



Main features and functions of Eesti Pank

Eesti Pank is the central bank of the Republic of Estonia and a constitutional institution which analyses and runs the Estonian monetary system, i.e. the monetary policy of Estonia. The aim of monetary policy is ensuring a low and stable price rise along with guaranteeing best opportunities for economic growth. The central bank is also responsible for the security and stability of the financial system. It is the sole legal issuer of Estonian currency and bears responsibility for regulating currency circulation along with keeping the national currency stable.

The mission of Eesti Pank is to ensure price stability in Estonia. To this end, Eesti Pank fulfils the following **main tasks**:¹

- participating in the national economic policy through the implementation of independent monetary policy, advising the government, and international cooperation;
- formulating the policy of the financial sector and creating conditions for the operation of reliable and well-functioning payment systems in order to ensure financial stability in Estonia;
- regulating cash circulation in Estonia;
- making preparations for becoming one of the policy-makers among other national central banks of the euro area who design coordinated economic policy and single monetary policy in Europe.

¹ Approved by Decision No 13-1 of 5 December 2005 of the Supervisory Board of Eesti Pank (Strategic Development Plan of Eesti Pank for 2006–2008).