

DIRECT INVESTMENT (January - March 2012)¹

According to preliminary data, the *Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* for January - March 2012 increased by EUR 236.8 million (0.6% of GDP), compared to a decrease of EUR 42.2 million (0.1% of GDP) for January - March 2011.

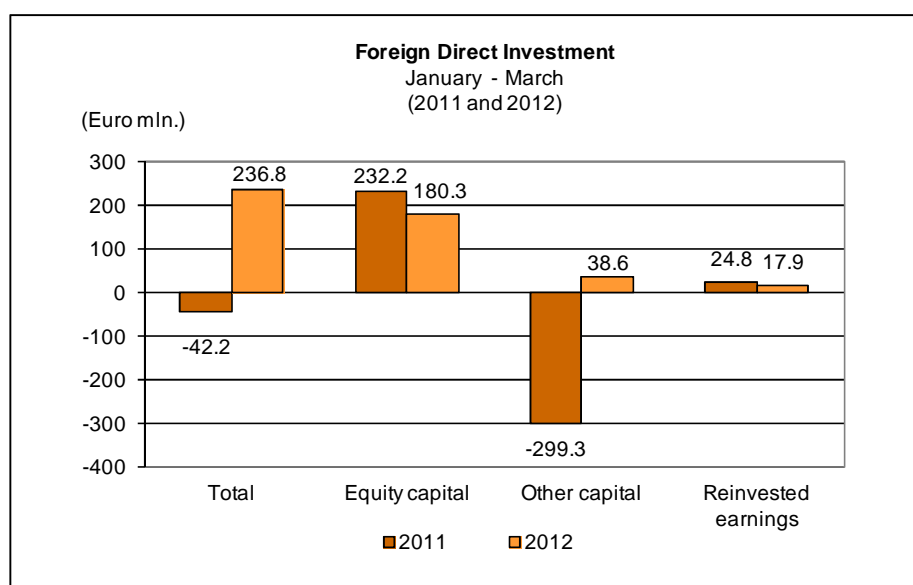
(EUR million)

	2011						2012		2012 - 2011
	mar	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	mar	Q1	Q1
Direct investment, net	-385.5	-86.2	84.8	302.4	903.7	1204.8	58.3	216.1	302.3
Direct investment abroad *	-10.1	-44.0	-20.6	-48.5	-23.4	-136.5	-3.2	-20.7	23.3
Equity capital	-3.4	-29.2	-19.1	-53.8	-29.7	-131.8	-3.0	-21.7	7.5
Other capital	-4.8	-9.2	-1.3	3.2	6.4	-1.0	-0.2	1.0	10.2
Reinvested earnings	-1.9	-5.6	-0.2	2.1	0.0	-3.7	0.0	0.0	5.6
Foreign Direct Investment	-375.4	-42.2	105.4	350.9	927.1	1341.2	61.6	236.8	279.0
Equity capital, incl.	118.6	232.2	74.0	332.7	623.6	1262.6	84.9	180.3	-51.9
<i>from privatisation</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	128.3	148.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>non-privatisation flows</i>	118.6	232.2	74.0	312.7	495.3	1114.2	84.9	180.3	-51.9
Other capital	-502.3	-299.3	9.7	-4.4	294.8	0.8	-27.8	38.6	337.8
Reinvested earnings	8.3	24.8	21.8	22.6	8.7	77.9	4.5	17.9	-7.0

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

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

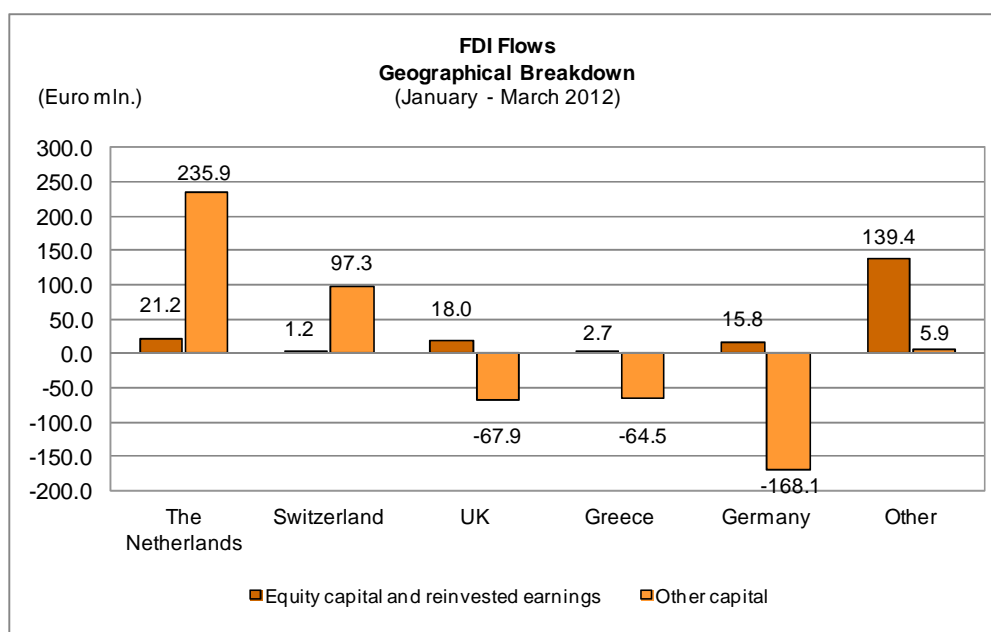
The attracted *Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country)* for January - March 2012 amounted to EUR 180.3 million. It decreased by EUR 51.9 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2011 (EUR 232.2 million). *The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents* amounted to EUR 44.9 million, compared to EUR 37 million attracted in January - March 2011.



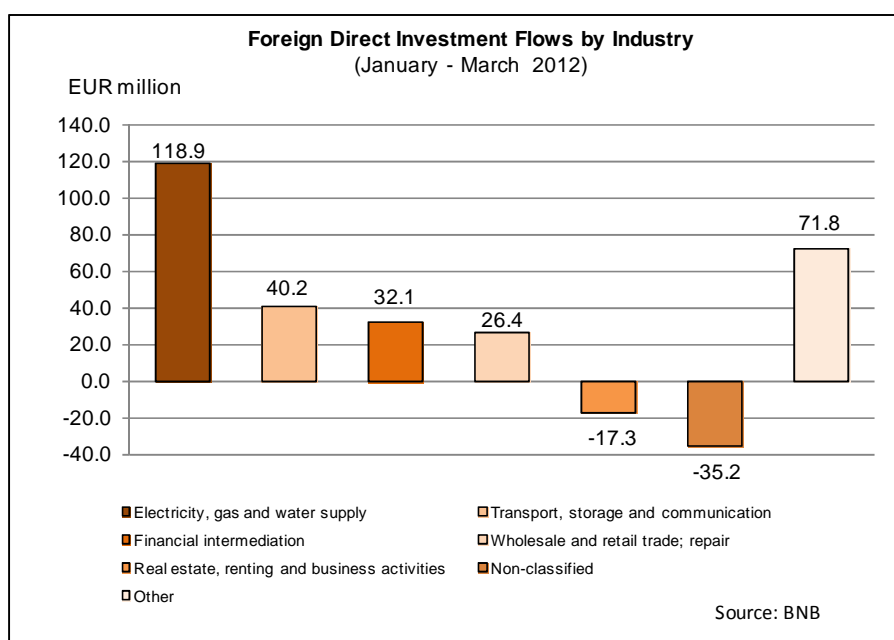
The *other capital, net* (the change in the net liabilities of the direct investment enterprise to the direct investor on financial loans, suppliers' credits and debt securities) was positive, amounting to EUR 38.6 million in January - March 2011, compared to a negative *other capital, net* of EUR 299.3 million in January - March 2011.

Based on preliminary data on profit/loss, the *Reinvested Earnings*² (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise) in January - March 2012 were estimated at EUR 17.9 million, against EUR 24.8 million in the same period of 2011.

By country, the largest direct investments in Bulgaria for the period January - March 2012 were those of the Netherlands (EUR 257.1 million) and Switzerland (EUR 98.4 million). The largest negative flows for the period were towards Germany (EUR -152.3 million), Greece (EUR -61.8 million) and UK (EUR -49.9 million) mainly due to net payments on intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.



By branch, the largest investments for January – March 2012 were in *Electricity, gas and water supply* (EUR 118.9 million). The largest net payments in the reporting period were in *Real estate, renting and business activities* (EUR -35.2 million).



According to preliminary data in January - March 2012 *Direct investment abroad* increased by EUR 20.7 million, compared to an increase of EUR 44 million in January - March 2011.

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

When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January - March 2011 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of May 16, 2011 (www.bnb.bg, section Press Releases/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments), was subsequently revised.

With the April 2012 report revisions for January - March 2012 data will be presented.

The 2011 and 2012 data are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports to the BNB from foreign direct investment enterprises and with the annual NSI data.

GDP for 2012 - EUR 39,820.6 million (BNB estimate) and GDP for 2011 -- NSI data (as of 06.03.2012) at EUR 38,483 million.

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