

## Foreign investments in 2008

In the year 2008, the Republic of Belarus attracted 6 525.9 million USD of foreign investments (as compared to the year 2007 the volume of investment increased 1.2 times) including:

2279.8 million USD of direct investments;

1.7 million USD of portfolio investments;

4244.3 million USD of the rest investments.

Investments from the countries of residence of Belarus embassies reached the amount of 5776.9 million USD that is 88.5% of the total volume of investments.

The share of CIS-countries (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Ukraine) is 33.3% of the total volume. The Russian Federation is dominating in this group countries with 33.2%.

Non CIS-countries share is 66.7% with the share of the EU about 42.9%.

### **The major investing countries are:**

- Russian Federation (2167.0 million USD; 33.2% of the total inflow of foreign investments);
- Switzerland (1225.4 million USD, 18.8%);
- Austria (739.8 million USD, 14.5%);
- Great Britain (713.9 million USD; 10.9%);
- Cyprus (555.7 million USD, 8.5%).

### **The major direct investors are:**

- Switzerland (1215.7 million USD, 53.3% of the total inflow of foreign direct investments);
- Russian Federation (328.5 million USD; 14.4%);
- Cyprus (263.1 million USD, 8.5%);
- Germany (93,7 million USD, 4.1%);
- Great Britain (42.2 million USD; 1.9%).