

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF EESTI PANK FOR 2005–2007

In performing the core tasks, Eesti Pank has the following main activities:

I. Monetary Policy

1. Achieving readiness to obtain full membership in the European Economic and Monetary Union (and to accede to the euro area) by the second half of 2006.
2. Maintaining the currency board arrangement until granted full membership in the European Economic and Monetary Union.
3. Monitoring Estonian economy with focus on the threats related to economic imbalances, and economic policy cooperation with the government to prevent possible setbacks arising from such threats.
4. Harmonising the Estonian monetary policy environment and market operations with the European Economic and Monetary Union, proceeding from the peculiarities of Estonia.
5. Development of economic forecasts and movement towards harmonisation with the economic forecasting arrangement of the European System of Central Banks regarding content and procedure.

II. Financial Stability

6. Supporting international competitiveness of the financial sector and promoting domestic competition in banking.
7. Acting as supervisor of settlement systems and disclosing regular assessments on the issue.
8. Perfecting the system of financial sector security measures and participation in international cooperation in financial sector crisis management together with the Ministry of Finance and the Financial Supervision Authority.
9. Ensuring that financial sector regulation is up to date and in compliance with international standards and customs.

III. Meeting Cash Requirements

10. Reducing the share of cash in circulation by promoting usage of modern means of payment.
11. Ensuring the technological readiness of cash management for changeover to the euro cash.
12. Acknowledging key events in Estonia by issuing numismatic-bonistic products.

IV. Obtaining Full Membership in the European Economic and Monetary Union

13. Participation in the work of the European System of Central Banks and other European Union committees and working groups proceeding from its goals and within the limits of its resources.
14. Harmonisation of Eesti Pank's financial accounting and reporting with the standards of the European System of Central Banks.
15. Guaranteeing the consistency and quality of compiling financial sector and balance of payments statistics in compliance with the European Union standards.
16. Guaranteeing readiness for competent participation in the decision-making and cooperation mechanism of European common monetary policy.
17. Creation of an information technology infrastructure required for connecting the information system of Eesti Pank to the core network and information system of the European System of Central Banks.
18. Informing the public and cooperation partners of the economic, monetary, and financial policy situations and priorities in Estonia and the European Union in a uniform, clear, and timely manner.

V. Organisation and Cooperation

19. Participation in the work of the Nordic-Baltic Constituency of the International Monetary Fund.
20. Developing the system of external managers and credit risk management in administering the foreign currency reserves to improve the overall management of financial risks.
21. Developing the management system of Eesti Pank, including quality and risk management.
22. Streamlining the records management of Eesti Pank via implementation of a document management facility, e-EP.