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Aim and content

This 18th International Seminar on Central Banking seeks to bring together a diverse group of central bank professionals to share experiences, thoughts and discussions on the function of central banks in today's world. It also helps strengthen institutional ties and encourages networking for the exchange of expertise and best practice.

Each Seminar has addressed a broad range of topics relating to the functions and activity of central banks and the challenges they face in the 21st century. In particular, the contribution they make to price stability and financial stability, especially in the framework of a monetary union and a transnational supervisory mechanism. The subjects to be discussed on this occasion will include developments and main trends at central banks, their main monetary policy and financial stability functions, their banknote and coin circulation functions, their payment systems, their internal and external communication, their legal status and governance models, the organisation of their support functions and, given their current relevance, specific aspects of the creation of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB) and its distinctive governance and organisation model.

The Seminars have also addressed new and topical questions such as financial industry digitalisation, financial education, sustainable finance, how climate change affects the financial industry and historical-artistic heritage management and conservation.

Over the years we have observed how debates and discussions between seminar participants and speakers almost always steer the sessions towards the topics that are of most interest. And here lies the key to both the importance and the potential of international cooperation.

Professional profile of attendees

The Seminar is aimed at central bank and financial sector supervisory and regulatory professionals with at least three years' experience, high professional development potential and the ability to present their own views and take active part in the seminar discussions.

Organisation and format

Given the current situation resulting from the global spread of COVID-19, both our internal guidelines and government recommendations advise that no international meetings be held unless it is absolutely essential. In consequence, this year, and as an extraordinary measure, the seminar will be held virtually and in Spanish.

The seminar is organised by the Banco de España and will be held in half-day sessions owing to the time difference. Experts and high-level officials from all the Banco de España's Directorates General and other participating institutions will address the topics proposed and agreed in advance.

Participation is by invitation only.