

The net International Investment Position (IIP) of Malta at the end of 2007 stood at €1,167.8 million.

The International Investment Position of Malta as at end 2007

Cut-off date:
2 April 2009

The IIP statement is a summary balance sheet that shows details on the stock of external assets and liabilities of Malta vis-à-vis the rest of the world economy as at the end of a particular period, in this case as at the end of 2007.

The IIP refers to net foreign assets (NFA), which is the balance of foreign assets less foreign liabilities. While total foreign assets at the end of 2007 increased by €6,728.5 million over the position prevailing at the end of 2006, total foreign liabilities increased by €6,980.0 million during the same period, resulting in a decrease in NFA of €251.6 million.

The increase of 25.0 percent in foreign assets is mainly attributable to an increase of €7,042.3 million in the Other Investment account. This is mainly the result of increases in foreign loan assets of €5,875.3 million as well as increases of €1,106.3 million in currency and deposits held abroad when comparing 2007 figures with those for 2006. Financial derivatives also contributed €72.3 million to the increase in total foreign assets in 2007 over 2006 positions. On the negative side, both direct investment abroad and portfolio assets abroad saw a decrease in their total position when compared to that registered in the previous year. Direct investment assets registered a decrease of €31.8 million while portfolio investment abroad dropped by €675.2 million. The latter are mainly affected by decreases in bonds and notes abroad.

Foreign liabilities stock position increased by 27.4 percent. The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) position as at the end of 2007 increased by €618.9 million over the position prevailing at the end of 2006; with €660.4 million attributed to the position in equity capital and re-invested earnings. The position in the Other Investment account at the end of 2007 also rose by €6,332.8 million over that at the end of 2006. Of these, €2,277.9 million are due to increases in loan liabilities to non-residents; while a further €3,522.2 million are attributable to increases in currency and deposits held by non-residents in local financial institutions.

The foreign reserve assets increased by €320.7 million from the position of €2,240.6 million prevailing at the end of 2006 to one of €2,561.4 million at the end of 2007 ■

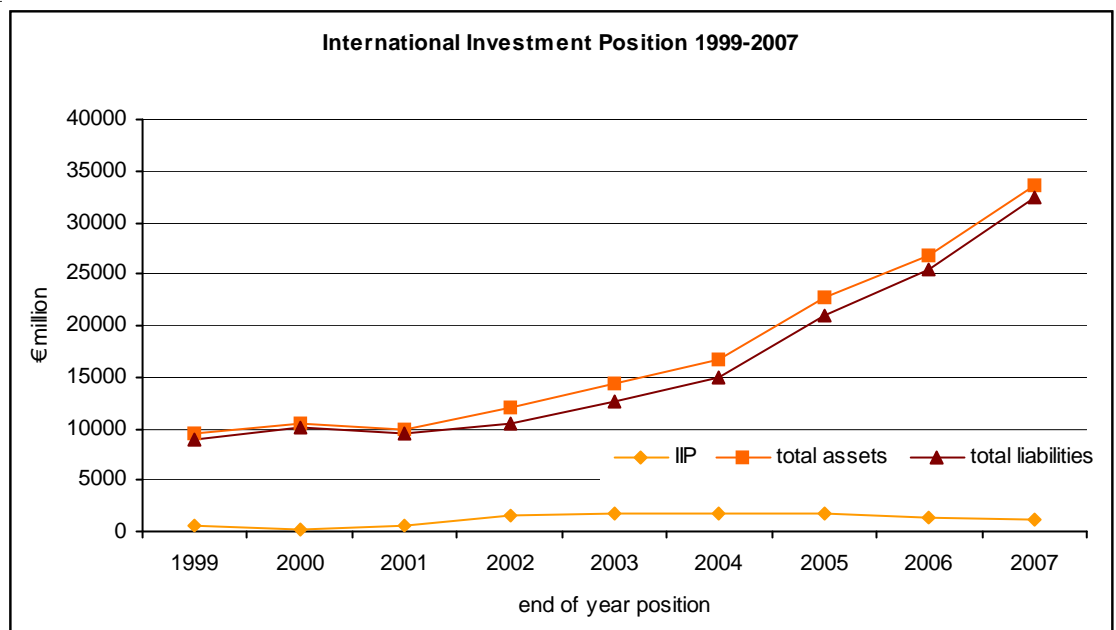
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Table 1. International Investment Position: 1995-2007 ...

€ millions

	End of year position									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
International Investment Position, net	694.5	654.6	238.2	557.1	1,501.9	1,783.7	1,815.0	1,779.4	1,419.4	1,167.8
A. Assets	7,049.0	9,526.5	10,426.4	9,980.9	11,971.6	14,345.3	16,752.4	22,721.5	26,870.3	33,598.8
1. Direct Investment abroad	149.8	177.8	207.1	272.5	252.6	736.8	823.1	840.5	873.5	841.7
1.1 Equity capital and reinvested earnings	62.0	101.2	130.9	201.5	179.1	668.1	676.3	724.3	776.0	726.7
1.1.1 Claims on affiliated enterprises	62.0	101.2	130.9	201.5	179.1	668.1	676.3	724.3	776.0	726.7
1.1.2 Liabilities to affiliated enterprises	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.2 Other capital	87.8	76.6	76.2	71.0	73.6	68.7	146.8	116.2	97.5	115.0
1.2.1 Claims on affiliated enterprises	101.3	84.1	85.3	78.9	82.5	80.8	169.9	191.1	169.8	170.1
1.2.2 Liabilities to affiliated enterprises	13.5	7.5	9.1	7.9	8.9	12.1	23.1	74.9	72.3	55.1
2. Portfolio Investment	1,315.0	2,028.9	2,876.1	3,186.0	4,043.3	5,600.6	7,144.4	10,053.9	11,371.0	10,695.8
2.1 Equity securities	5.7	177.5	174.3	126.1	276.5	368.6	444.5	657.2	804.8	898.2
2.1.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.1.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.1.3 Banks	4.4	15.1	2.6	2.8	4.9	18.7	6.9	31.0	26.6	26.8
2.1.4 Other sectors	1.3	162.4	171.6	123.3	271.6	349.9	437.6	626.2	778.2	871.4
2.2 Debt securities	1,309.3	1,851.4	2,701.9	3,059.9	3,766.8	5,232.0	6,699.9	9,396.6	10,566.2	9,797.6
2.2.1 Bonds and notes	1,294.6	1,751.3	2,654.6	2,407.8	3,697.6	4,659.8	6,271.9	8,917.7	10,565.4	9,797.2
2.2.1.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.1.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.1.3 Banks	1,280.9	1,718.5	2,560.8	2,390.0	3,484.2	4,314.5	5,753.7	8,291.4	9,901.0	9,170.1
2.2.1.4 Other sectors	13.7	32.8	93.9	17.8	213.4	345.3	518.2	626.3	664.5	627.2
2.2.2 Money market instruments	14.8	100.1	47.3	652.1	69.3	572.2	427.9	478.9	0.8	0.4
2.2.2.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.2.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.2.3 Banks	0.0	52.8	0.0	636.7	0.0	460.3	427.6	478.8	0.0	0.0
2.2.2.4 Other sectors	14.8	47.3	47.3	15.4	69.3	111.9	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.4
3. Financial derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	10.7	42.3	34.4	106.8
3.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3.3 Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	10.5	42.2	32.8	105.3
3.4 Other sectors	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	1.7	1.5

... Table 1. International Investment Position: 1998-2007

€ millions

	End of year position									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
4. Other Investment	4,093.4	5,595.3	5,842.7	4,751.1	5,623.8	5,803.4	6,745.2	9,595.9	12,350.8	19,393.1
4.1 Trade credits	177.9	223.5	204.1	194.1	195.4	175.3	329.6	458.5	516.1	537.8
4.1.1 General government:	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0
4.1.1.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.1.1.2 short-term	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0
4.1.2 Other sectors:	177.1	222.6	203.8	194.0	195.1	175.1	329.6	458.1	515.5	537.7
4.1.2.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.8	1.0	13.8	26.8
4.1.2.2 short-term	177.1	222.6	203.8	194.0	195.1	175.1	299.8	457.1	501.7	511.0
4.2 Loans	1,439.8	1,936.6	2,249.1	3,137.1	3,694.7	4,048.8	4,931.5	7,096.6	9,544.9	15,420.2
4.2.1 Monetary authorities:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.1.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.1.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.2 General government:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.2.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.2.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.3 Banks:	1,423.4	1,918.7	2,230.2	3,117.6	3,663.3	4,008.2	4,855.7	7,001.2	9,421.9	15,317.3
4.2.3.1 long-term	1,423.4	1,918.7	2,230.2	3,117.6	3,663.3	2,306.9	4,699.1	6,872.9	8,991.4	14,488.1
4.2.3.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,701.4	156.6	128.4	430.5	829.2
4.2.4 Other sectors:	16.4	17.9	18.8	19.4	31.3	40.5	75.8	95.4	123.0	102.9
4.2.4.1 long-term	3.6	0.4	0.1	3.7	11.9	13.1	57.2	65.4	63.6	56.4
4.2.4.2 short-term	12.7	17.5	18.8	15.7	19.4	27.4	18.6	30.0	59.4	46.6
4.3 Currency and deposits	2,373.2	3,098.6	3,165.3	1,214.2	1,554.1	1,337.8	1,412.7	1,956.1	2,250.2	3,356.5
4.3.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.3.2 General government	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1
4.3.3 Banks	2,263.1	3,007.9	3,117.4	1,151.3	1,316.2	1,021.8	1,010.5	1,442.5	1,660.6	2,758.5
4.3.4 Other sectors	109.9	90.4	47.6	62.7	237.2	315.3	396.6	513.3	589.3	597.9
4.3.4 Other assets	102.5	336.6	224.2	205.7	179.7	241.6	71.5	84.7	39.6	78.5
4.4.1 Monetary authorities:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
4.4.1.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
4.4.1.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.2 General government:	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.2.1 long-term	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.2.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.3 Banks:	93.1	328.5	206.8	176.2	114.2	165.9	44.1	55.3	22.0	59.3
4.4.3.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	10.6	12.2
4.4.3.2 short-term	93.1	328.5	206.8	176.2	114.2	165.9	44.1	55.3	22.0	59.3
4.4.4 Other sectors:	7.1	5.7	14.9	26.7	62.7	72.9	26.8	28.6	6.6	6.6
4.4.4.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	32.9	44.7	5.0	6.6	6.6	6.6
4.4.4.2 short-term	7.1	5.7	14.9	17.6	29.8	28.2	21.8	21.9	0.0	0.0

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	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
5. Reserve assets	1,490.7	1,724.5	1,500.5	1,771.3	2,051.8	2,200.3	2,029.0	2,188.9	2,240.6	2,561.4
5.1 Monetary gold	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.9	3.1	8.8
5.2 Special drawing rights	55.0	29.7	32.6	34.9	36.5	35.4	35.5	38.9	39.0	40.8
5.3 Reserve position in the Fund	39.2	53.1	53.5	53.3	50.8	47.8	46.5	48.8	46.2	43.5
5.5 Foreign exchange	1,395.0	1,640.0	1,413.4	1,681.7	1,963.3	2,115.6	1,945.6	2,099.2	2,152.3	2,468.3
5.5.1 Currency and Deposits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,587.7	930.9	676.9	827.6	1,491.0
5.4.1.1 With monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.3	74.7	23.5	17.6	126.6
5.4.1.2 With banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,537.4	856.2	653.4	810.0	1,364.4
5.5.2 Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	527.9	1,014.6	1,420.3	1,325.3	966.5
5.4.2.1 Equities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.4.2.2 Bonds and notes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	524.2	1,014.3	1,420.3	1,325.3	966.5
5.4.2.3 Money market instruments and financial derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.1	2.0	-0.6	10.8
5.5 Other claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
B. Liabilities	6,354.6	8,871.9	10,188.2	9,423.9	10,469.7	12,561.6	14,937.4	20,942.1	25,451.0	32,431.0
1. Direct Investment in reporting economy	1,032.1	1,797.2	2,432.3	2,686.7	2,242.0	2,617.6	2,981.7	3,645.5	4,994.2	5,613.1
1.1 Equity capital and reinvested earnings	1,044.7	1,411.8	1,829.1	2,044.3	2,131.9	2,876.5	3,152.7	3,677.7	4,636.7	5,297.1
1.1.1 Claims on direct investors	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.1.2 Liabilities to direct investors	1,044.7	1,411.8	1,829.1	2,044.3	2,131.9	2,876.5	3,152.7	3,677.7	4,636.7	5,297.1
1.2 Other capital	-12.6	385.4	603.2	642.4	110.1	-258.9	-171.0	-32.3	357.5	316.0
1.2.1 Claims on direct investors	489.4	348.2	485.1	672.7	601.4	522.6	468.7	471.6	472.9	631.1
1.2.2 Liabilities to direct investors	476.8	733.5	1,088.4	1,315.1	711.5	263.7	297.7	439.3	830.4	947.1
2. Portfolio Investment	343.1	495.7	580.7	360.6	343.0	329.2	354.6	413.0	408.1	406.9
2.1 Equity securities	6.2	186.2	267.6	41.4	49.0	37.6	118.1	181.7	186.4	178.4
2.1.1 Banks	0.0	11.2	10.9	8.1	8.1	0.0	77.7	150.3	136.9	126.2
2.1.2 Other sectors	6.2	174.9	256.7	33.3	40.9	37.6	40.3	31.4	49.4	52.2
2.2 Debt securities	336.9	309.6	313.1	319.1	294.1	291.6	236.6	231.4	221.8	228.4
2.2.1 Bonds and notes	329.3	302.0	305.3	301.1	285.2	289.6	233.3	230.6	221.8	227.7
2.2.1.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.1.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	2.5	2.4	3.6	5.7
2.2.1.3 Banks	40.5	38.1	37.7	24.6	22.6	23.9	18.8	19.7	10.7	13.2
2.2.1.4 Other sectors	288.7	263.9	267.5	276.5	262.7	262.7	212.1	208.4	207.5	208.8
2.2.2 Money market instruments	7.6	7.6	7.8	18.0	8.8	2.0	3.2	0.8	0.0	0.7
2.2.2.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.2.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.2.2.3 Banks	7.6	7.6	7.8	18.0	8.8	2.0	3.2	0.8	0.0	0.7
2.2.2.4 Other sectors	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3. Financial derivatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.2	38.1	44.2	49.3	79.1
3.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3.3 Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.2	38.1	44.2	49.3	79.1
3.4 Other sectors	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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4. Other Investment	4,979.3	6,579.0	7,175.3	6,376.6	7,884.7	9,589.5	11,563.0	16,839.5	19,999.3	26,332.1
4.1 Trade credits	171.8	163.9	170.4	178.2	168.6	186.9	252.5	444.6	464.5	469.1
4.1.1 General government:	2.5	5.6	2.3	6.2	5.4	10.1	16.1	7.0	7.6	4.8
4.1.1.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.1.1.2 short-term	2.5	5.6	2.3	6.2	5.4	10.1	16.1	7.0	7.6	4.8
4.1.2 Other sectors:	169.3	158.3	168.1	172.0	163.2	176.8	236.3	437.6	456.9	464.3
4.1.2.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	4.8	7.9	9.7
4.1.2.2 short-term	169.3	158.3	168.1	172.0	163.2	176.8	232.2	432.8	449.0	454.6
4.2 Loans	1,333.5	1,628.5	1,675.0	2,114.0	3,166.6	5,061.8	5,785.7	9,149.0	11,722.5	14,000.4
4.2.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.1.1 Use of Fund credit and loans from the fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.1.2 Other long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.1.3 Short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.2 General government	141.1	143.8	163.3	152.4	161.8	199.5	184.8	171.3	142.3	131.0
4.2.2.1 long-term	141.1	143.8	163.3	152.4	161.8	199.5	184.8	171.3	142.3	131.0
4.2.2.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.2.3 Banks	860.4	1,197.3	1,264.5	1,687.3	2,781.7	4,549.9	5,320.4	8,576.3	11,225.5	13,494.1
4.2.3.1 long-term	860.4	1,197.3	1,264.5	1,687.3	2,781.7	910.0	1,971.2	1,907.0	6,174.2	7,915.8
4.2.3.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,639.9	3,349.2	6,669.4	5,051.4	5,578.3
4.2.4 Other sectors:	332.1	287.4	247.2	274.3	223.1	268.4	280.0	401.3	354.7	375.3
4.2.4.1 long-term	308.9	261.0	220.4	245.5	200.6	243.5	250.7	373.3	331.9	354.7
4.2.4.2 short-term	23.2	26.4	26.8	28.8	22.5	24.9	29.3	28.1	22.8	22.7
4.3 Currency and deposits	3,387.6	4,276.1	5,140.8	3,905.0	4,339.6	4,154.4	5,359.7	7,104.9	7,698.5	11,220.7
4.3.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	8.5	0.0	16.3	15.8	6.4	17.0	26.7	31.4
4.3.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.3.3 Banks	3,387.6	4,276.1	5,132.3	3,905.0	4,323.4	4,138.7	5,334.2	7,058.3	7,613.3	11,098.8
4.3.4 Other sectors	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.2	29.7	58.4	90.5
4.4 Other liabilities	86.4	510.5	189.1	179.4	209.8	186.3	165.1	140.9	113.9	641.9
4.4.1 Monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.1.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.1.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.2 General government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.2.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.2.2 short-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.3 Banks	79.0	500.7	177.3	168.0	200.6	173.2	154.1	128.7	113.9	641.9
4.4.3.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	73.1	47.9	79.9	191.7
4.4.3.2 short-term	79.0	500.7	177.3	168.0	200.6	173.2	81.0	80.8	34.0	450.1
4.4.4 Other sectors	7.3	9.9	11.8	11.4	9.3	13.2	11.0	12.2	0.0	0.0
4.4.4.1 long-term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4.4.2 short-term	7.3	9.9	11.8	11.4	9.3	13.2	11.0	12.2	0.0	0.0

Methodological Notes

1. 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 International Investment Position (IIP) as well as the Balance of Payments (BoP) statements of Malta. Both statements are compiled in accordance with the international guidelines set in the fifth BoP Manual of the International Monetary Fund as well as with the (similarly-set) methodological guidelines set by the European Union statistical agency, Eurostat.
2. The IIP is compiled periodically to show the position of foreign assets and liabilities, by instrument, at the end of the calendar year. These are classified under direct investment; portfolio investment; financial derivatives; other investment; and reserve assets.
3. The IIP at the end of a specific period reflects the financial transactions, valuation changes, and other adjustments, denoted by instrument.
4. As from 2004 data are collected through a direct reporting (DR) survey covering all sectors of the economy, excluding the household sector. The latter is partly obtained from administrative data, which is also used to complement the DR system.
5. Data as from 2005 are provisional and are subject to change.
6. For a more detailed metadata, please refer to the Balance of Payments publication published annually by the NSO or the official website at www.nso.gov.mt

Note for Users

In 2004, a new set of direct reporting questionnaires as well as new money and banking returns were introduced. This resulted in an improvement in the IIP (and BOP) statement. A number of instruments that were previously grouped together are now being collected separately. This also resulted in a break in series making some instruments not strictly comparable with previous years.