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Direct investment in Lithuania increased in 2018

The Bank of Lithuania and Statistics Lithuania has published the provisional data on direct investment (DI) for for Q4 2018.

According to the latest data release, the **flow of foreign direct investment (FDI)** in Lithuania amounted to €142.4 million in Q4 2018. The largest investment flows came from Sweden (€70.8 million), Poland (€57.1 million) and Latvia (€43.7 million), in terms of activity – financial and insurance companies (€135.7 million). In 2018, the FDI flow in Lithuania amounted to €766.8 million, a year-on-year increase of 32.5%.

FDI income from non-resident investment in Lithuania amounted to €261.6 million in Q4 2018. The largest share of non-resident income consisted of reinvested earnings and dividends. In 2018, the reinvestment flow increased by 19.6% (see Chart 1) and amounted to €978.9 million.

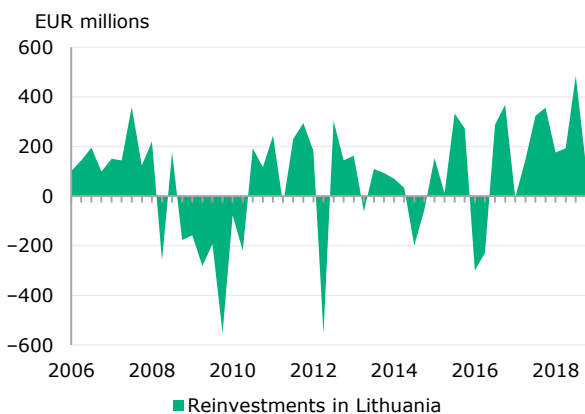
Cumulative FDI in Lithuania rose by 4.6% over the year and amounted to €15.5 billion, or 34.3% of GDP, as at 31 December 2018. FDI per capita amounted to an average of €5,548 (as at 31 December 2017 – €5,275). The list of top 10 direct investors in Lithuania remained unchanged (see Chart 2).

In Q4 2018, the **flow of Lithuania's DI abroad** was negative and amounted to -€31.6 million. This was mainly influenced by lower investment in companies engaged in real estate transaction activities (-€36.1 million). In 2018, the largest investment flows were directed to Sweden (€347.5 million), Ireland (€148.6 million) and Poland (€107.7 million).

DI income earned by Lithuanian investors abroad amounted to €34.5 million in Q4 2018. Dividends accounted for the largest share of income (€23.9 million). In 2018, DI income increased by 34.1% and amounted to €153.3 million.

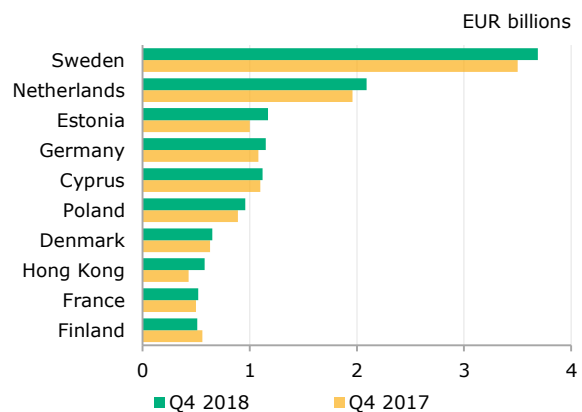
Lithuania's cumulative DI abroad grew by 25.5% over the year and amounted to €3.7 billion as at 31 December 2018. Lithuania's DI in EU Member States accounted for 89.8%, in euro area countries – 65.5% of Lithuania's total DI abroad.

Chart 1. FDI reinvested earnings in Lithuania



Source: Bank of Lithuania.

Chart 2. TOP-10 direct investors in Lithuania



Sources: Bank of Lithuania and Statistics Lithuania.

Detailed data on direct investment is available on the Bank of Lithuania website (under [External statistics](#)).