and Coding.

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| COMMODITY GROUPS * | March | | | Q1 | | | April | | |
|---|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR |
| Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 84. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance ,parts | 541.0 | 619.4 | 78.4 | 14.5% | 1479.7 | 1750.4 | 270.7 | 18.3% | 483.3 |
| Division 87. Vehicles other than railway tramway rolling-stock, parts & accessories | 194.6 | 204.6 | 9.9 | 5.1% | 568.5 | 597.2 | 28.7 | 5.0% | 169.0 |
| Division 85. Electrical machines, equipment parts thereof; sound recorders etc. | 153.9 | 186.3 | 32.4 | 21.1% | 402.7 | 504.6 | 102.0 | 25.3% | 150.2 |
| Division 90. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring checking precision, apparatus etc. | 140.2 | 146.0 | 5.8 | 4.1% | 399.0 | 447.4 | 48.4 | 12.1% | 119.2 |
| | 24.3 | 24.4 | 0.1 | 0.2% | 62.1 | 68.1 | 6.0 | 9.7% | 16.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | 29.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | 12.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | 73.3% |
| Mineral products and fuels, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 27. Mineral Fuels, oils & products of their distillation; etc. | 372.8 | 517.0 | 144.2 | 38.7% | 1043.2 | 1547.4 | 504.1 | 48.3% | 418.3 |
| Division 26. Ores, Slag and ash | 291.7 | 418.1 | 126.4 | 43.3% | 792.2 | 1215.6 | 423.3 | 53.4% | 379.3 |
| | 75.9 | 80.0 | 4.1 | 5.4% | 236.4 | 292.1 | 55.8 | 23.6% | 34.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 64.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | 29.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | 85.2% |
| Base metals and their products, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 72. Iron and steel | 243.8 | 222.2 | -21.6 | -8.9% | 616.7 | 676.9 | 60.2 | 9.8% | 200.6 |
| Division 74. Copper and articles thereof | 94.2 | 97.7 | 3.5 | 3.8% | 253.4 | 295.0 | 41.6 | 16.4% | 78.9 |
| Division 73. Articles of iron and steel | 58.1 | 26.9 | -31.2 | -53.7% | 126.0 | 109.7 | -16.3 | -12.9% | 38.5 |
| Division 76. Aluminium and articles thereof | 35.8 | 41.2 | 5.4 | 15.0% | 98.3 | 127.1 | 28.8 | 29.3% | 65.8 |
| | 34.2 | 32.2 | -2.0 | -5.9% | 82.4 | 83.2 | 0.7 | 0.9% | 44.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 11.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | 33.7% |
| Chemical products, plastics and rubber, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 39. Plastics and articles thereof | 203.9 | 220.3 | 16.4 | 8.1% | 559.1 | 603.1 | 44.0 | 7.9% | 180.6 |
| Division 50. Pharmaceutical products | 66.6 | 70.1 | 3.4 | 5.2% | 180.3 | 188.4 | 8.1 | 4.5% | 62.4 |
| Division 38. Miscellaneous chemical products | 40.9 | 42.1 | 1.2 | 2.8% | 123.4 | 119.7 | -3.7 | -3.0% | 32.0 |
| Division 40. Rubber and articles thereof | 23.0 | 22.7 | -0.4 | -1.6% | 57.0 | 61.7 | 4.7 | 8.3% | 15.1 |
| | 17.0 | 20.9 | 3.9 | 22.9% | 48.0 | 55.3 | 7.3 | 15.3% | 20.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 5.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 31.8% |
| Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear and other consumer goods, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 94. Furniture; bedding, matters, mattresses support, cushion etc. | 180.0 | 181.7 | 1.7 | 0.9% | 495.6 | 511.2 | 15.6 | 3.1% | 181.3 |
| Division 61. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 17.3 | 21.5 | 4.3 | 24.6% | 46.6 | 58.2 | 11.6 | 24.8% | 17.1 |
| Division 52. Cotton | 21.6 | 19.9 | -1.7 | -8.0% | 64.8 | 56.4 | -8.4 | -13.0% | 18.8 |
| Division 51. Wool, fine/coarse animals hair horsehair | 18.3 | 15.8 | -2.5 | -13.7% | 53.1 | 48.9 | -4.2 | -8.0% | 18.8 |
| | 16.1 | 14.6 | -1.5 | -9.2% | 42.8 | 47.4 | 4.5 | 10.6% | 19.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | 19.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | 0.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1.0% |
| Animal and vegetable products, food, drinks and tobacco products, including: | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 02. Meat and edible neat oil/fat | 109.4 | 153.4 | 44.0 | 40.2% | 284.6 | 399.9 | 115.3 | 40.5% | 90.6 |
| Division 48. Paper & paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper/paperboard | 12.8 | 18.8 | 6.1 | 47.5% | 33.1 | 51.1 | 18.1 | 54.6% | 154.4 |
| Division 44. Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 16.2 | 18.9 | 2.6 | 16.3% | 44.4 | 48.2 | 3.8 | 8.7% | 12.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | 20.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | 8.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | 68.4% |
| Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products, including | | | | | | | | | |
| Division 25.3 | 27.0 | 1.6 | 6.5% | 72.8 | 79.3 | 6.5 | 8.9% | 25.7 | 12.2% |
| Division 26.2 | 18.9 | 2.6 | 16.3% | 44.4 | 48.2 | 3.8 | 8.7% | 14.2 | 17.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | 3.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | 22.0% |
| Other Imports^{1/} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL IMPORTS/CIF/ | 1727.0 | 1996.5 | 269.5 | 15.6% | 4697.3 | 5715.7 | 1018.4 | 21.7% | 1629.1 |
| (-) Freight | 80.7 | 94.1 | | | 223.2 | 275.8 | | | 77.1 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS/FOB/ | 1646.3 | 1902.4 | 256.1 | 15.6% | 4474.1 | 5439.9 | 965.8 | 21.6% | 2245.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 615.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | 37.8% |
| | | | | | | | | | 108.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | 584.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 37.7% |

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| COMMODITY GROUPS * | January - April | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | 2007 mill. EUR | share | 2008 mill. EUR | share | Change mill. EUR | % |
| Machines, transport facilities, appliances and tools, including: | 1963.0 | 31.0% | 2450.5 | 30.8% | 487.5 | 24.8% |
| Division 84. Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery & mechanical appliance, parts | 737.5 | 11.7% | 839.0 | 10.5% | 101.5 | 13.8% |
| Division 87. Vehicles other than railway tramway rolling-stock, parts & accessories | 552.9 | 8.7% | 705.2 | 8.9% | 152.3 | 27.5% |
| Division 85. Electrical machines, equipment parts thereof; sound recorders etc. | 518.2 | 8.2% | 604.3 | 7.6% | 86.1 | 16.6% |
| Division 90. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring checking, precision, apparatus etc. | 79.0 | 1.2% | 97.4 | 1.2% | 18.4 | 23.3% |
| Mineral products and fuels, including: | 1461.6 | 23.1% | 2121.0 | 26.6% | 659.4 | 45.1% |
| Division 27. Mineral Fuels, oils & products of their distillation; etc. | 1171.5 | 18.5% | 1703.5 | 21.4% | 532.0 | 45.4% |
| Division 26. Ores, Slag and ash | 271.0 | 4.3% | 356.2 | 4.5% | 85.3 | 31.5% |
| Base metals and their products, including: | 817.3 | 12.9% | 969.2 | 12.2% | 152.0 | 18.6% |
| Division 72. Iron and steel | 332.3 | 5.3% | 416.7 | 5.2% | 84.4 | 25.4% |
| Division 74. Copper and articles thereof | 164.5 | 2.6% | 175.6 | 2.2% | 11.1 | 6.7% |
| Division 73. Articles of iron and steel | 131.8 | 2.1% | 171.9 | 2.2% | 40.1 | 30.4% |
| Division 76. Aluminium and articles thereof | 112.6 | 1.8% | 116.8 | 1.5% | 4.2 | 3.7% |
| Chemical products, plastics and rubber, including: | 739.7 | 11.7% | 840.1 | 10.6% | 100.4 | 13.6% |
| Division 39. Plastics and articles thereof | 242.7 | 3.8% | 268.4 | 3.4% | 25.7 | 10.6% |
| Division 30. Pharmaceutical products | 155.4 | 2.5% | 164.5 | 2.1% | 9.1 | 5.9% |
| Division 38. Miscellaneous chemical products | 72.1 | 1.1% | 82.4 | 1.0% | 10.3 | 14.3% |
| Division 40. Rubber and articles thereof | 64.4 | 1.0% | 77.0 | 1.0% | 12.6 | 19.5% |
| Textile and leather materials, clothing, footwear and other consumer goods, including: | 676.9 | 10.7% | 711.1 | 8.9% | 34.2 | 5.1% |
| Division 94. Furniture; bedding, matters, mattresses support, cushion etc. | 63.7 | 1.0% | 79.6 | 1.0% | 15.9 | 24.9% |
| Division 61. Articles of apparel & clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 83.6 | 1.3% | 76.3 | 1.0% | -7.3 | -8.7% |
| Division 52. Cotton | 71.9 | 1.1% | 67.3 | 0.8% | -4.6 | -6.3% |
| Division 51. Wool, fine/coarse animals hair horsehair | 62.0 | 1.0% | 66.8 | 0.8% | 4.7 | 7.6% |
| Animal and vegetable products, food, drinks and tobacco products, including: | 375.1 | 5.9% | 554.3 | 7.0% | 179.1 | 47.8% |
| Division 02. Meat and edible meat offal | 45.2 | 0.7% | 71.5 | 0.9% | 26.3 | 58.3% |
| Wood, paper, earthenware and glass products, including | 292.9 | 4.6% | 314.5 | 4.0% | 21.6 | 7.4% |
| Division 48. Paper & paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper/paperboard | 98.5 | 1.6% | 110.7 | 1.4% | 12.2 | 12.4% |
| Division 44. Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 58.6 | 0.9% | 65.5 | 0.8% | 7.0 | 11.9% |
| <i>Other Imports</i> ^{1/} | <i>0.0</i> | <i>0.0%</i> | <i>0.0</i> | <i>0.0%</i> | <i>0.0</i> | <i>0.0%</i> |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /CIF/ | 6326.5 | 100.0% | 7960.7 | 100.0% | 1634.2 | 25.8% |
| (- Freight | 300.3 | 384.1 | | | | |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /FOB/ | 6026.1 | 7576.6 | | | 1550.5 | 25.7% |

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| COUNTRIES * | January - December | | | January | | | February | | | March | | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | mill. EUR | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR | 2007 | 2008 | mill. EUR | Change % | |
| EU countries - 27 incl. : | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12.7% | |
| EU countries - 15 incl. : ^{1/} | 9442,2 | 11347,0 | 20,2% | 788,9 | 827,7 | 38,8% | 4,9% | 812,9 | 932,8 | 169,9 | 20,9% | 940,0 | 1059,0 | |
| Germany | 7621,3 | 8894,0 | 16,7% | 633,4 | 623,3 | -10,2% | -1,6% | 636,2 | 733,2 | 97,0 | 15,2% | 747,3 | 800,0 | |
| Italy | 2301,8 | 2508,3 | 9,0% | 174,7 | 178,3 | 3,6% | 2,1% | 181,5 | 213,6 | 32,1 | 17,7% | 200,5 | 229,2 | |
| Greece | 1626,3 | 1879,9 | 15,6% | 134,8 | 122,3 | -12,5% | -9,3% | 128,3 | 135,2 | 7,0 | 5,4% | 151,1 | 162,8 | |
| France | 9671,1 | 1127,5 | 16,6% | 74,2 | 77,8 | 3,7% | 5,0% | 84,1 | 94,0 | 9,8 | 11,7% | 100,9 | 102,7 | |
| Austria | 758,6 | 823,1 | 64,5 | 8,5% | 52,8 | 56,2 | 3,4% | 6,5% | 53,7 | 74,1 | 20,4 | 38,0% | 67,8 | 86,2 |
| G. Britain | 396,4 | 539,2 | 142,8 | 36,0% | 39,2 | 37,5 | -1,7% | -4,4% | 39,3 | 42,2 | 2,9 | 7,3% | 42,9 | 48,3 |
| Netherlands | 351,7 | 368,3 | 16,6 | 4,7% | 25,6 | 29,5 | 4,0% | 15,5% | 30,0 | 37,7 | 7,7 | 25,8% | 32,6 | 33,1 |
| Spain | 235,9 | 372,5 | 136,6 | 57,9% | 29,5 | 25,8 | -3,7% | -12,6% | 24,5 | 34,2 | 9,7 | 39,7% | 32,3 | 37,1 |
| Belgium | 322,8 | 396,3 | 73,5 | 22,8% | 31,9 | 29,7 | -2,2% | -6,9% | 29,1 | 30,0 | 0,9 | 3,2% | 34,2 | 31,5 |
| EU - new member states incl.: ^{2/} | 1820,9 | 2453,0 | 106,4 | 49,6% | 27,5 | 23,9 | -3,7% | -13,3% | 25,4 | 21,7 | -3,6 | -14,4% | 27,9 | 26,0 |
| Romania | 698,0 | 841,4 | 143,4 | 20,5% | 34,0 | 72,8 | 38,8 | 114,1% | 59,2 | 89,7 | 30,5 | 51,5% | 65,1 | 105,6 |
| Poland | 361,8 | 459,1 | 97,3 | 26,9% | 36,2 | 31,8 | -4,4% | -12,2% | 34,2 | 66,7 | 32,5 | 95,2% | 38,0 | 49,1 |
| Hungary | 236,8 | 457,1 | 220,3 | 93,1% | 32,2 | 37,5 | 5,3 | 16,4% | 34,3 | 37,8 | 3,5 | 10,3% | 33,4 | 39,7 |
| Czech Republic | 272,8 | 375,2 | 102,4 | 37,5% | 27,9 | 40,5 | 12,6 | 45,2% | 27,1 | 30,8 | 3,7 | 13,8% | 25,1 | 34,8 |
| Non EU countries : | | | | | | | | | | | | | 15,2% | |
| Europe incl. :^{3/} | 10529,9 | 1492,8 | 16,5% | 741,4 | 980,1 | 247,6 | 33,4% | 627,2 | 919,6 | 292,5 | 46,6% | 787,0 | 937,5 | |
| Russia | 4004,7 | 4463,9 | 459,2 | 11,5% | 302,3 | 473,5 | 171,2 | 56,6% | 212,8 | 378,8 | 166,0 | 78,0% | 301,8 | 457,9 |
| Ukraine | 3175,1 | 3708,6 | 533,5 | 16,8% | 243,1 | 394,7 | 151,6 | 62,4% | 163,2 | 294,2 | 131,0 | 80,3% | 246,0 | 367,1 |
| Balkan countries incl. :^{4/} | 1474,5 | 2083,6 | 609,0 | 41,3% | 137,0 | 138,0 | 1,0 | 0,8% | 146,7 | 152,6 | 5,9 | 4,0% | 157,9 | 164,8 |
| Turkey | 1104,9 | 1516,2 | 411,4 | 37,2% | 100,3 | 95,9 | -4,5% | -4,4% | 95,4 | 110,0 | 14,6 | 15,3% | 115,8 | 114,8 |
| Macedonia | 139,2 | 286,3 | 147,0 | 10,5% | 15,3 | 23,4 | 8,1 | 52,6% | 27,1 | 21,4 | -5,8 | -21,2% | 21,2 | 26,3 |
| Serbia | 168,0 | 175,7 | 7,7 | 4,6% | 9,3 | 12,8 | 3,4 | 36,5% | 14,0 | 14,4 | 0,4 | 3,1% | 16,0 | 16,0 |
| Croatia | 41,6 | 65,9 | 24,4 | 58,6% | 6,5 | 5,4 | -1,1 | -17,5% | 7,1 | 4,4 | -2,7 | -37,6% | 4,0 | 5,3 |
| Americas incl. : | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19,1% | |
| USA | 372,2 | 377,8 | 5,5 | 1,5% | 31,5 | 37,8 | 6,3 | 20,2% | 24,5 | 36,6 | 12,1 | 49,2% | 28,0 | 35,5 |
| Chile | 322,3 | 411,6 | 89,3 | 27,7% | 47,9 | 33,2 | -14,7 | -30,7% | 0,3 | 24,4 | 24,2 | 820,2% | 34,8 | 35,9 |
| Asia incl. : | | | | | | | | | | | | | 51,7% | |
| China | 770,4 | 1138,1 | 367,8 | 47,7% | 81,7 | 102,4 | 20,7 | 25,3% | 77,4 | 89,3 | 11,9 | 15,4% | 83,8 | 87,2 |
| Japan | 247,8 | 284,0 | 36,2 | 14,6% | 21,5 | 22,4 | 0,9 | 4,4% | 19,9 | 45,6 | 25,7 | 128,8% | 23,6 | 26,8 |
| Other countries | 255,3 | 203,0 | -52,3 | -20,5% | 12,2 | 25,8 | 13,6 | 111,8% | 13,6 | 31,6 | 18,1 | 133,3% | 11,9 | 26,9 |
| TOTAL IMPORTS /CIF/ | 18479,3 | 21876,9 | 3397,6 | 18,4% | 1530,3 | 1816,8 | 286,5 | 18,7% | 1440,1 | 1902,5 | 462,4 | 32,1% | 1727,0 | 1996,5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 15,6% | |

* By country of origin.

1/ Includes the EU member countries prior to May 1, 2004.

2/ Following Eurostat classification. Includes the new EU member countries accepted after May 1, 2004 and January 1, 2007.

3/ Includes Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland, Moldova, Belarus, Norway, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Iceland and Monaco.

4/ Includes Turkey, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The data for Serbia till January 2007 includes the data for Montenegro.

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| COUNTRIES * | Q1 | | April | | 2007 | | January - April | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|
| | 2007 mill. EUR | 2008 mill. EUR | Change % | 2007 mill. EUR | 2008 mill. EUR | Change % | 2007 mill. EUR | share | 2008 mill. EUR | share | Change % | | |
| <i>EU countries - 27 incl. :</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EU countries - 15 incl. : ^{1/} | 2541.8 | 2869.5 | 12.9% | 847.0 | 1169.5 | 322.5 | 38.1% | 3388.8 | 53.6% | 4039.0 | 50.7% | | |
| Germany | 556.7 | 621.1 | 64.4 | 11.6% | 676.7 | 879.3 | 202.6 | 29.9% | 2693.6 | 42.6% | 3035.7 | 38.1% | |
| Italy | 414.1 | 420.4 | 6.3 | 1.5% | 152.1 | 181.4 | 29.3 | 19.3% | 736.4 | 11.6% | 863.0 | 10.8% | |
| Greece | 259.2 | 274.5 | 15.4 | 5.9% | 80.7 | 102.3 | 21.6 | 26.8% | 339.9 | 5.4% | 376.9 | 4.7% | |
| France | 174.2 | 216.5 | 42.2 | 24.2% | 80.7 | 91.3 | 10.5 | 13.0% | 255.0 | 4.0% | 307.7 | 3.9% | |
| Austria | 121.5 | 128.0 | 6.5 | 5.4% | 41.1 | 61.7 | 20.6 | 50.2% | 162.6 | 2.6% | 189.7 | 2.4% | |
| G. Britain | 88.1 | 100.3 | 12.2 | 13.8% | 29.4 | 37.9 | 8.6 | 29.2% | 117.5 | 1.9% | 138.3 | 1.7% | |
| Netherlands | 86.3 | 97.2 | 10.9 | 12.6% | 25.4 | 39.3 | 14.0 | 55.0% | 111.7 | 1.8% | 136.5 | 1.7% | |
| Spain | 95.1 | 91.2 | -3.9 | -4.1% | 29.5 | 43.4 | 13.9 | 47.1% | 124.6 | 2.0% | 134.6 | 1.7% | |
| Belgium | 80.8 | 71.6 | -9.2 | -11.3% | 22.7 | 32.4 | 9.7 | 42.9% | 103.5 | 1.6% | 104.1 | 1.3% | |
| EU - new member states incl. 2/ | 524.8 | 713.1 | 188.3 | 35.9% | 170.3 | 290.2 | 119.9 | 70.4% | 695.1 | 11.0% | 1003.3 | 12.6% | |
| Romania | 158.3 | 268.2 | 109.8 | 69.4% | 59.4 | 115.1 | 55.8 | 93.9% | 217.7 | 3.4% | 383.3 | 4.8% | |
| Poland | 108.4 | 147.6 | 39.2 | 36.2% | 31.6 | 52.1 | 20.6 | 65.1% | 139.9 | 2.2% | 199.7 | 2.5% | |
| Hungary | 99.9 | 115.1 | 15.2 | 15.2% | 31.5 | 47.0 | 15.5 | 49.3% | 131.3 | 2.1% | 162.0 | 2.0% | |
| Czech Republic | 80.1 | 106.1 | 26.1 | 32.5% | 26.4 | 45.0 | 18.7 | 70.9% | 106.4 | 1.7% | 151.2 | 1.9% | |
| <i>Non EU countries :</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Europe incl. : ^{3/} | 816.9 | 1310.2 | 493.3 | 60.4% | 385.6 | 505.6 | 119.9 | 31.1% | 1202.5 | 19.0% | 1815.8 | 22.8% | |
| Russia | 652.3 | 1056.0 | 403.7 | 61.9% | 339.5 | 408.9 | 69.4 | 20.5% | 991.8 | 15.7% | 1464.9 | 18.4% | |
| Ukraine | 116.3 | 174.5 | 58.2 | 50.0% | 31.1 | 66.8 | 35.7 | 115.0% | 147.4 | 2.3% | 241.4 | 3.0% | |
| <i>Balkan countries incl. :^{4/}</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turkey | 441.6 | 455.4 | 13.8 | 3.1% | 158.3 | 174.9 | 16.7 | 10.5% | 599.9 | 9.5% | 630.3 | 7.9% | |
| Macedonia | 311.6 | 320.8 | 9.2 | 2.9% | 116.0 | 120.6 | 4.7 | 4.0% | 427.6 | 6.8% | 441.4 | 5.5% | |
| Serbia | 39.4 | 43.2 | 3.8 | 9.8% | 21.3 | 30.9 | 9.6 | 44.8% | 84.9 | 1.3% | 101.9 | 1.3% | |
| Croatia | 17.6 | 15.1 | -2.5 | -14.3% | 4.7 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 11.3% | 22.3 | 0.4% | 20.3 | 0.3% | |
| <i>Americas incl. :</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| USA | 287.4 | 337.8 | 56.4 | 20.0% | 44.4 | 126.1 | 81.7 | 184.2% | 325.7 | 5.1% | 463.9 | 5.8% | |
| Chile | 83.0 | 93.5 | 10.6 | 12.7% | 0.2 | 51.3 | 51.1 | 25150.9% | 83.2 | 1.3% | 144.8 | 1.8% | |
| <i>Asia incl. :</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| China | 578.0 | 658.4 | 80.5 | 13.9% | 180.0 | 246.8 | 66.9 | 37.2% | 757.9 | 12.0% | 905.2 | 11.4% | |
| Japan | 65.0 | 94.8 | 278.9 | 36.0 | 14.8% | 23.7 | 56.3 | 32.6 | 138.0% | 107.6 | 1.7% | 166.1 | 2.1% |
| Other countries | 37.7 | 84.4 | 46.7 | 123.8% | 13.9 | 22.0 | 8.1 | 58.4% | 51.6 | 0.8% | 106.4 | 1.3% | |
| TOTAL IMPORTS/CIF/ | 4697.3 | 5715.7 | 1018.4 | 21.7% | 1629.1 | 2245.0 | 615.8 | 37.8% | 6326.5 | 100.0% | 7960.7 | 100.0% | |

* By country of origin.

1/ Includes the EU member countries prior to May 1, 2004.

2/ Following Eurostat classification. Includes the new EU member countries accepted after May 1, 2004 and January 1, 2007.

3/ Includes Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland, Gibraltar (GB), Moldova, Norway, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Iceland and Monaco.

Sources:

For 2007 preliminary data, provided by the NSI, including Intarstat system data as of 04-Mar-08, and customs declarations data as of 01-Feb-08.

For 2008 preliminary data, provided by the NSI, including Intarstat system data as of 3-July-08, and customs declarations data as of 5-June-08.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES ON THE COMPILATION OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF BULGARIA

The Bulgarian National Bank is in charge of the compilation of the balance of payments of the country. The legal basis for the balance of payments compilation in Bulgaria is provided for in Article 42 of the Law on the Bulgarian National Bank. Data for the purposes of the BOP compilation are collected on the basis of Article 42 of the Law on the Bulgarian National Bank as well as on the basis of the Foreign Exchange Law. These data are processed by the "Balance of Payments and External Debt" Division within the Statistics Directorate of the BNB. At present, the Bulgarian National Bank compiles and publishes analytic presentation as well as standard presentation of the balance of payments in accordance with the *Fifth Edition* of the "***Balance of Payments Manual***" (IMF, 1993), the "***Balance of Payments Textbook***" (IMF, 1996), and the "***Guideline of The European Central Bank***" (ECB/2004/15)¹.

The balance of payments' methodology is conceptually related to that of the *System of National Accounts (SNA)*. The items of the balance of payments correspond closely to the relevant categories of the rest of the world account in the SNA.

There is a close relationship between the *International Investment Position* and the balance of payments as well. The BOP financial account measures an economy's transactions in external financial assets and liabilities, which affect the stock of external financial assets and liabilities measured in the international investment position.

I. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND CONVENTIONS

The basic convention applied in the construction of Bulgaria's balance of payments is the implementation of the double entry system. Under credit, with a positive sign, are recorded: exports of goods and services, income receivable, offsets to non-refundable real and financial resources received (transfers), increases in financial liabilities, decreases in financial assets. Under debit, with a negative sign, are recorded: imports of goods and services, income payable, offsets to non-refundable real and financial resources provided, increases in financial assets, decreases in financial liabilities.

The time of recording of the balance of payments transactions is the time of change of ownership.

Transaction valuations are based on market prices. If the actual market prices are not available, the average market prices are used as approximation.

Valuation changes of the country's external assets and liabilities are not included in the balance of payments.

The units of account for the balance of payments of Bulgaria are the EUR, the BG lev and the US dollar. The conversion into the unit of account is made using the exchange rate at the time of transaction. If not available, or inapplicable for other practical reasons, the average exchange rate for the reporting period is used.

¹ Guideline of The European Central Bank on the Statistical Reporting Requirements of The European Central Bank in the Field of Balance of Payments Statistics, The International Reserves Template and International Investment Position Statistics (ECB/2004/15)

II. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMPONENTS

The balance of payments components are compiled using basically the *International Transactions Reporting System* (ITRS), which includes (i) banks' reports, and (ii) reports by enterprises which have bank accounts abroad, pertaining to the residents' international transactions. These reports cover all components of the balance of payments table. In addition, the data on certain BOP components collected by the ITRS is substituted for data from other sources: (i) direct investment enterprise survey, (ii) administrative records, (iii) reports by enterprises having financial loans borrowed from and lent to non-residents and (iv) enterprise reports regarding their assets and liabilities (different from financial loans) with non-residents.

In the analytic presentation the balance of payments components are classified in the following main categories:

A. Current Account

The Current Account comprises the acquisition and provision of **goods and services**, **income**, and **current transfers** between the country and the rest of the world. The flows recorded on the credit side represent that part of the gross domestic product, which is provided to the rest of the world (exports of goods and services), as well as the provision of factors of production expressed by income receivable – compensation of employees and investment income (interest, dividends, etc.). Recorded are also offsets for non-refundable real and financial resources received (transfers).

The flows on the debit side represent the gross product created in the rest of the world and acquired by the domestic economy (imports of goods and services), as well as the acquisition of factors of production expressed by income payable. Recorded are also offsets to non-refundable real and financial resources provided.

- The Goods component of the BOP Current Account covers movable goods for which changes of ownership between residents and non-residents occur. The data on imports and exports FOB (Free on board) is based on customs declarations, as the codes used in them are after the Harmonised System for Description and Coding of Commodities of the World Customs Organisation, introduced in 1988 and supplemented in 1992. With the January 2006 data the Bulgarian National Bank and the National Statistics Institute jointly apply developed by them methodology for compilation of imports at FOB prices and receipts and payments regarding the freight transportation.² The methodology is based on the analysis of the CIF-FOB correlations for the imports of goods depending on the different imports delivery categories, as well as on the different mode of transportation and nationality of the carrier.

The geographical breakdown of the Goods item of the BOP is based on the following principles:

For the intra EU trade in goods:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

For the trade with third countries (outside EU)

²The 2002 – 2005 data are based on this methodology for compilation of imports at FOB prices and receipts and payments regarding the freight transportation.

- In case of exports – partner country is the country of final destination of the goods
- In case of imports - partner country is the country of origin of the goods.

Sources: The source of data as from the beginning of 2003 until the end of 2006 was the Customs Agency and for preceding years - the Information services (at the Informational Computing Center Directorate). The Bulgarian National Bank and the National Statistical Institute received the exports and imports data, supplemented it with other information and processed it further. With the introduction of the system INTRASTAT (introduced with the Law on Statistics of Intercommunity Merchandise Trade, GG. N51 of 2006) with the January 2007 data changes in the way of reporting of the external trade of Bulgaria with the rest of the EU member states took place.

The introduction of the system INTRASTAT led to changes in the deadlines for receiving and processing of the data. The information on exports (dispatches) and imports (arrivals) of goods are reported by the INTRASTAT operators (the firms obliged to report) to the National Revenue Agency within 20 days after the close of the reporting month. These data are sent to the National Statistical Institute for further processing. The NSI reports to EUROSTAT aggregated monthly data (without breakdowns by trade partners and by type of goods) within 42 days after the close of the reporting month. The detailed intra trade data on dispatches and arrivals of goods are reported to EUROSTAT within 70 days after the close of the reporting month.

The BNB receives aggregated data from the NSI (without breakdowns by trade partners and by type of goods) on the country trade with the other EU member states within 35 days after the close of the reporting month, and these data are supplemented by the data of the Customs Agency on trade with third countries. Before that with the publication of the report on the balance of payments for the reporting month only aggregated data on exports and imports are published. The BNB receives from the NSI within 60 days after the close of the reporting month detailed data on dispatches and arrivals of goods.

As a result of these changes the schedule for external trade data reporting by the BNB is the following:

- Preliminary aggregated data (without breakdowns by trade partners and by type of goods) for the reporting month are published within 42 days after the close of the reporting month in the balance of payments table.
- Preliminary detailed data (with breakdowns by trade partners and by type of goods) for the reporting month are distributed to users not earlier than 73 days after the close of the reporting month.

The published series of data on exports and imports of the country on the web site of the BNB are updated not earlier than 73 days after the close of the reporting month.

In accordance with the common methodology, before publishing the data, the BNB and the NSI have to agree upon the data.

- The Services component comprises *transportation, travel, and other services*.

The Bulgarian National Bank derives the data on *freight transportation* from foreign trade data and the data on *passenger transportation* from travel data on the basis of estimates.

With the January 2006 data the BNB introduced a new methodology for compilation of receipts and payments regarding the freight transportation. The freight transportation receipts are set up on the basis of estimated receipts of resident carriers related to the country exports of goods. The payments are calculated as an estimation of the payments made by residents on behalf of non-resident carriers related to the country imports of goods. The receipts and payments are estimated according to mode of transportation and nationality of the carrier. With the introduction of the system INTRASTAT with the January 2007 data changes in the way of compilation of receipts and payments regarding the freight transportation of Bulgaria with the rest of the EU member states took place. Due to the delay in receiving the detailed data on trade of Bulgaria with the rest of the EU member states from the NSI, as of the date of publication of the preliminary balance of payments report for the corresponding month (42 days after the close of the reporting period) the preliminary compilation of receipts and payments of freight transportation is based on data for preceding years. These estimates are subject to revisions after receiving the preliminary detailed data (with breakdown by trade partners and by type of goods) on trade with the rest of the EU member states for the reporting month.

Travel covers goods and services, including those related to health and education, acquired by travellers for business and personal purposes. The data on travel is based on data from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the number of travellers crossing the borders and on estimates of *per capita* expenditures, the latter based on the methodology for estimation of the receipts and expenditures from travel services – “*Methodology For Estimation of the Receipts and Expenditures from Travel in the Bulgarian Balance of Payments*” (Bulgarian National Bank, Ministry of Trade and Tourism, 18 November 1999). The 2007 data for the number of foreigners who visited the country are based on information from the border police and NSI estimates. The BNB has been undertaking *Border Survey among Traveling Bulgarians and Foreigners* in order to update the methodology for estimation of the item *Travel* after the end of the survey.

Other services item covers receipts and payments related to services other than transportation and travel (communication, construction, financial, leasing, insurance, cultural, sport and recreational services, etc.).

The *main sources* of information on this item are the banks' reports and the reports of enterprises having accounts abroad.

- *Income* consists of two categories: (i) compensation of employees, and (ii) investment income. Compensation of employees covers wages, salaries and other benefits paid to non-resident workers in the country or received by resident workers abroad. The compensation of employees comprises also income due to illegal employment. The BNB estimates this flow in accordance with the *Methodology for Estimation of Flows due to Illegal Employment (14 March 2006)*.³ Investment income covers receipts and payments of income associated with external financial assets and liabilities. Included are receipts and payments on direct investment, portfolio investment, other investment, and receipts on reserve assets.

The *main sources* of information on the *Income* component are the banks' reports and the reports of enterprises, the Ministry of Finance, and the Bulgarian National Bank.

³ The data as from April 2001 are based on this methodology.

- *Transfers* are all real resources and financial items provided without a quid-pro-quo from one economy to another. *Current transfers* directly affect the level of disposable income of the economy, and the consumption of goods and services. That is, current transfers reduce the income and consumption potential of the donor and increase the income and consumption potential of the recipient. Included in the *Current transfers* are the EU pre-acquisition grants, other grants, gifts, inheritances, prizes won from lotteries, pensions, current taxes, social security contributions, etc. *Sources:* The Bulgarian National Bank receives information on current transfers from the Ministry of Finance, the Bulgarian Red Cross, the Agency for Foreign Aid, and from the reporting system of banks on transactions between residents and non-residents .

B. Capital Account

The *Capital Account* consists of two categories: (i) *capital transfers* and (ii) *acquisition or disposal of non-produced, non-financial assets*. If in kind, a capital transfer consists of (i) a transfer of ownership of fixed assets, or (ii) forgiveness of a liability by a creditor when no counterpart is received in return. If in cash, a transfer is a *capital transfer* when it is linked to, or conditional on, the acquisition or disposal of fixed assets (for example, an investment grant).

Sources: The Bulgarian National Bank receives information on the capital account from the Ministry of Finance (for capital transfers from the EU funds), from the quarterly reports of the enterprises in the non-financial sector, the monthly reports of the notaries and others.

C. Financial Account

The *Financial Account* comprises all transactions (actual and imputed) in the external financial assets and liabilities of an economy. The external assets and liabilities are primarily classified according to type of investment. Included in *Financial Account* are (i) *direct investment*, (ii) *portfolio investment* and (iii) *other investment*.

- *Direct investment* covers direct investment abroad, direct investment in reporting economy and mergers and acquisitions. *Direct investment* is a category of international investment in which a resident of one economy – a direct investor – acquires a lasting interest (at least 10% of the ordinary shares or the voting power) in an enterprise resident in another economy – a direct investment enterprise. The direct investment includes both the initial transaction, through which the relationship between the direct investor and the direct investment enterprise is established, and all subsequent transactions between them. The direct investment covers transactions relating to changes in the direct investor's share in the equity capital of the direct investment enterprise, inter-company debt transactions as well as the share of the direct investor in the undistributed earnings/loss of the direct investment enterprise. Direct investment is reported on a directional basis: direct investment abroad – as an asset, and direct investment in the reporting country – as a liability.

- The subitem *Mergers and Acquisitions* shows the transactions related to mergers and acquisitions. The purpose of its inclusion was to eliminate the influence of such deals over the reported foreign direct investment data. The international practice shows that these transactions have hardly any real impact on the production capacities and employment and the conclusions drawn from the interpretation of foreign direct investment data in which data on mergers and acquisitions are included might be misleading about investment flows, developments, branch and geographical

structure. ("European Central Bank, Eurostat, Foreign Direct Investment Task Force Report", March 2004, para.332)

Sources: The Bulgarian National Bank receives monthly data on direct investments in the country from the Privatisation Agency, from the Central Depository, from the reporting system of banks on transactions between residents and non-residents , from notaries and registry offices; quarterly data from the Financial Supervision Commission , from the direct investment enterprises, from the National Statistical Institute, from the Banking Supervision Department of the BNB, from the insurance companies and pension insurance companies; annual data from the NSI on foreign direct investment stock in enterprises from the non-financial sector..

For data on direct investments abroad the Bulgarian National Bank uses the information from FDI declaration forms, from quarterly reports of non-financial sector enterprises and from the reporting system of banks on transactions between residents and non-residents ..

- *Portfolio investment* includes *portfolio investment, assets and portfolio investment, liabilities.*

Portfolio investment covers transactions in shares and equity if the investor's share in the capital is less than 10%, transactions in bonds, notes, money market and other tradable securities.

The *main source* of information on the liabilities side of the *Portfolio investment* is the data provided by the Ministry of Finance, the Bulgarian National Bank, banks, enterprises holding bank accounts abroad, and the Central Depository. Data on the assets side of the *Portfolio investment* is provided by banks (which give information about their and their clients' portfolio investments), the Bulgarian National Bank and the Ministry of Finance.

- *Other investment* covers trade credits, loans, currency deposits, and other assets and liabilities.

According to the balance of payments conventions trade credit arise from the direct extension of credit from a supplier to a buyer, i.e this is a credit extended by a trade partner without issue of a tradable security.

The main source of information on trade credits-assets and liabilities are the quarterly reports of enterprises on their assets/liabilities to non-residents.

Loans item includes received and paid principals on short- and long-term loans between residents and non-residents if no issue of a tradable security is involved with these loans.

Transactions concerning disbursements and repayments of principals on IMF loans and disbursements on loans on BOP support are not included in the item *Loans*. They are recorded in the relative items of group *E. Reserves and Related Items*.

Data on the item *Loans* is received by the Ministry of Finance, the Bulgarian National Bank, the banks and directly by the enterprises that have lent to or borrowed from abroad. The latter report quarterly data to the BNB because of which the monthly data on *Loans, Other sectors* (assets and liabilities) is revised each quarter.

The *Currency and Deposits* component presents on the assets side the changes in the residents' currency deposits held abroad, and on the liabilities side – the changes in the liabilities of

the resident banks to non-residents in domestic and foreign currency. Following the basic accounting principle and conventions set in the “*Balance of Payments Manual*” (IMF, 1993), when compiling that item the Bulgarian National Bank excludes any changes therein due to exchange rate changes.

Items *Other assets* and *Other liabilities* includes all transactions on miscellaneous accounts receivable and payable not included elsewhere and transactions in arrears.

D. Net errors and omissions

The *Net errors and omissions* component is an offsetting item. This component exists in the BOP presentation because the compilation system used by the Bulgarian National Bank is not a closed one but is a combination of different sources of information. Unlike other statistical reports, such as for example the monetary statistics, the collecting of the data necessary for the balance of payments compilation could not be restricted to the accounting records of the banks as the only source of information,

The fluctuations in the *Net errors and omissions*, both in sign and in size, are mainly due to: (i) revisions of export and import data, (ii) the development of the methodology for compilation of certain balance of payments' components and (iii) the existence of objective obstacles to the collection of data on certain balance of payments' items.

E. Reserves and related items

- *Reserve assets* include those external assets that are readily available to and controlled by the central bank (government) for direct financing of balance of payments imbalances. The reserve assets comprise monetary gold, SDRs, reserve position in the Fund, foreign exchange assets (consisting of currency and deposits and securities), and other claims. The entries under this category pertain to transactions in the BNB's external holdings which are administered by the Issue Department. The data on reserve assets changes included in the BOP table exclude valuation changes, due to exchange rate and market price changes.

This group in the analytic presentation of the balance of payments includes also *Use of Fund credit* and the item *Exceptional Financing*. The exceptional financing comprises the BOP support as well as deferred/rescheduled payments and payments on arrears, resulting from balance of payments difficulties. In accordance with the methodology for accounting the exceptional financing transactions (“*Balance of Payments Manual*”, Fifth Edition (IMF, 1993), p. 454), the principal repayments on the BOP support credits are included in the *Financial Account – Other investment – Liabilities – Loans – General Government*.

III. PERIODICITY, FREQUENCY AND TIMELINESS OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PUBLICATIONS

The Bulgarian National Bank compiles and publishes the balance of payments of the country on a monthly basis. The schedule of the Bulgarian National Bank is to publish the data within six weeks (42 calendar days) after the close of the reference period.

IV. DATA REVISION POLICY

Revisions to published BOP estimates are a common feature of many balance of payments compilation systems. They are in compliance with the ECB Timetable for Exchange of Balance of Payments, International Investment Position and Reserve Assets Statistics within the ESCB (which includes a data revision timetable). With the revisions publication, the users are timely acquainted with the revised data on the corresponding items.⁴ The policy on revisions pursued by the Bulgarian National Bank is based on the following principles:

- (i) With the report for the first month of the quarter the monthly data for the whole current year are revised. With the reports for the second and the third month of the quarter, only data for the previous month are revised.
- (ii) When on-going changes are made due to additional information collected, as well as resulting from elimination of errors, the Bulgarian National Bank timely informs the users through the monthly press releases as well as through the notes at the end of the balance of payments table.
- (iii) When significant revisions are made due to changes in the methodology for reporting of certain BOP components or other reasons, the Bulgarian National Bank publishes in advance information on the changes to facilitate the users of the data.

V. DATA DISSEMINATION

The Bulgarian National Bank disseminates the monthly balance of payments data on its web site – <http://www.bnbg.bg>.

The data is published also in the *Bulgarian National Bank Monthly Bulletin*.

Data on the balance of payments of the country is included in the semi-annual and in the annual official reports of the Bulgarian National Bank.

Data are simultaneously released to all interested parties.

VI. CONTACTS

If you have any questions on the methodology applied by the Bulgarian National Bank or on the balance of payments data published, please do not hesitate to send them to Mr. Emil Dimitrov, director of the Statistics Directorate , via e-mail at Dimitrov.E@bnbank.org, and Mrs. Liliana El Haddad, head of the Balance of Payments and External Debt Division , via e-mail at Elhaddad.L@bnbank.org, or by mail to the following address:

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⁴ The annual data on foreign direct investment in the country are revised 15 months after the close of the reporting period (after the annual NSI data on the nonfinancial sector are received in the BNB).

**External Sector Statistics, Compiled by
Balance of Payments and External Debt Division and Disseminated through the BNB web-
site (<http://www.bnb.bg>), by Items:** *

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Macroeconomic Indicators

External Sector Indicators

External Sector

Exchange Rates

- Real Effective Exchange Rates
 - Deflator – Consumer Price Index
 - Monthly Data
 - Quarterly Data
 - Annual Data
 - Deflator – Unit Labor Cost Index
 - Quarterly Data
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Balance of Payments

- Press Release
- Issue *Balance of Payments of Bulgaria* (January – May 2008)
- Search by Period and Currency – Analytical Presentation
- Search by Period and Currency – Standard Presentation
- Methodology of the Balance of Payments Statistics
 - Standard and Analytical Concepts
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 - for Compilation of Imports at FOB Prices and Receipts and Payments
Regarding the Freight Transportation for the Balance of Payments*
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 - for Estimation of Flows due to Unofficial Employment*
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Foreign Trade

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 - Data in Euro (1995 – 2008)
 - Search by period:

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- End-Use
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- Annual Data 1995 – 2007
 - Quarterly Data 1995 – 2008
- Currency Structure
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- Annual Data 1995 – 2007
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- Currency Structure
- Annual Data 1999 – 2006
 - Quarterly Data 1999 – 2006
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- ***Message about Foreign Trade (16 January 2007)***
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International Investments Position

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Direct Investment

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 - Foreign Direct Investment in Bulgaria
- Flows Data:**
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 - FDI flows by geographical region: 1996 – 2008
 - FDI flows by industry: 1998 – 2008
 - Monthly Data

- FDI flows by investment type: 1996 – 2008

Stock Data:

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- FDI stock by investment type: 1999 – 2007
- FDI stock by geographical region: 1999 – 2007
- FDI stock by industry: 1999 – 2007

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- FDI stock by investment type: 2004 – 2008

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- Direct Investment of Bulgaria Abroad

Flows Data:

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- FDI flows by investment type: 1997 – 2007
- FDI flows by geographical region: 1999 – 2007
- FDI flows by industry: 2001 – 2007

- Quarterly Data

- FDI flows by investment type: 1998 – 2008
- FDI flows by geographical region: 2001 – 2008
- FDI flows by industry: 2001 – 2008

- Monthly Data

- FDI flows by investment type: 1998 – 2008

Stock Data:

- Annual Data

- FDI stock by investment type: 1999 – 2007
- FDI stock by geographical region: 1999 – 2007

- Quarterly Data

- FDI stock by investment type: 2004 – 2008

Gross External Debt

- Press Release
- Issue *Gross External Debt of Bulgaria* (April 2008)
- *Gross External Debt Stock*

By Sectors*

- 1999 – 2008 (monthly data in EUR million)
- Geographical Breakdown of the External Debt of *Other Sectors*: March 2004 – March 2008 – (quarterly data in EUR million)
- Branch Structure of the External Debt of *Other Sectors*: March 2004 – March 2008 – (quarterly data in EUR million)

By Instruments*

- 1999 – 2008 (monthly data in EUR million)

By Creditors*

- 2004 – 2008 (quarterly data in EUR million)

*Back data are to be published.

▪ *Gross External Debt Service*

By Sectors

- 1999 – 2008 (monthly data in EUR million)

▪ *Gross External Debt Disbursements*

By Sectors

- 1999 – 2008 (monthly data in EUR million)

▪ *Currency Structure of the Gross External Debt*

- 2004 – 2008 (quarterly data)

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Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity

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