

Executive Board meeting of 25 April 2007

3. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: Memo 19 April 2007 – Economic developments since 8 March 2007 from Monetary Policy
Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 14 March 2007
CONFIDENTIAL memo 19 April 2007 – Updated inflation outlook for the Norwegian economy from Monetary Policy
Memo 18 April 2007 – Report from Norges Bank's Regional Network from Monetary Policy
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 25 April 2007 from Monetary Policy.
Background and general assessment (distributed at the meeting)
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Presentations from Monetary Policy

Rune Finsveen and Erlend Bullvåg from Kunnskapsparken Bodø (Bodø Science Park) and Maja Sjøtøl presented a review of the main findings and trends in the reports from Norges Bank's Regional Network.

The Governor then presented a review of the main economic developments since the previous Executive Board meeting, with particular emphasis on developments in money, foreign exchange and capital markets and his assessment of these developments in relation to the monetary policy strategy.

On this basis, the Executive Board had a discussion. The Board decided to keep Norges Bank's sight deposit rate unchanged at 4.00 percent.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo "Economic developments since 8 March 2007". The Governor informed the Board that the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 14 March 2007 had now been approved, and gave a briefing on the meeting held on 24 April 2007.