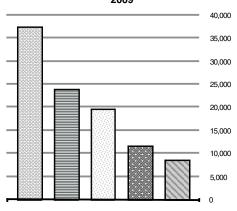


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Foreign Direct Investment

| | | | €million |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Foreign Direct Investment | | | |
| Flows - Abroad | -15,450 | -12,936 | -17,221 |
| Flows - In Ireland | 18,052 | -11,232 | 17,697 |
| Positions - Abroad - end year | 101,936 | 121,381 | 189,710 |
| Positions - In Ireland - end year | 138,362 | 138,859 | 169,328 |
| Net Income Flows | -26,482 | -20,513 | -26,007 |

Ireland has a net total FDI asset (position) of €20.4bn at end-2009

Irish stocks (positions) of direct investment abroad reached €189.7bn at the end of 2009. This stock of outward direct investment reflects an *Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings* position of €159.8bn and *Other Capital* of €29.9bn. The increase on the revised end-2008 overall position of €121.4bn was mainly accounted for by investment in European and Central American enterprises. Investment in European countries was up €30bn to €117bn and in Central American countries up almost €35bn to €42.9bn at the end of 2009. A large part of this increase was caused by the relocation of a number of international group headquarters to Ireland from the UK and offshore centres. The increases in Europe were accounted for by Luxembourg (€35.6bn), up €22bn, and Netherlands (€18.4bn), up €11.4bn, while total investment in the UK decreased by almost €7.5bn to €26.1bn - *see Table 3*.

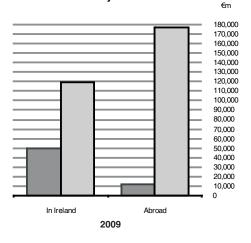
The level of total foreign direct investment into Ireland increased to €169.3bn at end-2009 compared to €138.9bn the previous year. This was mainly accounted for by an increase of €26bn in the level of *equity capital and reinvested earnings* to €210.8bn. In addition the outflow of *other capital* (mostly loans) from foreign-owned enterprises in Ireland to their affiliates abroad was down almost 10% to €41.4bn. The increase in *equity capital and reinvested earnings* was accounted for by European countries, up €12.5bn (mainly Netherlands, up €4.9bn; UK, up €1.9bn; France, up €1.9bn; Italy, up €1.5bn and Belgium, up €1.2bn) and the United States, up €8.6bn - *see Table 4*.

During 2009 direct investment flows abroad increased by ϵ 4.3bn to ϵ 17.2bn compared with ϵ 12.9bn in 2008. Investment into European countries of ϵ 12.1bn (mainly Netherlands ϵ 11.2bn) accounted for 70% of the total investment during 2009, almost double the amount during 2008. This was a result of increased *equity* investment, at ϵ 8.4bn up more than ϵ 5bn on 2008, together with a ϵ 1bn increase in *other capital* flows to ϵ 1.6bn and a reduction in *reinvested earnings* to ϵ 2bn. In contrast, the amount invested in the United States more than halved from ϵ 3.3bn in 2008 to ϵ 1.5bn in 2009. A ϵ 3bn reduction in the level of *equity* investment between 2008 and 2009 resulted in a disinvestment of ϵ 0.4bn in 2009, while *reinvested earnings* and *other capital* flows both increased, to ϵ 1.4bn and ϵ 0.5bn respectively - *see Table 1*.

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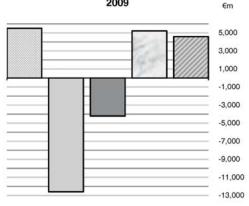
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Stocks of Direct Investment Activity Breakdown



■ Manufacturing ■Services

Inward Direct Investment Flows 2009



□UK □United States □Luxembourg □Bermuda □Netherlands

As in previous years, the services sector (£177.2bn), accounted for the largest share of direct investment abroad in 2009 at 93% of the total. The main service subsectors were *Financial Intermediation* (£31.5bn) and *Other Business Activities* (£75bn) – *see Table 7*. Similarly, the services sector (£119.1bn) accounted for 70% of the stock of direct investment in Ireland, with the *Monetary Intermediation* sub-sector (£53.1bn) and the *Insurance Services* sub-sector (£24.2bn) being the largest components. The negative position of £38.6bn for *Other Financial Intermediation* stocks vis-à-vis US reflects the impact of the large inter-affiliate *other capital* outflows and particularly the transactions of £16.8bn in 2009. The *Manufacturing Sector* amounted to £50bn, of which more than 50% was from EU (and Euro-area) member states, and 20% from the United States – *see Table 8*.

Some other points of note are:

- ◆ Earnings of foreign owned direct investment enterprises increased from €30.7bn in 2008 to €34.7bn in 2009. European owned companies earnings were up almost €2.3bn (to €21.3bn in 2009), with earnings of US owned companies increasing to €4.6bn (compared with €3.7bn in 2008) and those with owners in Offshore Centres up to €8.4bn see Table 9.
- ◆ Direct investment flows into Ireland increased by €29bn to €17.7bn in 2009, compared to an outflow of €11.2bn in 2008. This was mainly due to a reduction in the outflow of other capital from €23.3bn in 2008 to €3.3bn in 2009 together with a €6.9bn increase in equity investment see Table 2.
- ♦ EU member states invested €12.4bn in the *other financial intermediation* sector during 2009. This helped to offset the outflow of €16.8bn to US resulting in net investment of €1.3bn in this sector during 2009 see Table 6.
- ♦ The monetary intermediation sector, with €53.1bn at end-2009 and €42bn at end-2008, had the largest share of inward foreign direct investment. More than half of this investment (€30.2bn at end-2009) was accounted for by companies located in EU member states and approximately 40% by US based companies see Table 8.

This release updates the annual analyses of Ireland's inward and outward direct investment according to the location of the non-resident counterpart and the principal economic activity of the resident direct investment enterprise (using the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification). It provides end-2009 FDI positions (balance sheet) as well as transactions during the year along with comparable data for 2008. The FDI results incorporate revisions to the 2008 data arising partly from revised Balance of Payments statistics released on 30 June 2010 and partly from improved stock data and coverage. The figures are consistent with those published in the quarterly *Balance of International Payments* and annual *International Investment Position* releases, the latter published on 8 October 2010.

In interpreting the figures it may be noted that indirect routing of inward or outward investment via other countries may occur. Geographical allocation is based on the country of residence of the immediate counterpart and, therefore, investment by US companies in Ireland, effected through intermediary subsidiaries located in other countries, is attributed to these countries, e.g. the Netherlands (see *Background Notes*).

| | | 200 | 7 | | | 2008 | 3 ² | | | 200 |)9 | |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Region/Country | Equity | Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity | Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity | Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total |
| Europe | -2,245 | -3,560 | -875 | -6,678 | -3,212 | -2,655 | -620 | -6,487 | -8,435 | -2,098 | -1,628 | -12,161 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | * | -1,950 | * | <i>-4,</i> 335 | -1,948 | -1,507 | -1,702 | -5,157 | 7,513 | -1,356 | -201 | 5,957 |
| France | * | -48 | * | -156 | * | -46 | * | -1,102 | * | -32 | * | -25 |
| Germany | * | -56 | * | -261 | 71 | -63 | -83 | -75 | -8 | 91 | 75 | 157 |
| Netherlands | 244 | -714 | -64 | -533 | * | -585 | * | 636 | * | -273 | * | -11,186 |
| Belgium | * | -30 | * | * | -243 | -18 | -1 | -262 | -16 | 6 | -23 | -31 |
| Luxembourg | * | -52 | * | * | -279 | -158 | 671 * | 234 | * | -203 | * | -586 |
| Spain | * | -30 | * | -791 | * | -7 | | -37 | * | -5 | * | -203 |
| Italy | * | 2 | * | 186 | 0 | -4 | 7 | 5 | * | -9 | * | -11 |
| Switzerland | 0 | -27 | 1 | -25 | | -35 | | 1 | | -14 | | 193 |
| EU 27 ³ | -3,057 | -3,175 | -983 | -7,214 | -3,282 | -2,586 | -624 | -6,491 | -8,323 | -2,043 | -1,660 | -12,026 |
| EMU 16 ⁴ | -1,093 | -941 | -411 | -2,444 | -1,126 | -895 | 1,232 | -789 | * | -431 | * | -12,284 |
| Americas | -2,555 | -1,246 | -4,029 | -7,829 | -2,902 | -895 | -2,454 | -6,254 | 317 | -2,338 | -2,593 | -4,615 |
| North America of which: | * | -937 | * | -4,189 | -2,529 | -861 | -26 | -3,416 | 413 | -1,416 | -509 | -1,512 |
| Canada | * | -81 | * | -132 | 0 | -99 | 2 | -98 | 5 | -21 | -21 | -37 |
| United States | -2,454 | -855 | -746 | -4,057 | -2,528 | -762 | -27 | -3,318 | 408 | -1,395 | -489 | -1,476 |
| Central America | * | * | * | -3,647 | * | * | * | -2,844 | * | * | * | -3,094 |
| South America | * | * | * | 6 | * | * | * | 6 | * | * | * | -8 |
| Asia | -114 | -522 | -241 | -878 | * | 58 | * | 234 | -46 | 52 | 49 | 56 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| China | * | -10 | * | * | 0 | -70 | -2 | -73 | * | -17 | * | 6 |
| Japan | 0 | * | 11 | * | 0 | * | 13 | * | 0 | * | 16 | * |
| Hong Kong | * | -10 | * | 13 | 0 | -16 | -7 | -23 | 0 | * | * | -5 |
| Africa | * | 15 | * | 55 | * | -45 | * | -221 | * | * | * | 28 |
| Oceania and Polar Regions | * | -75 | * | * | * | -91 | * | -220 | * | * | * | -77 |
| Not geographically allocated 5 | -110 | -28 | * | * | 112 | -119 | 18 | 12 | -65 | -213 | -173 | -452 |
| Total of which: | -4,942 | -5,416 | -5,094 | -15,450 | -6,014 | -3,747 | -3,175 | -12,936 | -8,258 | -4,631 | -4,333 | -17,221 |
| All offshore centres 6 | * | -648 | * | -3,088 | * | -76 | * | -2,786 | * | -1,047 | * | -3,585 |

The sign convention used is: for flows 'Abroad' a minus sign means investments abroad by Irish investors exceeded their disinvestments in the period, while an entry without sign means disinvestment exceeded investment

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| | | 200 |)7 | | | 200 | 8 ² | | | 200 | 9 | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Region/Country | Equity | Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity | Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity | Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total |
| Europe | -4,050 | 9,999 | -7,579 | -1,632 | -2,601 | 9,657 | -322 | 6,735 | 2,228 | 10,526 | 4,816 | 17,570 |
| of which: | 70.4 | 4 000 | 004 | 207 | 0.44 | 4 400 | 0.070 | 4.440 | 0.405 | 070 | 0.040 | |
| United Kingdom | -784 | 1,068 | -921 | -637 | 944 | 1,100 | 2,073 | 4,116 | 2,485 | 978 | 2,040 | 5,503 |
| Belgium | 11 | -45 | -1,245 | -1,279 | 1,177 | -17 | 155 | 1,316 | 867 | 662 | 473 | 2,003 |
| Luxembourg | -3,172 * | 113 | 1,811 | -1,248 | -3,898 | 1,127 | -3,874 | -6,645 | -917 | 284 | -3,580 | -4,214 |
| France | | 442 | | -1,830 | 1,060 | 652 | -1,815 | -103 | -917 | 239 | 4,310 | 3,634 |
| Germany | 173 | 204 | -1,690 | -1,314 | -416 | -310 | 1,793 | 1,066 | -114 | 187 | 2,128 | 2,201 |
| Italy | 540 | 238 | -51 | 726 | * | 744 | * | 1,518 | 433 | 1,072 | 234 | 1,738 |
| Netherlands | 2,601 | 7,474 | -1,189 | 8,886 | -3,988 | 6,191 | -2,661 | -459 | 1,128 | 6,157 | -2,706 | 4,579 |
| EU 27 ³ | -3,605 | 9,963 | -5,999 | 359 | -4,589 | 9,775 | 569 | 5,755 | 3,234 | 9,989 | 2,288 | 15,512 |
| EMU 16 ⁴ | -2,518 | 8,785 | -3,373 | 2,893 | -6,171 | 8,762 | -4,337 | -1,747 | 717 | 9,166 | 3,324 | 13,206 |
| North America of which: | 1,996 | 5,224 | 10,348 | 17,568 | -1,168 | 2,626 | -21,040 | -19,583 | * | 2,822 | * | -12,870 |
| Canada | -121 | 811 | 1,700 | 2,390 | -3,138 | 81 | 338 | -2,720 | * | 480 | * | -280 |
| United States | 2,119 | 4,412 | 8,647 | 15,178 | 1,971 | 2,545 | -21,378 | -16,862 | 1,264 | 2,343 | -16,197 | -12,590 |
| Central America of which: | 245 | 3,590 | -57 | 3,780 | 1,293 | 2,887 | -647 | 3,534 | 1,528 | 4,114 | 551 | 6,194 |
| Bermuda | 106 | 2,945 | -513 | 2,539 | 695 | 2,848 | 198 | 3,741 | 1,498 | 4,074 | -367 | 5,205 |
| South America of which: | 0 | 0 | 267 | 269 | 0 | 0 | -31 | -31 | * | 0 | * | 1 |
| Brazil | 0 | 0 | 159 | 160 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| Asia of which: | * | * | * | -2,153 | * | * | * | -395 | * | 111 | * | 2,361 |
| Japan | * | * | -1,183 | -1,951 | * | -87 | * | -335 | * | 52 | * | 1,382 |
| China | 0 | 0 | -306 | -306 | 0 | 0 | -115 | -115 | 0 | 0 | -288 | -288 |
| Africa | 5 | * | * | 177 | -5 | 0 | -34 | -39 | 0 | * | * | -194 |
| Oceania and Polar Regions | * | * | -65 | -131 | * | * | -208 | -249 | * | * | * | -41 |
| Not geographically allocated 5 | 0 | 142 | 32 | 171 | * | 4 | * | -1,203 | -6 | -317 | 5,001 | 4,678 |
| Total of which: | -1,900 | 18,246 | 1,705 | 18,052 | -3,086 | 15,123 | -23,268 | -11,232 | 3,773 | 17,195 | -3,269 | 17,697 |
| All offshore centres ⁶ | -650 | 3,509 | 283 | 3,143 | 1,291 | 3,114 | -1,166 | 3,237 | 525 | 4,144 | 1,520 | 6,189 |

¹ The sign convention used is: for flows 'In Ireland' an entry without sign means that investment transactions into Ireland exceeded disinvestment, while a minus sign indicates that disinvestment exceeded investment

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Table 3 - Direct Investment¹ Abroad End Year Positions Classified by Location of Investment

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| | | 2007 | | | 2008 ² | | | 2009 | |
|---|--|------------------|---------|--|--------------------------|---------|--|------------------|---------|
| Region/Country | Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total |
| Europe | 67,981 | 5,690 | 73,671 | 74,291 | 12,523 | 86,814 | 99,493 | 17,536 | 117,030 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 24,602 | 4,399 | 29,001 | 27,616 | 5,975 | 33,591 | 20,880 | 5,223 | 26,103 |
| France | 1,722 | 246 | 1,967 | 2,752 | 213 | 2,966 | * | 160 | * |
| Germany | 3,466 | 73 | 3,539 | 3,423 | 160 | 3,583 | 3,602 | 93 | 3,695 |
| Netherlands | 7,574 | -668 | 6,906 | 7,524 | -551 | 6,973 | 17,880 | 534 | 18,414 |
| Luxembourg | * | * | 4,496 | 8,618 | 5,028 | 13,645 | 27,003 | 8,622 | 35,625 |
| Italy | 119 | 147 | 266 | 238 | 131 | 368 | 160 | 124 | 284 |
| Switzerland | 299 | 3 | 302 | 285 | 25 | 310 | 176 | 37 | 213 |
| Offshore centres | 4,522 | 86 | 4,608 | 4,055 | 294 | 4,350 | 4,339 | 919 | 5,258 |
| EU 27 ³ | 62,724 | 5,595 | 68,319 | 69,515 | 12,210 | 81,724 | 94,366 | 16,538 | 110,904 |
| EMU 16 ⁴ | 33,240 | 1,158 | 34,399 | 38,932 | 6,202 | 45,134 | 64,415 | 11,356 | 75,772 |
| Americas | 13,909 | 6,744 | 20,653 | * | * | 27,652 | 48,452 | 11,130 | 59,582 |
| North America | 12,345 | 2,665 | 15,010 | 16,943 | 2,308 | 19,251 | * | * | 16,587 |
| of which: | • | · | · | , | · | | | | • |
| Canada | 363 | 55 | 418 | 544 | 25 | 569 | * | * | 249 |
| United States | 11,981 | 2,610 | 14,591 | 16,399 | 2,283 | 18,682 | 13,838 | 2,500 | 16,338 |
| Central America | * | * | 5,489 | * | * | 8,201 | * | * | 42,850 |
| of which: | | | -, | | | -, | | | , |
| Offshore centres | * | * | 5,280 | 1,308 | * | * | * | * | 42,651 |
| South America | * | * | 154 | * | * | 200 | * | * | 145 |
| Asia | * | * | 5,338 | 5,249 | 73 | 5,322 | 5,052 | 4 | 5,056 |
| Africa | * | * | 158 | * | * | 315 | * | * | 317 |
| Oceania and Polar Regions | 699 | -100 | 599 | 912 | 38 | 949 | * | * | 1,066 |
| Not geographically allocated ⁵ | 909 | 608 | 1,517 | 593 | -265 | 329 | 5,541 | 1,120 | 6,659 |
| Total | 88,780 | 13,156 | 101,936 | 99,970 | 21,411 | 121,381 | 159,775 | 29,935 | 189,710 |
| of which: All offshore centres ⁶ | * | * | 10,076 | 5,533 | 6,895 | 12,428 | * | * | 48,182 |

¹ The sign convention used is: for year-end positions 'Abroad', an entry without sign indicates a net asset position, while a minus sign indicates a net liability position

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Table 4 - Direct Investment¹ in Ireland End Year Positions Classified by Location of Investor

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| | | 2007 | | | 2008 ² | | | 2009 | |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------------|---------|--|------------------|---------|
| Region/Country | Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total | Equity Capital & Reinvested Earnings | Other Capital | Total |
| Europe | 128,143 | -31,438 | 96,705 | 128,835 | -17,325 | 111,511 | 141,332 | -7,644 | 133,688 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 19,577 | -8,889 | 10,687 | 19,986 | -4,737 | 15,248 | 21,875 | -2,238 | 19,637 |
| Belgium | 2,519 | -1,152 | 1,368 | 2,581 | 3,433 | 6,014 | 3,786 | 3,679 | 7,465 |
| Luxembourg | <i>24,365</i> | 5,190 | 29,555 | 20,680 | 4,679 | 25,359 | 19,146 | 4,681 | 23,827 |
| France | 9,608 | -2,270 | 7,338 | 9,242 | -4,384 | 4,858 | 11,162 | 442 | 11,604 |
| Germany | 9,627 | -4,241 | 5,387 | 7,475 | -2,778 | 4,696 | 8,143 | -810 | 7,334 |
| Italy | 7,499 | -1,747 | 5,752 | 6,371 | -207 | 6,164 | 7,876 | 794 | 8,670 |
| Netherlands | 41,657 | -9,804 | 31,853 | 46,701 | -11,434 | 35,267 | 51,594 | -14,126 | 37,467 |
| Spain | 1,268 | -5,535 | -4,267 | 3,013 | -2,424 | 589 | 4,034 | -275 | 3,759 |
| Switzerland | 5,409 | -1,171 | 4,238 | 7,212 | -1,427 | 5,785 | 7,966 | 206 | 8,172 |
| Offshore centres | 1,857 | -133 | 1,724 | * | * | -61 | * | * | -59 |
| EU 27 ³ | 119,743 | -29,887 | 89,855 | 119,876 | -14,661 | 105,215 | 131,648 | -7,689 | 123,958 |
| EMU 16 ⁴ | 98,555 | -20,350 | 78,206 | 97,925 | -12,266 | 85,659 | 107,976 | -4,732 | 103,244 |
| North American Countries | 35,647 | -5,153 | 30,494 | 39,907 | -20,088 | 19,819 | 48,542 | -36,788 | 11,754 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 8,424 | 2,549 | 10,974 | 3,959 | 2,951 | 6,910 | 3,975 | 3,448 | 7,423 |
| United States | 27,223 | -7,702 | 19,521 | 35,948 | -23,039 | 12,910 | 44,566 | -40,236 | 4,331 |
| Central American Countries | * | * | 12,621 | * | * | 15,106 | 21,543 | -2,848 | 18,695 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| Offshore centres | <i>14,275</i> | -1,588 | 12,686 | 18,147 | -2,842 | 15,305 | 21,500 | -2,844 | 18,657 |
| South American Countries | * | * | -38 | * | * | -83 | * | * | -203 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| Brazil | * | * | -164 | * | * | -161 | * | * | -132 |
| Asia | 201 | -1,034 | -832 | 594 | -591 | 3 | 1,334 | 889 | 2,223 |
| of which: | | • | | | | | · | | - |
| Japan | 46 | 963 | 1,009 | -13 | 828 | 815 | 92 | 2,003 | 2,095 |
| Singapore | * | * | -39 | -32 | 408 | 376 | -20 | 1,486 | 1,466 |
| China | 0 | 206 | 206 | 0 | 162 | 162 | 0 | -111 | -111 |
| Offshore centres 5 | 23 | -644 | -621 | * | * | 130 | * | * | 695 |
| Africa | 43 | -173 | -130 | * | * | -147 | * | * | -276 |
| Oceania and Polar Regions | * | * | -180 | 435 | -643 | -208 | 1,050 | -621 | 430 |
| Not geographically allocated ⁶ | 2,756 | -3,034 | -278 | * | * | -7,142 | * | * | 3,018 |
| Total | 181,385 | -43,023 | 138,362 | 184,651 | -45,792 | 138,859 | 210,772 | -41,445 | 169,328 |
| of which: | 101,300 | .5,525 | .00,002 | 101,001 | .0,.02 | .00,000 | , | , | .00,020 |
| All offshore centres ⁷ | 16.155 | -2,365 | 13,790 | 19,203 | -3,828 | 15,375 | 22,415 | -3,122 | 19,293 |
| The sign convention used is: for year-end nos | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | <u> </u> | | , | | 22,770 | 0,722 | ,200 |

The sign convention used is: for year-end positions 'In Ireland' an entry without sign indicates a net liability position, while a minus sign indicates a net asset position

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³ For analytical purposes, additional details are given of transactions between residents of Ireland and residents of the EU27 area. With the expansion of the EU on 1 January 2007, the EU27 area comprises the former EU25 area along with Bulgaria and Romania

⁴ The relevant EMU countries are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain

⁵ This category overlaps with some of the the regions referred to above

⁶ This category covers data supplied by respondents without a geographical breakdown

⁷ This category overlaps with the regions referred to above and covers Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Netherlands Antilles, Barbados, Bahrain, Bermuda, Bahamas, Belize, Cook Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guernsey, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, Jersey, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Cayman Islands, Lebanon, Saint Lucia, Liechtenstein, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Montserrat, Maldives, Nauru, Niue, Panama, Philippines, Singapore, Turks and Caicos Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, British Virgin Islands, US Virgin Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa

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Table 5 - Direct Investment¹ Flows Abroad Classified by Activity² of Resident Investor, 2008 and 2009

€ million

| | | | 2008 ³ | | | 2009 | _ |
|--|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sector | NACE ² | Total | of whic | ch: | Total | of whi | ich: |
| | | | EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ | | EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ |
| All Industries | | -12,936 | -6,491 | -789 | -17,221 | -12,026 | -12,284 |
| of which: | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 45 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Total Manufacturing Sector | 15 - 37 | 159 | 787 | 321 | -898 | -896 | -872 |
| Food products | 15, 16 | 263 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Textiles and wood | 17, 18 & 20 - 22 | -362 | 70 | -35 | * | * | * |
| Chemical products | 24 | 134 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Other manufacturing n.e.s. | | 124 | 184 | 446 | 75 | -86 | 61 |
| Electricity, Gas and Water | 40, 41 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Total Services Sector | 50 - 99 | -13,299 | -7,481 | -1,120 | -15,946 | -10,751 | -11,412 |
| Trade and repairs | 50 - 52 | -379 | -117 | -42 | -870 | 201 | -11 |
| Financial intermediation | 65 - 67 | -6,654 | -4,359 | -1,374 | -8,851 | -8,838 | * |
| Real estate, renting and business activities of which: | 70 -74 | -5,670 | -2,706 | 93 | -5,619 | -1,827 | * |
| Computer activities | 72 | -1,683 | * | * | -2,004 | 116 | 44 |
| Other business activities | 74 | -3,534 | -2,705 | -392 | -3,487 | -1,843 | * |
| Other service activities ⁶ | | -596 | -299 | 203 | -606 | -287 | -102 |

¹ The sign convention used is: for flows 'Abroad' a minus sign means investments abroad by Irish investors exceeded their disinvestments in the period, while an entry without sign means disinvestment exceeded investment

² The activity classification used in this release is the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification

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€ million

| | | | | 2008 | 3 ³ | | | 2009 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Sector | NACE ² | Total | United States | Japan | of which: EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ | Offshore Centres | Total | United States | Japan | of which: EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ | Offshore Centres |
| All Industries | | -11,232 | -16,862 | -335 | 5,755 | -1,747 | 3,237 | 17,697 | -12,590 | 1,382 | 15,512 | 13,206 | 6,189 |
| Agriculture and Fishing | 1 - 5 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 |
| Mining, Quarrying and Construction | 10 - 14, 45 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 | * | 0 | 0 | * | * | 0 |
| Total Manufacturing Sector | 15 - 37 | 3,633 | 1,166 | -123 | 3,171 | 1,474 | 9 | 8,775 | * | 75 | 2,325 | 2,080 | 782 |
| Food products | 15, 16 | -1,672 | * | -3 | -1,351 | -2,312 | * | 160 | 152 | -1 | 229 | 80 | * |
| Textiles and wood | 17, 18 & 20 - 22 | 281 | 82 | * | 216 | 207 | 145 | 167 | 135 | 0 | 112 | * | -19 |
| Chemical and chemical products | 24 | 3,614 | 1,124 | -193 | 2,608 | 2,732 | 156 | * | -898 | 87 | 2,650 | 2,786 | * |
| Metal and mechanical products | 27 - 29 | * | * | * | * | -3 | * | -199 | * | * | * | * | 100 |
| Other manufacturing n.e.s. | | * | 318 | 47 | * | 850 | -191 | * | 911 | * | * | * | 241 |
| Electricity, Gas and Water | 40, 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Services Sector | | -14,573 | -18,037 | -212 | 2,892 | -2,945 | 3,228 | 9,009 | -12,980 | 1,307 | 13,288 | 11,090 | 5,407 |
| Trade and repairs | 50 - 52 | * | * | * | * | * | -30 | 3,770 | * | * | * | -17 | * |
| Transport, storage and communications | 60 - 64 | -378 | * | 0 | -446 | -403 | 202 | -94 | * | 0 | * | 254 | * |
| Monetary intermediation | 651 | 751 | 801 | 0 | 1,712 | -137 | * | 3,978 | 740 | * | 2,861 | 763 | * |
| Other financial intermediation | 652 | -17,399 | -16,596 | -136 | -2,053 | -5,932 | 1,918 | 1,287 | -16,818 | * | 12,395 | 9,592 | * |
| Insurance services | 66 | -2,835 | * | 3 | * | * | -357 | -797 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Financial auxiliary activities | 67 | 297 | * | 0 | * | * | * | 345 | * | 0 | * | * | * |
| Computer activities | 72 | 1,903 | 72 | 5 | 540 | 185 | 1,257 | 2,519 | -159 | -30 | -695 | -373 | * |
| Other service activities | | * | 25 | * | 3,969 | 2,676 | 144 | -1,999 | -359 | -6 | -1,226 | -789 | 288 |

The sign convention used is: for flows 'In Ireland' an entry without sign means that investment transactions into Ireland exceeded disinvestment, while a minus sign indicates that disinvestment exceeded investment

² The activity classification used in this release is the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification

⁴ For analytical purposes, additional details are given of transactions between residents of Ireland and residents of the EU27 area

⁵ The relevant EMU countries are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain

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Table 7 - Direct Investment¹ Abroad End Year Positions Classified by Activity² of Resident Investor, 2008 and 2009

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|-----|-------|
| | IIION |
| | |

| | | | 2008 ³ | | | 2009 | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Sector | NACE ² | Total | of whic | <u>.</u> ch: | Total | of whic | ch: | | |
| | | | EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ | | EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ | | |
| All Industries of which: | | 121,381 | 81,724 | 45,134 | 189,710 | 110,904 | 75,772 | | |
| Construction | 45 | * | * | * | * | * | * | | |
| Total Manufacturing Sector | 15 - 37 | 10,367 | 6,416 | * | 11,717 | 6,853 | 4,218 | | |
| Food products | 15, 16 | * | * | * | * | * | * | | |
| Textiles and wood | 17, 18 & 20 - 22 | 3,183 | 2,797 | * | 3,600 | * | * | | |
| Chemical and chemical products | 24 | 1,327 | * | * | 3,247 | * | * | | |
| Other manufacturing n.e.s. | | * | 2,194 | 553 | * | 2,222 | 637 | | |
| Electricity, Gas and Water | 40, 41 | * | * | 0 | * | * | * | | |
| Total Services Sector | 50 - 99 | 110,699 | 74,994 | 42,036 | 177,242 | 103,300 | 71,500 | | |
| Trade and repairs | 50 - 52 | 6,154 | 4,284 | 1,650 | 13,703 | 3,642 | 1,374 | | |
| Financial intermediation | 65 - 67 | 23,870 | 15,035 | 10,066 | 31,520 | 22,433 | 11,103 | | |
| Computer activities | 72 | 10,188 | * | * | * | * | * | | |
| Other business activities | 74 | 39,833 | 29,189 | 14,190 | 75,005 | 51,742 | 43,756 | | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| Business and management consultancy (including activities of holding companies) | 74.14 - 74.15 | 29,495 | 19,240 | 10,822 | * | * | * | | |
| Other service activities ⁶ | | 30,654 | * | * | * | * | * | | |

¹ The sign convention used is: for year-end positions 'Abroad', an entry without sign indicates a net asset position, while a minus sign indicates a net liability position

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⁵ The relevant EMU countries are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain

⁶ This covers residual FDI service activity

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| | | | | | | 2009 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------|------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Sector | NACE 2 | Total | | | of which: | | | Total | | | of which: | | |
| | United Japan EU 27 ⁴ EMU 16 ⁵ Offshore States Centres | | United States | Japan | EU 27 ⁴ | EMU 16 ⁵ | Offshore Centres | | | | | | |
| All Industries | | 138,859 | 12,910 | 815 | 105,215 | 85,659 | 15,375 | 169,328 | 4,331 | 2,095 | 123,958 | 103,244 | 19,293 |
| Agriculture and Fishing | 1 - 5 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 | * | * | 0 |
| Mining, Quarrying and Construction | 10 - 14, 45 | * | 0 | 0 | * | * | 0 | * | 0 | 0 | * | * | 0 |
| Total Manufacturing Sector | 15 - 37 | 39,803 | 9,801 | -336 | * | 26,215 | 2,389 | 49,963 | 10,605 | -266 | 28,518 | 26,791 | 3,038 |
| Food products | 15, 16 | 3,660 | 247 | * | 3,967 | 3,875 | * | 4,148 | 372 | 1 | 4,606 | 4,365 | * |
| Textiles and wood | 17, 18 & 20 - 22 | 1,445 | 302 | * | * | 626 | 672 | 1,949 | * | * | 677 | 657 | 1,118 |
| Chemical and chemical products | 24 | 23,962 | 8,028 | -347 | 12,656 | 12,465 | 687 | 32,710 | 8,637 | -298 | 13,596 | 13,546 | 733 |
| Metal and mechanical products | 27 - 29 | 885 | 4 | 0 | 333 | 328 | * | 830 | * | * | 56 | 58 | * |
| Other manufacturing n.e.s. | | 9,851 | 1,220 | 10 | * | 8,921 | 495 | 10,326 | 1,110 | 34 | 9,583 | 8,165 | 453 |
| Electricity, Gas and Water | 40, 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Services Sector | | 98,774 | * | 1,150 | 77,214 | 59,325 | 12,985 | 119,057 | * | 2,362 | * | 76,312 | 16,255 |
| Trade and repairs | 50 - 52 | 6,472 | 995 | * | 4,889 | 2,423 | 316 | 10,297 | 5,527 | * | 4,922 | 2,115 | 135 |
| Transport, storage and communications | 60 - 64 | 1,701 | -195 | 0 | 209 | -359 | 1,645 | 743 | * | 0 | * | -219 | 422 |
| Monetary intermediation | 651 | 41,967 | 16,070 | * | 25,725 | 14,298 | * | 53,119 | 22,295 | * | 30,204 | 15,707 | * |
| Other financial intermediation | 652 | -9,707 | -19,771 | 406 | 7,856 | 12,845 | 77 | -9,233 | -38,550 | * | 21,743 | 23,262 | * |
| Insurance services | 66 | 22,483 | 2,449 | * | 15,569 | 11,039 | 3,177 | 24,230 | 1,593 | 178 | 17,295 | 14,242 | 4,168 |
| Financial auxiliary activities | 67 | 1,054 | -170 | 0 | 856 | 254 | * | 1,006 | * | 0 | 1,058 | 313 | * |
| Other business activities | 74 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 15,992 | 18,033 | * |
| Other service activities | | * | 3,055 | 67 | * | * | 4,871 | * | 3,093 | 30 | * | 2,859 | 7,266 |

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| Region/Country | Total Direct Investment Income | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| | 2007 | | | 2008 ² | | | 2009 | | |
| | Credit | Debit | Net | Credit | Debit | Net | Credit | Debit | Net |
| Europe | 6,084 | 21,758 | -15,673 | 5,497 | 18,982 | -13,485 | 3,900 | 21,265 | -17,366 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 2,759 | 2,677 | 82 | 2,333 | 2,163 | 170 | 1,662 | 1,834 | -173 |
| Belgium | 66 | 59 | 7 | 31 | 267 | -236 | 0 | 951 | -952 |
| Luxembourg | 78 | 2,455 | -2,377 | 220 | 2,041 | -1,821 | 689 | 1,894 | -1,205 |
| France | 400 | 819 | -419 | 539 | 957 | -418 | 262 | 521 | -259 |
| Germany | 361 | 594 | -233 | 375 | 15 | 361 | 149 | 325 | -175 |
| Italy | 95 | 1,104 | -1,009 | 46 | 1,145 | -1,098 | 21 | 1,325 | -1,304 |
| Netherlands | 982 | 9,279 | -8,298 | 870 | 7,896 | -7,027 | 421 | 8,911 | -8,491 |
| Spain | 313 | 210 | 103 | 337 | 220 | 118 | 164 | 494 | -330 |
| Switzerland | 67 | 2,983 | -2,917 | 66 | 2,918 | -2,852 | 35 | 3,896 | -3,862 |
| EU 27 ³ | 5,543 | 18,428 | -12,885 | 5,148 | 15,716 | -10,568 | 3,724 | 17,311 | -13,588 |
| EMU 16 ⁴ | 2,385 | 15,007 | -12,622 | 2,504 | 13,167 | -10,666 | 1,721 | 15,003 | -13,282 |
| Americas of which: | 3,616 | 15,509 | -11,893 | 3,734 | 11,597 | -7,862 | 4,201 | 13,445 | -9,244 |
| Canada | 103 | 962 | -860 | 123 | 178 | -54 | 45 | 533 | -488 |
| United States | 2,998 | 6.061 | -3,062 | 3,391 | 3,715 | -323 | 3,003 | 4,556 | -1,553 |
| Offshore centres | 495 | 8,465 | -7,970 | 197 | 7,699 | -7,502 | 1,118 | 8,358 | -7,240 |
| Asia | 609 | * | * | 702 | * | * | 395 | 204 | 191 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | |
| Japan | * | * | * | * | -62 | * | * | 90 | * |
| Africa | 0 | * | * | 48 | * | * | -15 | 8 | -22 |
| Oceania and Polar Regions | * | * | * | 124 | 59 | 65 | 71 | 80 | -9 |
| Not geographically allocated ⁵ | * | * | -216 | 106 | 23 | 82 | 123 | -318 | 443 |
| Total of which: | 10,455 | 36,937 | -26,482 | 10,211 | 30,723 | -20,513 | 8,675 | 34,684 | -26,007 |
| Offshore centres ⁶ | 955 | 8,696 | -7,742 | 493 | 8,036 | -7,543 | 1,264 | 8,419 | -7,155 |

¹ Income on equity and other direct investment capital

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Background Notes (updated October 2010)

Introduction

This release updates the annual statistical series on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which was introduced in December 2003. The data presented show annual direct investment flows over the reference year along with end-year stocks (or positions) for Ireland broken down geographically by region and by country. The release includes tables with further analyses of the FDI flows and stocks broken down by the principal economic activity (using the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification) of the resident direct investment enterprise. These results further expand the range of Balance of Payments (BOP), International Investment Position (IIP) and related statistics published by the CSO. The figures presented are methodologically consistent with the data already presented in the quarterly balance of payments and annual IIP releases.

International statistical standards

Taken together, the underlying methodologies used to compile these FDI as well as the various related statistics are consistent and follow as far as possible the recommendations of the IMF's Balance of Payments Manual - 5th Edition (BPM5) published in 1993 and its supplement, Financial Derivatives: A Supplement to the 5th Edition (1993) of the Balance of Payments Manual published in 2000. The methodology used also reflects particular interpretations of the BPM5 by the European Central Bank (ECB) and Eurostat.

The BOP and IIP releases include descriptions of the overall collection, compilation and presentation methodologies used. Further important details which specifically concern Direct Investment are given below.

Data collection

The general data collection and compilation arrangements are described more fully in the BOP and IIP releases. BOP-related data collection is statutory and surveys are conducted by the CSO and by the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI). Other data obtained from administrative sources are also used. Following the introduction of a redesigned BOP data collection system in 1998 and up to 2007, the CSO undertook all the necessary survey collection and compilation required. However, following a recent joint initiative involving the CSO and the CBI to rationalize statistical data collection and compilation for the financial sector and also to reduce the burden on data providers the data collection arrangements have changed. As a consequence, since 2008 the data required from licensed banks (credit institutions) and from investment funds (including money market funds) to meet BOP, IIP, external debt, foreign direct investment and other statistical demands on both organisations are being collected quarterly by the CBI under its legislation as well as European legislation. The data are supplied by the CBI to CSO for statistical compilation purposes. The CSO has therefore discontinued its surveys of credit institutions and investment funds but continues to collect the required data from other financial enterprises as well as non-financial enterprises using its ongoing quarterly statutory surveys. These are conducted under the Statistics (Balance of Payments and Financial Accounts) Order, 2010 (S.I. No. 206 of 2010) made under the Statistics Act, 1993.

In all about 2,000 enterprises are covered for FDI. Many of these are financial enterprises most of which are engaged in internationally-traded financial service activities and are broadly known as IFSC enterprises. In addition, some information on investment in residential and commercial properties abroad has been collected from general sources and the relevant estimates are included in the figures (see *Definition of Foreign Direct Investment* below).

Definition of Foreign Direct Investment

Direct investment is a category of international investment that, based on an equity ownership of at least 10%, reflects a lasting interest by a resident in one economy (the direct investor) in an enterprise resident in another economy (the direct investment enterprise). Using this criterion, a direct investment relationship can exist between a number of affiliated enterprises whether the linkage involves a single chain or a number of chains. It can extend to a direct investment enterprise's subsidiaries, sub-subsidiaries and associates. Once the direct investment relationship is established, all subsequent financial flows between the related entities are recorded as direct investment transactions, regardless of the type of financial instrument used in the financing arrangement (except for financial derivative contracts, and financial intermediary affiliates among which direct investment transactions are limited to those involving equity and permanent debt). The components of direct investment transactions are equity capital, reinvested earnings, and other capital. Equity capital comprises investment in branches, shares in subsidiaries and associates (except non-participating preferred shares that are treated as debt securities) and other capital contributions. Reinvested earnings consists of the off-setting entry to the corresponding current account income item: it is the direct investor's share of the undistributed earnings of its branches, subsidiaries and associates. Other capital covers all other inter-affiliate financial transactions (borrowing and lending of funds) including debt securities and suppliers' credits (i.e. trade credits).

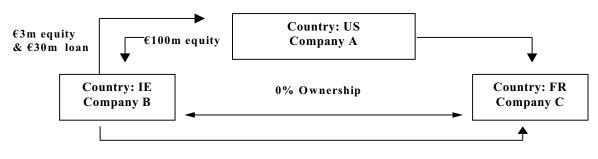
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Following the recommendations of the IMF, ECB, EUROSTAT and OECD, direct investment flows are recorded on a 'directional basis' rather than the more usual assets/liabilities basis. Direct investment abroad covers net investment by parent companies resident in Ireland in their foreign branches, subsidiaries and associated companies. Direct investment in Ireland covers the net investment by foreign companies in their affiliates located in Ireland.

The compilation system for direct investment also includes investment by Irish private residents (households) in residential and commercial property abroad. Such properties are regarded as constituting notional direct investment enterprises overseas and are treated accordingly in the system, both in terms of any relevant financial account investment flows and any current account flows (services or income). In addition, foreign investment in bloodstock breeding activities in Ireland as well as associated income flows are now reflected in the BOP statistics.

Directional Principle for recording direct investment

In line with the quarterly BOP flow and annual IIP stock data, direct investments of Irish resident investors in foreign enterprises are recorded under the category direct investment abroad (which approximates to the assets concept). Similar investments made by foreign investors in enterprises located in Ireland are recorded under direct investment in Ireland (which closely equates to liabilities). The essential difference between the directional principle and the assets/liabilities approach centres on the treatment of reverse investment by a direct investment enterprise in its parent (direct investor) and on the treatment of transactions with other foreign affiliates covered by a direct investment relationship. In the Irish context, reverse equity investment in a parent enterprise is rare and tends to be relatively small. However, substantial flows (and positions) under the category direct investment - other capital can take place. These predominantly take the form of inter-affiliate loans but trade credits and transactions in financial securities between affiliates are also included. The treatment of reverse investment has to be considered under three scenarios. First, for reverse equity investment for holdings of 10% or more of the voting capital, such transactions are regarded as separate direct investment in their own right for both the equity and non-equity involved. Second, for reverse equity investment for holdings of less than 10% of the voting capital, the transactions involved, whether in equity or non-equity instruments, are regarded as offsetting (or netted against) any existing direct investment by the parent in the enterprise. For example, if a US direct investor Å invests €100m in a direct investment enterprise B located in Ireland and B acquires a small reverse equity investment of €3m in its parent (A) then the value of direct investment in Ireland-equity is €97m (i.e. €100m less €3m). Extending this example, if B advances a €30m loan to parent, A, direct investment in Ireland-other capital is €30m lower. Overall direct investment in Ireland from A to B is therefore ϵ 67m (i.e. ϵ 100m - ϵ 3m - ϵ 30m). The third scenario concerns a non-equity transaction between enterprises related other than through equity ownership (e.g. between 'sister' or 'cousin' companies). Given a number of considerations, there is some flexibility in the international standards regarding the treatment of this situation. In Ireland's case and in order to ensure that all inward and outward flows (and stocks) arising from an initial inward direct investment are retained within the direct investment in Ireland category, the same principle as for reverse equity or non-equity investment with a parent company is applied. The transaction referred to is therefore treated as offsetting any existing *other capital* investment. Again extending the earlier example, if resident direct investment enterprise, B, advances a loan of €25m to a sister company, C, located in France, direct investment in Ireland – other capital is lowered by €25m and overall direct investment in Ireland from A to B amounts to €42m (i.e. €100m - €3m - €3m - €25m) - see diagram below. Cases occur on an ongoing basis where the outward investment flows or positions of B (or other sister direct investment enterprises located in Ireland) exceed the amounts attributable to A under direct investment in Ireland. The equivalent treatment is applied for similar situations categorised under *direct investment abroad*.



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Geographical allocation principle

In line with the international recommendations, direct investment flows and stocks are geographically attributed on the basis of country of location of immediate ownership of the direct investment enterprise rather than that of the ultimate beneficial owner. Therefore, if a US investor directly invests in a direct investment enterprise located in Ireland, the origin of the investment as presented in these statistics is US. If the US investor indirectly invests, through its Cayman Islands subsidiary, in an enterprise located in Ireland then the origin of the investment is Cayman Islands. In both cases, the country of location of the ultimate beneficial owner is US. This may have a significant impact on the geographic analysis of FDI statistics.

Structure of the Direct Investment (FDI) tables

Table 1 shows direct investment flows abroad broken down by geographic region or country of location of the foreign direct investment enterprise as well as by the type of direct investment (equity, reinvested earnings and other capital). Table 2 shows a similar breakdown for direct investment flows into Ireland. Table 3 shows the geographical breakdown of the year end positions data for direct investment abroad, while Table 4 gives the equivalent figures for direct investment in Ireland. Direct investment flows during the year plus valuation and other changes explain the difference between the stocks positions each year. Table 5 shows direct investment flows abroad broken down by the activity of the resident direct investment enterprise and a limited geographic breakdown. Table 6 shows a similar breakdown for direct investment flows into Ireland, with more geographic detail. Table 7 shows activity breakdown of the year end positions for direct investment abroad, with a limited geographic breakdown. Table 8 gives the equivalent figures for direct investment into Ireland. Table 9 shows the annual direct investment income credit, debit and net flows broken down geographically according to location of the counterpart.

¹ECB Regulation on the Assets and Liabilities of Investment Funds (ECB/2007/8) of 27 July 2007, the ECB Balance of Payments and International Investment Statistics Guideline (ECB/2004/15) of 16 July 2004, as amended by (ECB/2007/3) of 31 May 2007, and the ECB Guideline on Monetary, Financial Institutions and Markets Statistics (ECB/2007/9) of 1 August 2007