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The stock position of Foreign Direct Investment in Malta as at the end of December 2013 stood at €9.6 billion, while Direct Investment abroad amounted to €1.1 billion.

Direct Investment in Malta and Abroad: January-December 2013

Cut-off date:
8 July 2014

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malta

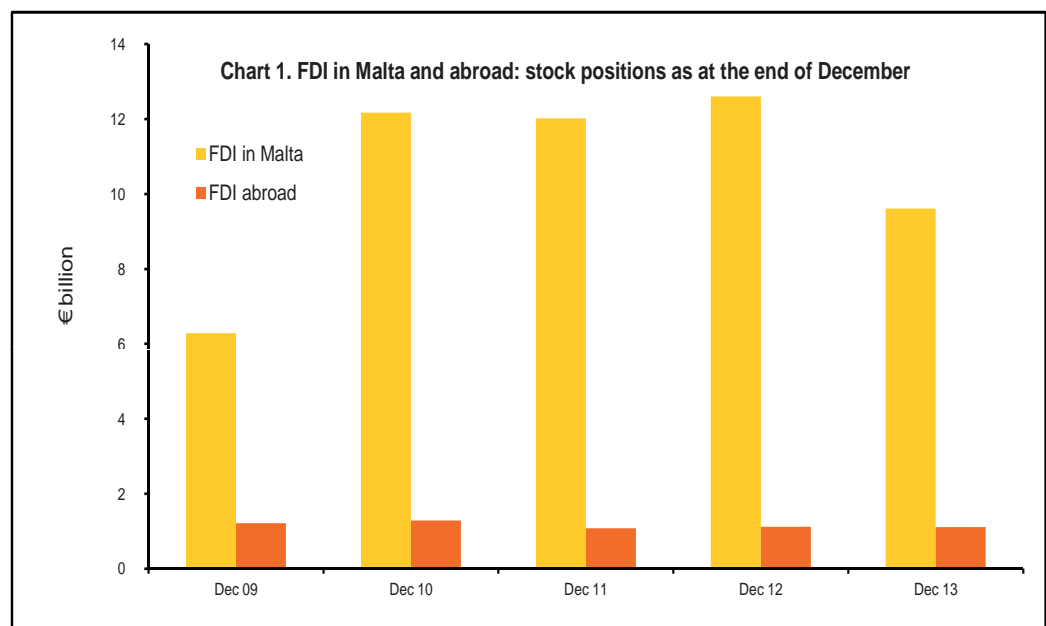
As at December 2013, the stock of foreign direct investment in Malta was estimated at €9.6 billion, with 70.6 per cent originating from financial and insurance enterprises (Table 4). This amounts to a decrease of €3.0 billion over the position as at end 2012. Geographically, the EU is the largest contributor to Malta's inward foreign direct investment, with €6.4 billion, or 66.2 per cent of total FDI (Table 5).

There was a net decrease of €1.6 billion in FDI flows, whereas the corresponding period in 2012 showed an increase of €0.1 billion. These were mainly the result of decreases in equity capital, mainly from entities involved in financial and insurance activities (Table 1).

Direct Investment Abroad

During 2013, direct investment flows decreased by €13.9 million, compared to a decrease of €35.6 million during the previous year. This was mainly the result of a decrease of €4.5 million in equity capital and an increase in payables to direct investors of €21.5 million (Table 6).

In terms of stock positions, in December 2013 direct investment abroad by resident enterprises was estimated at €1.1 billion, of which €0.6 billion were invested in the EU (Table 9). As in previous years, direct investment abroad was predominantly in financial and insurance enterprises, these accounting for over 47.3 per cent of total stock as at end December 2013 (Table 10) ■



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Table 1. Foreign Direct Investment flows in Malta

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| Partner Country - World | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* | 2013* |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Inward FDI | | | | | |
| Equity capital | 332,444 | 184,313 | 794,102 | 99,824 | -98,454 | -1,865,833 |
| Reinvested earnings | 56,953 | 197,205 | -121,981 | 35,047 | 185,952 | 81,091 |
| Other capital | 254,649 | -85,172 | 27,676 | 65,552 | -17,457 | 210,066 |
| Claims on direct investors | -47,104 | -338,437 | -116,609 | -265,234 | -385,916 | -191,802 |
| Liabilities to direct investors | 301,753 | 253,265 | 144,286 | 330,786 | 368,459 | 401,869 |
| Total | 644,046 | 296,346 | 699,797 | 200,423 | 70,042 | -1,574,671 |

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Figures may not add up due to rounding

Increase in assets and decrease in liabilities are denoted as negative (Debit flows)

Decrease in assets and increase in liabilities are denoted as positive (Credit flows)

Table 2. Foreign Direct Investment flows in Malta: Geographical breakdown

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| Geographical breakdown | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* | 2013* |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Inward FDI | | | | | |
| World | 644,046 | 296,346 | 699,797 | 200,423 | 70,042 | -1,574,671 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| EU | 314,788 | 1,899 | 262,813 | 198,485 | 112,609 | -2,058,651 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Austria | 108,172 | -3,397 | 42,495 | -12,732 | -2,602 | -54,784 |
| Belgium | 2,839 | 21,416 | -799 | 4,753 | 6,312 | 3,461 |
| Denmark | -2,262 | -665 | -4,885 | 5,911 | 6,670 | 6,605 |
| France | 21,073 | 73,622 | -18,518 | -3,101 | 8,651 | 26,790 |
| Germany | 24,593 | 14,323 | 5,601 | 52,427 | 56,246 | -90,411 |
| Italy | 6,879 | -4,685 | 25,658 | 21,426 | 30,474 | -11,646 |
| Luxembourg | -2,156 | 14,962 | 2,824 | 16,955 | 17,963 | -1,955,449 |
| Netherlands | 5,842 | -158,565 | 149,974 | 4,056 | -91,148 | -97,804 |
| Spain | 9,137 | -3,428 | 706 | 3,841 | 5,386 | 5,110 |
| United Kingdom | 18,028 | -68,023 | 19,685 | 3,106 | -31,338 | -8,001 |
| Extra-EU | 329,258 | 294,446 | 436,984 | 1,938 | -42,568 | 483,979 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Other European Countries | 107,039 | 198,263 | -289,403 | 20,706 | 15,670 | 401,497 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Switzerland | -43,827 | -3,274 | -12,169 | 30,654 | -6,993 | 107,269 |
| Turkey | 133,348 | 198,631 | -271,890 | -65,067 | 230,679 | 216,744 |
| Africa | 14,448 | 19,683 | 73,528 | 2,358 | 14,125 | 19,561 |
| America | 41,860 | -7,136 | 5,453 | 41,432 | 37,289 | 4,942 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Canada | 16,120 | 6,045 | 7,640 | 26,492 | 22,683 | 5,514 |
| United States | 13,210 | -19,972 | 11,901 | 3,891 | -4,556 | 2,358 |
| Asia | 151,665 | 70,792 | -112,558 | -118,179 | -12,774 | 46,366 |
| Australia and Oceania | 15,730 | 471 | 758,659 | 41,325 | -96,968 | 11,623 |

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Table 3. Foreign Direct Investment flows in Malta: Economic activity

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| Partner Country - World Economic Activity | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* | 2013* |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Inward FDI | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 17,741 | -18,597 | 49,630 | 133,091 | -81,960 | 90,800 |
| Transportation, Accommodation and Real Estate Activities | 33,303 | 12,552 | -17,506 | -6,202 | 49,775 | 56,589 |
| Financial and Insurance Activities | 323,702 | 425,414 | 671,951 | 162,049 | 81,327 | -1,776,444 |
| Information and Communication | 17,125 | 12,593 | -1,506 | -16,370 | 676 | -8,448 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities | 98,456 | 13,855 | -23,391 | -109,646 | -8,534 | 13,015 |
| Other Activities | 153,719 | -149,471 | 20,620 | 37,500 | 28,759 | 49,817 |
| Total | 644,046 | 296,346 | 699,797 | 200,423 | 70,042 | -1,574,671 |

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Table 4. Foreign Direct Investment in Malta - stock position: Economic activity

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| Partner Country - World Economic Activity | Dec 08 | Dec 09 | Dec 10* | Dec 11* | Dec 12* | Dec 13* |
|--|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Inward FDI position | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 651,740 | 688,700 | 734,888 | 893,621 | 799,614 | 881,455 |
| Transportation, Accommodation and Real Estate Activities | 960,660 | 985,085 | 1,032,244 | 1,027,857 | 1,074,869 | 1,133,393 |
| Financial and Insurance Activities | 3,164,696 | 3,840,235 | 9,656,752 | 9,539,885 | 10,017,817 | 6,789,295 |
| Information and Communication | 178,705 | 142,521 | 98,599 | -34,920 | 34,135 | 27,803 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities | 410,800 | 410,521 | 389,780 | 297,062 | 348,290 | 372,420 |
| Other Activities | 337,422 | 216,291 | 260,987 | 300,816 | 330,415 | 408,879 |
| Total | 5,704,024 | 6,283,352 | 12,173,251 | 12,024,322 | 12,605,140 | 9,613,246 |

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Table 5. Foreign Direct Investment in Malta - stock position: Geographical breakdown

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| Geographical breakdown | Dec 08 | Dec 09 | Dec 10* | Dec 11* | Dec 12* | Dec 13* |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Inward FDI position | | | | | |
| World | 5,704,024 | 6,283,352 | 12,173,251 | 12,024,322 | 12,605,140 | 9,613,246 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| EU | 3,386,498 | 3,395,768 | 8,279,858 | 8,362,947 | 8,462,047 | 6,365,516 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Austria | 1,339,582 | 1,276,405 | 1,269,689 | 1,281,766 | 1,295,825 | 1,249,038 |
| Belgium | -13,340 | 8,122 | 7,102 | 12,896 | 19,654 | 23,225 |
| Denmark | 34,096 | 33,148 | 29,653 | 35,566 | 42,322 | 48,927 |
| France | 121,079 | 211,713 | 217,277 | 166,635 | 175,543 | 202,519 |
| Germany | 257,423 | 255,446 | 4,986,375 | 5,026,578 | 5,075,978 | 247,312 |
| Italy | 257,661 | 273,452 | 371,579 | 375,987 | 395,141 | 394,127 |
| Luxembourg | 137,417 | 137,511 | 137,909 | 136,734 | 144,699 | 2,887,353 |
| Netherlands | 502,997 | 563,434 | 629,690 | 660,744 | 580,364 | 457,919 |
| Spain | 23,012 | 27,306 | 49,935 | 53,030 | 57,606 | 62,145 |
| United Kingdom | 513,641 | 327,582 | 284,671 | 213,169 | 185,150 | 184,862 |
| Extra-EU | 2,317,526 | 2,887,584 | 3,893,393 | 3,661,375 | 4,143,093 | 3,247,730 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Other European Countries | 453,993 | 770,249 | 456,049 | 415,592 | 795,901 | 162,651 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Switzerland | 67,223 | 114,164 | 117,166 | 150,020 | 143,259 | 250,651 |
| Turkey | 417,098 | 528,048 | 315,826 | 38,733 | 608,038 | -240,339 |
| Africa | 211,043 | 223,780 | 303,938 | 278,363 | 292,120 | 318,072 |
| America | 216,034 | 200,070 | 291,656 | 266,491 | 303,783 | 301,546 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Canada | 74,525 | 80,262 | 23,280 | 53,034 | 75,370 | 82,731 |
| United States | 86,449 | 39,346 | 58,195 | 15,364 | 10,348 | 7,809 |
| Asia | 621,995 | 670,697 | 628,889 | 537,272 | 666,790 | 736,483 |
| Australia and Oceania | 801,183 | 1,000,021 | 2,029,393 | 2,123,502 | 2,047,265 | 1,683,707 |

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Negative figures imply that net assets exceed net liabilities

Table 6. Direct Investment flows abroad

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| Partner Country - World | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* | 2013* |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Outward FDI | | | | | |
| Equity capital | -78,148 | -82,636 | -31,312 | -19,251 | 52,456 | 4,483 |
| Reinvested earnings | -10,886 | 3,997 | 1,228 | -19,511 | -8,857 | -6,471 |
| Other capital | -222,975 | -19,512 | -68,003 | 35,928 | -8,007 | 15,849 |
| Claims on direct investors | -246,917 | -28,062 | -70,336 | 13,127 | -22,786 | -5,626 |
| Liabilities to direct investors | 23,942 | 8,550 | 2,333 | 22,801 | 14,780 | 21,475 |
| Total | -312,009 | -98,151 | -98,086 | -2,834 | 35,593 | 13,861 |

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Increase in assets and decrease in liabilities are denoted as negative (Debit flows)

Decrease in assets and increase in liabilities are denoted as positive (Credit flows)

Table 7. Direct Investment flows abroad: Geographical breakdown

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| Geographical breakdown | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* | 2013* |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Outward FDI | | | | | |
| World | -312,009 | -98,151 | -98,086 | -2,834 | 35,593 | 13,861 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| EU | -269,491 | -95,677 | -104,243 | 2,080 | -20,575 | -6,775 |
| Extra-EU | -42,518 | -2,474 | 6,157 | -4,914 | 56,168 | 20,636 |

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Table 8. Direct Investment flows abroad: Economic activity

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| Partner Country - World | 2008 | 2009 | 2010* | 2011* | 2012* | 2013* |
|--|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Economic Activity | | | | | |
| Outward FDI | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | -2,178 | -2,261 | 5,729 | -2,668 | 3,769 | 3,614 |
| Transportation, Accommodation and Real Estate Activities | 7,889 | -12,256 | 3,035 | -8,966 | 4,249 | -5,112 |
| Financial and Insurance Activities | -19,396 | -2,931 | -21,593 | -464 | 41,347 | 14,464 |
| Information and Communication; Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities | -208,042 | -44,035 | -44,174 | -7,261 | -5,766 | -1,597 |
| Other Activities | -90,283 | -36,669 | -41,083 | 16,525 | -8,006 | 2,493 |
| Total | -312,009 | -98,151 | -98,086 | -2,834 | 35,593 | 13,861 |

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Table 9. Direct Investment Abroad - stock position: Geographical breakdown

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| Geographical breakdown | Dec 08 | Dec 09 | Dec 10* | Dec 11* | Dec 12* | Dec 13* |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Outward FDI position | | | | | |
| World | 900,184 | 1,212,158 | 1,286,184 | 1,081,265 | 1,118,345 | 1,111,919 |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| EU | 693,319 | 743,952 | 732,275 | 548,784 | 603,233 | 620,283 |
| Extra-EU | 206,865 | 468,206 | 553,909 | 532,481 | 515,112 | 491,636 |

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Table 10. Direct Investment abroad - stock position: Economic activity

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| Partner Country - World | Dec 08 | Dec 09 | Dec 10* | Dec 11* | Dec 12* | Dec 13* |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Outward FDI position | | | | | |
| Economic Activity | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 7,067 | 13,090 | 17,044 | 18,361 | 18,522 | 13,042 |
| Transportation, Accommodation and Real Estate Activities | 70,370 | 83,494 | 115,462 | 120,561 | 147,736 | 166,614 |
| Financial and Insurance Activities | 317,881 | 526,952 | 563,345 | 549,289 | 544,740 | 526,004 |
| Information and Communication; Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities | 230,315 | 255,705 | 211,582 | 24,630 | 26,206 | 25,582 |
| Other Activities | 274,551 | 332,917 | 378,751 | 368,423 | 381,141 | 380,678 |
| Total | 900,184 | 1,212,158 | 1,286,184 | 1,081,265 | 1,118,345 | 1,111,919 |

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Methodological Notes

The National Statistics Office (NSO), with the cooperation of the Central Bank of Malta (CBM), is responsible for the collection, compilation and presentation of both the Balance of Payments (BoP) as well as the International Investment Position (IIP) statements of Malta. Direct Investment is extracted from both statements, compiled in accordance with the international guidelines set out in the fifth manual of the International Monetary Fund (BPM5) as well as with the (similarly-set) methodological guidelines established by Eurostat.

Direct Investment is defined as “the category of international investment that reflects the objective of a resident entity in one economy (i.e. direct investor) obtaining a lasting interest in an enterprise resident in another economy. The lasting interest implies the existence of a long-term relationship between the direct investor and the enterprise and significant degree of influence by the investor on the management of the enterprise. Direct investment comprises not only the initial transaction establishing the relationship between the investor and the enterprise but also all subsequent transactions between them and among affiliated enterprises, both incorporated and unincorporated.” (BPM5).

Direct Investment is sub-divided into two categories:

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malta – where a foreign investor owns 10% or more of the ordinary shares (or voting power) of an enterprise in Malta; and
- Direct Investment Abroad – where a Maltese resident entity (or an individual, government or association) owns 10% or more of the ordinary shares of an enterprise in another economy. These companies can be subsidiaries, affiliates or branches.

Direct Investment is made up of three basic components:

- Equity Capital - comprising equity investment in subsidiaries, associates and branches. Capital contributions (e.g. provisions of machinery) and purchase of immovable property are also classified under equity capital.
- Reinvested Earnings - consisting of the direct investor’s share of earnings not distributed as dividends by subsidiaries and associates; and earnings that branches do not remit to the direct investor. Losses are regarded as negative reinvested earnings.
- Other Capital - including inter-company transactions such as borrowing and lending of funds; and trade debits and credits between direct investors and direct investment enterprises. Transactions between enterprises in different economies that share the same direct investor are also considered as direct investment and included under other capital.

Direct Investment flows include transactions occurring during a particular period. Besides accumulated flows, the Direct Investment Stock Position takes into account any market value revaluations, reclassifications and exchange rate changes prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

The type of data collection system used to compile the Direct Investment is a composite system based on monthly, quarterly and annual direct reporting (DR) enterprise surveys, as well as various other sources that are identified from time to time by the BoP compilers. No major sectors of the economy are excluded from the aggregate data. The data for all components are compiled from these surveys. Where not directly available, preliminary figures on reinvested earnings are estimates based on an average of the previous four years. The final data on reinvested earnings are then compiled from the annual DR survey.

Direct Investment data are collected on a country basis. The debtor/creditor principle is used as the basis for the geographic allocation of the data.

More extensive breakdown by country or economic activity is not always available because of confidentiality issues. Where there are less than three contributors to a number, or where particular respondents could be identified, these would be included in a group in order to respect confidentiality. However, more detailed data not disseminated in this release could be made available on request, as long as confidentiality issues are not breached.

EU refers to the other 27 Member States prevailing in the reference period covered by this news release.

Data are to be considered provisional. Updates may be carried out when revised data become available.

Market price changes may affect positively or negatively the direct investment position. In the period under review there was a substantial decrease in FDI as a result of a drop in market prices.

Note: As indicated in news release 15/2014, later this year, the Balance of Payments and the International Investment Position will be published based on the guidelines of the Balance of Payments Manual (Sixth Edition), as published by the IMF. This will result in several instruments being presented in a different format. Moreover, special purpose entities (SPEs) will also feature in the Statement, and a benchmark revision will be incorporated. The updated compilation will lead to significant changes in the current statements. A specific change from the previous guidelines concerns the reporting of FDI, which will not be reported on a directional basis (Inward and Outward) but as assets and liabilities.

The classification used for economic activity is NACE Rev. 2, which corresponds to the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community. Both the data on direct investment abroad and foreign direct investment in Malta are classified on the basis of the industrial activity of the resident direct investment enterprises. Due to confidentiality issues, aggregate economic activities are grouped as follows:

Manufacturing include:

Manufacturing industry

Transportation, Accommodation and Real Estate Activities include:

Land, sea and air transport

Warehousing and support activities for transportation

Postal and courier activities

Accommodation and food service activities

Real estate activities

Financial and Insurance Activities include:

Financial service activities

Insurance, reinsurance and pension fundings

Activities auxiliary to financial services

Information and Communication Activities include:

Publishing activities

Activities connected to audio and video productions

Telecommunications

Computer programming, consultancy and related activities

Information service activities

Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities include:

Legal and accounting activities

Business and management consultancy activities

Architectural, engineering and other technical activities

Scientific research and development

Advertising and market research

Other professional, scientific and technical activities

Veterinary activities

Other Activities include:

Agriculture and fishing

Mining and quarrying

Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities

Construction industry

Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Administrative and support service activities

Education, health and social work activities

Arts, entertainment and recreation

Other activities not allocated elsewhere

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