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Aim and content

Every two years, CEMLA organises the Meeting of Experts on Action against Coin Counterfeiting under the auspices of a central bank that is a member of the organisation. It is held after the Meeting of Central Bank Treasurers. In 2021, the seventh edition of this event will be held, to be attended by representatives from CEMLA associate and collaborating central banks, experts from the law enforcement agencies responsible for combating coin counterfeiting, and other academic institutions and national bodies concerned with counterfeiting. The meeting will address issues such as counterfeit measurement and quality models, the most effective security features to combat coin and banknote counterfeiting, educational and communication campaigns targeted at retail businesses and the general public, and the threats posed by new technologies.

Professional profile of attendees

The meeting, centred on counterfeiting issues, will bring together the heads of counterfeit analysis centres and national anti-counterfeiting agencies (in our case, the Banco de España Monetary Offences Investigation Brigade or BIBE, by its Spanish abbreviation), and other specialists and professionals working in this field (judges and public prosecutors, tax authorities, customs departments, etc.).

Organisation and format

The meeting is organised by the Banco de España in collaboration with CEMLA. 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 meeting will be held virtually.

The Meeting of Experts on Action against Coin Counterfeiting will run over two afternoons. This new format includes brief, uninterrupted, presentations, a questions and answers session and the opportunity for all attendees to participate. Although the meeting will mostly be held in Spanish, some guest participants from collaborating institutions and other institutions not members of CEMLA may give their presentations in English.