

Executive Board meeting of 16 March 2006

2. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: Memo 8 March 2006 – Developments since 18 January 2006 from Monetary Policy
Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 24 January 2006
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 16 March 2006 from Monetary Policy. Background and general assessment (distributed at the meeting)
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Presentations from Monetary Policy (distributed at the meeting)

The Governor 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 increase Norges Bank's sight deposit rate by 0.25 percentage point to 2.50 percent with effect from 17 March 2006. The D-loan rate will be increased correspondingly to 4.50 percent.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo "Developments since 18 January 2006" and the minutes of the meeting between The Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 24 January 2006.