

Monetary policy meeting of the Executive Board, 28 January 2004

1. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: CONFIDENTIAL memo 21 January 2004 from Monetary Policy “Developments since 10 December”
Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 16 December 2003
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 28 January 2004 (background and general assessment) from Monetary Policy

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 and decided to reduce the rate on banks' sight deposits and D-loans in Norges Bank by 0.25 percentage point to 2 and 4 percent respectively with effect as from 29 January 04.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo “Developments since 10 December”. The Governor informed the Board that the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 16 December 2003 had now been approved.