Nowa user group

Meeting minutes

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Video conference

Participants:

Norges Bank (organiser) Nordic Trustee ASA

DNB Bank ASA Verdipapirfondenes forening

Handelsbanken Oslo kommune

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB – SEB Storebrand Asset Management AS

SpareBank 1 Nord-Norge Equinor ASA

SpareBank 1 SMN Danske Bank

SpareBank 1 SR-Bank KLP Kapitalforvaltning AS

Sparebank 1 Boligkreditt Swedbank

Minutes:

Norges Bank briefed the group on market movements in the Nowa rate since the previous meeting in March 2021. There has been little change, on average, in total turnover, the number of transactions and the number of active banks since the previous meeting. The Nowa rate has continued to remain close to the policy rate.

Norges Bank then briefly went through the calculations of the compounded index and averages for Nowa that have been published since April 2021 and showed the group where data and technical documentation are available on Norges Bank's website.

One of the users in the group asked whether Norges Bank has considered same-day publication of Nowa, instead of at 9:00 am the following business day. Norges Bank commented that same-day publication could present a practical challenge and that it is not common practice to do this for equivalent rates abroad. The issue will be discussed again at the next meeting of the user group.

It was decided that the next meeting of the user group will be held on 2 June 2022 and that this time the meeting will be held in person at Norges Bank.