



## The BIS

Promoting global monetary and financial stability through international cooperation

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) is an international organisation that serves central banks and other financial authorities across the globe to build a greater collective understanding of the world economy, fosters international cooperation among them and supports them in the pursuit of global monetary and financial stability.

## The bank for central banks

The BIS is owned by 60 member central banks and monetary authorities from around the world (see back cover). We work *for* and *with* them in three main areas:

- promoting international cooperation among monetary and financial authorities
- conducting economic research and analysis on policy issues confronting them
- providing banking services to the central bank community

We are headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, and have representative offices in Hong Kong SAR and Mexico City.

## International cooperation

Through the Basel Process, the BIS acts as a forum for discussion and a platform for cooperation among policymakers, to foster monetary and financial stability.

In this role, we contribute our expertise in economic research and analysis, our practical experience in banking and our knowledge in regulatory and supervisory issues, adding value to the discussions and cooperative efforts.

Through its research, analysis and statistics, the BIS supports central bank cooperation and provides an independent voice to sound policymaking.

In turn, this close interaction with policymakers informs our work and allows us to respond to their needs more effectively, in a mutually enriching dialogue that enhances the collaborative process.

## Economic research and analysis

BIS research emphasises the links between the real economy and the financial system, global rather than country-specific aspects, and longer-term drivers of activity. It seeks to strike a balance between responsiveness to short-term, conjunctural issues and proactivity in exploring themes of strategic importance for central banks and prudential authorities.

The BIS also compiles and disseminates international statistics on financial institutions and markets.

## Banking services

We offer financial services exclusively to central banks, monetary authorities and international organisations, mainly to assist them in the management of their foreign exchange reserves.

As an institution owned and governed by central banks, we are well placed to understand their primary focus on safety and liquidity, as well as their evolving need to diversify their exposures and obtain a competitive return.

To meet those needs, we provide credit intermediation, gold and foreign exchange, and asset management services, while managing our own capital. An integrated risk management function ensures that financial and operational risks are properly measured and controlled.

## BIS committees and associations

A number of international committees engaged in the pursuit of financial stability have their secretariats at the BIS. Being located in the same place makes it easier for these groups to communicate and collaborate, as well as interact with policymakers in the meetings that take place here. This exchange of information also makes it easier to coordinate efforts and prevents overlaps and gaps in the various work programmes.

## Meetings from April 2017 to March 2018



278  
meetings



9,514  
participants

### BIS committees

The **Basel Committee on Banking Supervision** develops global regulatory standards for banks and seeks to strengthen micro- and macroprudential supervision.

The **Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures** establishes and promotes global regulatory/oversight standards for payment, clearing, settlement and other market infrastructures, and monitors and analyses developments in these areas.

The **Committee on the Global Financial System** monitors and analyses issues relating to financial markets and systems.

The **Markets Committee** monitors developments in financial markets and their implications for central bank operations.

The **Central Bank Governance Group** examines issues related to the design and operation of central banks.

The **Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics** addresses statistical issues relating to economic, monetary and financial stability.

The following associations also have secretariats at the BIS, but have their own separate legal identity and governance structure and report to their members.

- The **Financial Stability Board** coordinates the work of national authorities and international standard setters in developing and promoting the implementation of effective regulatory, supervisory and other financial sector policies in the interest of global financial stability.
- The **International Association of Deposit Insurers** sets global standards for deposit insurance systems and promotes cooperation on deposit insurance and bank resolution arrangements.
- The **International Association of Insurance Supervisors** sets global standards for the insurance sector to promote effective and globally consistent supervision for the benefit and protection of policyholders and to contribute to global financial stability.

### BIS staff

The BIS is a small and diverse organisation of around 600 staff members from more than 60 countries. Our staff have expertise in finance, banking, risk management, international law, monetary and financial economics, and statistics, among other fields. Most work at the headquarters in Basel, Switzerland, while a small number work in representative offices located in Hong Kong SAR and Mexico City.

608

Staff members  
(March 2018)



40%  
Female



60%  
Male



60  
Nationalities

## BIS shareholding central banks



Bank of Algeria  
Central Bank of Argentina  
Reserve Bank of Australia  
Central Bank of the Republic of Austria  
National Bank of Belgium  
Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Central Bank of Brazil  
Bulgarian National Bank  
Bank of Canada  
Central Bank of Chile  
People's Bank of China  
Central Bank of Colombia  
Croatian National Bank  
Czech National Bank  
Danmarks Nationalbank  
Bank of Estonia  
European Central Bank  
Bank of Finland  
Bank of France  
Deutsche Bundesbank  
Bank of Greece  
Hong Kong Monetary Authority  
Magyar Nemzeti Bank  
Central Bank of Iceland  
Reserve Bank of India  
Bank Indonesia  
Central Bank of Ireland  
Bank of Israel  
Bank of Italy  
Bank of Japan  
Bank of Korea  
Bank of Latvia  
Bank of Lithuania  
Central Bank of Luxembourg  
National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia  
Central Bank of Malaysia  
Bank of Mexico  
Netherlands Bank  
Reserve Bank of New Zealand  
Central Bank of Norway  
Central Reserve Bank of Peru  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas  
Narodowy Bank Polski  
Bank of Portugal  
National Bank of Romania  
Central Bank of the Russian Federation  
Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority  
National Bank of Serbia  
Monetary Authority of Singapore  
National Bank of Slovakia  
Bank of Slovenia  
South African Reserve Bank  
Bank of Spain  
Sveriges Riksbank  
Swiss National Bank  
Bank of Thailand  
Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey  
Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates  
Bank of England  
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

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