The BIS

Promoting global monetary and financial stability through international cooperation

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The global bank for central banks

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) is an international organisation that serves central banks and other financial authorities across the globe to support their pursuit of monetary and financial stability through international cooperation. It also acts as a bank for central banks.

The BIS is owned by **63 member** central banks and monetary authorities from around the world.
We provide members with:

- a forum for dialogue and broad international cooperation
- a platform for responsible innovation and knowledge-sharing
- in-depth analysis and insights on core policy issues
- sound and competitive financial services

Our work

is anchored in strong core values that shape the way we work

We deliver

value through excellence in performance

We are committed

to continuous improvement and innovation

We act

with integrity

We foster

a culture of diversity, sustainability and social responsibility

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, banking, financial innovation and regulatory and supervisory issues to add value to the cooperative efforts.

This close interaction with policymakers 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 brings unique perspectives and provides conceptual and empirical advances to support policymaking. We provide our stakeholders with in-depth analysis and insights by drawing on our unique position at the intersection of research and policy.

We also compile and disseminate international statistics on financial institutions and markets. We have expanded our ability to manage and exploit increasing volumes and variety of data, given the availability of big data and advanced analytics technologies.

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 assets.

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

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

Exploring public goods for central banks through innovation

In an era of rapid technological advancements, the BIS collaborates with central banks to identify relevant technology trends, engage in practical experimentation and foster international cooperation to leverage technology to more efficiently fulfil their mandates.

The BIS Innovation Hub manages projects with central bankers working on innovation worldwide and focuses experimentation in seven centres, in partnership with central banks.

Committees and international groups at the BIS

The BIS hosts international groups engaged in standard setting and the pursuit of financial stability.

BIS committees

The **Basel Committee on Banking Supervision** is the primary global standard setter for the prudential regulation and supervision of banks and provides a forum for cooperation on banking supervision matters.

The **BIS Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures** is the global standard-setting body for the promotion of safe and efficient payment, clearing, settlement and related arrangements.

The **Committee on the Global Financial System** monitors financial sector developments and analyses their implications for financial stability and central bank policy.

The **Markets Committee** is a forum for senior central bank officials to discuss current market conditions, market functioning and monetary policy operations.

The **Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics** is a forum of statisticians, economists and other stakeholders involved in statistical and data issues of interest to central banks.

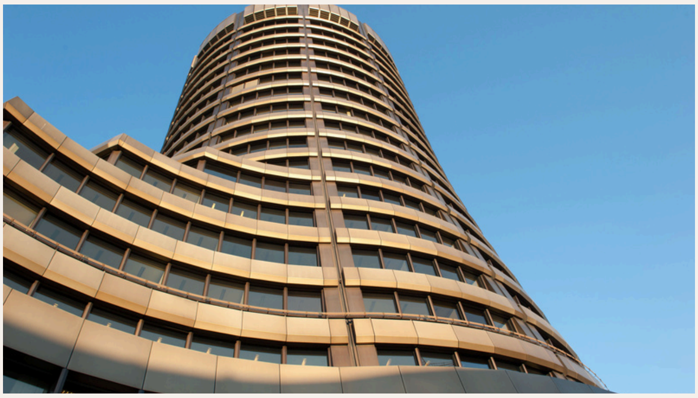
The following associations also have secretariats at the BIS, but have their own separate legal identity and governance structure, and report to their members.

The **Financial Stability Board** promotes international financial stability by coordinating the development of regulatory, supervisory and other policies by national financial authorities and international standard-setting bodies.

The **International Association of Deposit Insurers** advances standards and guidance for effective deposit insurance systems and promotes international cooperation among deposit insurers, bank resolution authorities and other safety net organisations.

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.

In fulfilling our mission, we strive to help our member central banks navigate the opportunities and challenges they face, and to provide insights and services to support their work.



BIS staff

The BIS is a small and inclusive organisation. We currently employ over 650 staff members from nearly 60 countries.

Our staff have expertise in finance, banking, risk management, international law, monetary and financial economics, statistics, financial technology and cyber security, among other fields.

BIS global presence

2 Representative Offices

7 Innovation Hub Centres and 1 strategic partnership

3 dealing rooms

*As of 31 March 2026

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
- Central Bank of Ireland
- Bank of Israel
- Bank of Italy
- Bank of Japan
- Bank of Korea
- Central Bank of Kuwait
- Bank of Latvia
- Bank of Lithuania
- Central Bank of Luxembourg
- Central Bank of Malaysia
- Bank of Mexico
- Bank Al-Maghrib
- De Nederlandsche Bank
- Reserve Bank of New Zealand
- National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia
- Central Bank of Norway
- Central Reserve Bank of Peru
- Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
- Narodowy Bank Polski
- Banco de Portugal
- National Bank of Romania
- Central Bank of the Russian Federation *
- Saudi Central Bank
- 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 Türkiye
- Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates
- Bank of England
- Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- State Bank of Viet Nam

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