

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Seminar
2019



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FOREWORD

Dear colleagues,

In 2002 the Czech National Bank organised its first seminar as part of technical cooperation amongst central banks. The past 16 years have proved that the exchange of knowledge and practical experience related to the process of transformation and integration into European structures is useful and interesting to colleagues from other central banks. Continued demand for seminars and attendance of a considerable number of colleagues from a wide range of institutions show that the activities of the Czech National Bank have become beneficial and valuable. Such interest in cooperation among central banks and the feedback we receive has inspired us to continue with the technical cooperation programme.

It is with great pleasure that I present you with a catalogue containing details of the seminars prepared by the Czech National Bank for 2019. The topics offered cover the issues most requested over the last few years. While some titles are similar to last year, the new catalogue offers new courses as well. 2019 will bring the opportunity to participate in the excellent workshop dedicated to macroeconomic modelling and forecasting, which opens every two years. Based on requests from other central banks, the popular seminar on human resources management will return in an updated version in 2019 after a two-year hiatus. On top of that, we are excited to introduce a brand new seminar titled “Coordinating policies in an integrated monetary and supervisory authority” in 2019. All seminars are prepared and led by the Czech National Bank’s experts who deal with the presented issues on a daily basis.

I am convinced that you will find the programme of seminars interesting and that the topics offered will match your expectations. In addition, the Czech National Bank is prepared to offer its know-how on specific topics and to welcome your experts for a visit on an individualised basis. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should feel a need for any expertise we can provide.

We look forward to welcoming colleagues from other central banks at our events at the Czech National Bank in 2019.

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General Secretariat

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Seminar schedule in 2019

CODE	DATE	TITLE	DEADLINE
901	11 – 13 March	Cash Circulation Management in the Czech Republic	31 December 2018
902	25 – 27 March	Statistics at the CNB	31 December 2018
903	19 – 21 June	Coordinating policies in an integrated monetary and supervisory authority	31 March 2019
904	23 – 25 September	Payment and Securities Settlement Systems and Payment Systems Regulation	30 June 2019
905	25 – 27 November	Human Resources Management	30 June 2019
906	2 – 6 December	Macroeconomic Modelling and Forecasting Workshop	30 June 2019

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Cash Circulation Management in the Czech Republic

11–13 March 2019

Description

This seminar aims to present the CNB's approach to tasks connected with cash circulation management in the Czech Republic and to share experience and knowledge in this area (e.g. issuance of banknotes and coins, cash handling, storage, processing and distribution, and the fight against counterfeiting).

Participants are invited to make an active contribution by briefly describing the situation in their countries.

Target group

The course is designed for senior specialists in issuance and cash operations.

Topics

- Role of the CNB
- Legislation and cash cycle in the Czech Republic
- Production and delivery of banknotes and coins
- Clients of the CNB and the cash distribution scheme
- Cash processing and storage
- Counterfeiting issues
- Statistics
- Security
- Workshop of participating central banks
- A visit to the Cash Operations Department of a CNB branch

Length 3 days

Language English

Number of participants 1–2 from each country

Application deadline 31 December 2018

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Statistics at the CNB

25–27 March 2019

Description

The seminar is designed to present the current statistical framework at the CNB, including its experience in producing statistics during the economic transition period and harmonisation with the European Central Bank. The seminar will cover all the main statistical areas, i.e. monetary and financial statistics, supervisory statistics, balance of payments statistics, financial accounts statistics, government finance statistics and general economic statistics, as well as statistical data processing, reporting and dissemination.

Participants are invited to make an active contribution by briefly describing the basic statistical framework in their countries.

Target group

The course is designed for statistical staff in central banks.

Topics

- Statistics at the CNB
- Monetary and financial statistics
- Supervisory statistics
- Balance of payments statistics
- Financial accounts statistics
- Government finance statistics and general economic statistics
- Data processing, reporting and dissemination

Length 3 days

Language English

Number of participants 1–2 from each country

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Coordinating policies in an integrated monetary and supervisory authority

19-21 June 2019

Description

The seminar aims to present the CNB's unique performance as integrated authority conducting monetary policy, macroprudential policy, resolution function, financial market regulation, financial market supervision and code-of-conduct function. The focus will be not only on the individual functions, but also on the cooperation of various departments in delivering such complex mandate.

Target group

The seminar is designed mainly for senior economists/finance specialists working primarily in supervisory and regulatory departments of central banks.

Topics

- Organisation of financial stability and macroprudential policy
- Stress testing of various financial market sectors and risks
- Regulating both banking and non-banking sectors in the EU context
- House price sustainability assessment and macroprudential approach to risks associated with housing credit
- Consumer protection and supervising code-of-conduct in various financial market sectors
- Integrated supervision of financial market
- Conduct on resolution function for the banking sector
- Performing monetary policy in highly open economy

Length 3 days

Language English

Number of participants 1–2 from each country

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Payment and Securities Settlement Systems and Payment Systems Regulation

23–25 September 2019

Description

This seminar aims to give and share detailed information on the payment and securities settlement infrastructure in the Czech Republic and the role of the central bank in this area. The presentations will be followed by a discussion session.

An interactive workshop will enable participants to discuss topics related to the payment and securities settlement infrastructure and payment systems regulation in their countries.

Target group

The seminar is intended for payment systems specialists and payment systems regulators working in senior-level positions (middle management) in a central bank.

Topics

- Introduction to payment issues in the Czech Republic
- National and EU payment systems legislation and the role of the central bank
- Oversight
- The role of SecuRe Pay Forum and EBA in payments
- CERTIS – the CNB's payment system
- Securities settlement systems in the Czech Republic
- Payment instruments
- European payment systems – TARGET, STEP2
- Virtual currencies and blockchain technology
- Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures

Length 3 days

Language English

Number of participants 1–2 from each country

Application deadline 30 June 2019

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Human Resources Management

25–27 November 2019

Description

This seminar aims to present the CNB's approach to HRM and to share experience and knowledge of HRM functions and instruments in all their range. Presentations will be based on the description of current HR practices at the CNB as well as lessons learned during numerous transformations HRM at the CNB has been subject to in the past few years. Participants are expected to make an active contribution during the seminar.

Target group

The seminar is designed for HR specialists working in a central bank.

Topics

- Organisation and management of human resources at the CNB
- Recruitment, selection and personnel planning
- Job descriptions and personnel systemisation
- Compensation system
- Performance appraisal system
- Professional development and training
- Social policy and employee benefits

Length 3 days

Language English

Number of participants 1–2 from each country

Application deadline 30 June 2019

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Macroeconomic Modelling and Forecasting Workshop

2-6 December 2019

Description

This hands-on workshop focuses on the process of building and operating small-scale structural macroeconomic models and satellite models for forecasting in central banks. The programme will involve both presentations by CNB economists providing the theoretical background of the topics covered and computer training enabling direct application

of the methodologies previously covered. In order to bring the participants as close as possible to a real-life modelling environment, the workshop will be organised as a model-building exercise for a selected country serving as a case study for all participants.

On the structural modelling side the participants will have the opportunity to participate in all key phases of the model building process: reviewing data and stylised facts, setting up the model structure, calibrating the Kalman filter to identify unobserved variables and shocks, forecasting, incorporating judgment and producing alternative scenarios. Matlab-IRIS environment will be used during the course.

Target group

Economists with a reasonable technical background in macroeconomic modelling and forecasting or junior economists whose duties involve/will involve modelling and forecasting.

Topics

- Work with data and stylised facts, country specific features
- Forward-looking models, endogenous monetary policy
- Impulse response analysis
- Kalman filtering
- Model testing
- Forecasting and incorporation of judgement
- Decomposition of the aggregate forecast
- Automatization
- Scenario analysis, uncertainty

Length 5 days

Language English

Number of participants 1–2 from each country

Application deadline 30 June 2019

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Administrative arrangements

Thank you for your interest in the seminars prepared by the Czech National Bank. Important information for experts applying for the seminars is given below.

Application procedure

If you wish to nominate a member of staff of your bank for a seminar, please fill in the electronic application form available on the CNB website:

http://www.cnb.cz/en/about_cnb/international_relations/tech_assistance/index.html

You can also use the paper version of the application form and send it to the CNB contact person by e-mail.

The completed application form must reach the Czech National Bank by the closing date indicated for each seminar. Late applications will not be accepted.

Former participants should not reapply for the same seminar.

All candidates must obtain approval from their training department before completing the application form.

Selection procedure

Attendance at the CNB's seminars is limited to a maximum of 16–18 participants. We usually accept 1–2 participants per country. If we receive more applications than there are places available, we will have to make a choice from among the applicants in attempt to include participants from as many countries as possible.

The seminars are mainly targeted at experts from partner central banks of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Eastern European countries and the Balkan States. Applicants from other central banks can be accepted only if there are places available.

The seminars are meant for central bank staff only. If you are not employed at a central bank, please do not respond, as we cannot accept your registration.

English language skills

All seminars will be held in English. Candidates need to speak English if they wish to benefit from a course. Interpretation services will not be available.

Visas

If participants require a visa to visit the Czech Republic, we suggest contacting the relevant Czech Embassy as soon as possible to ensure that the necessary formalities are completed in time. We can send an invitation letter at the participant's request. We have no authority to assist participants with visas.

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Costs

The Czech National Bank will arrange and pay for participants' accommodation including breakfast at a hotel and cover their expenses relating to lunches, coffee breaks and social events during the seminar.

Seminar duration

The seminars usually start on Monday at 9 a.m. Lectures normally end at 4 or 5 p.m. Participants are expected to attend the entire seminar and should not schedule appointments during the seminar.

Consultations

The CNB is ready to share its know-how on specific topics and to welcome groups of experts for a single brief visit on a tailor-made basis. If you are interested in any area of expertise, please contact us.

Accommodation

The Czech National Bank will provide participants with accommodation. Accommodation is booked from the night before to the night after the seminar. The costs relating to your hotel stay during this period will be covered by the CNB (including breakfast and excluding personal expenses – phone calls etc.).

You can also apply using the electronic application form available on the CNB website

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COURSE APPLICATION FORM

Fill in clearly in capital letters

Code	Seminar		
PERSONAL INFORMATION			
First name(s)			<input type="checkbox"/> Male
Surname			<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of birth (day/month/year)	Passport number	If you need an invitation letter to obtain a visa , state the embassy you will be applying to:	
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION			
Bank:			
Telephone number		Fax number	
E-mail address			
Current position/job title			
Department			
LANGUAGE SKILLS			
Please circle the number that best corresponds to your English ability in each of the following categories (5 = native-speaker level)			
Reading	Writing	Speaking	Oral comprehension
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Date:

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CNB, Administration Department, Na Prikope 28, Prague, Czech Republic

Contact person:

Mr Jan Malek (phone: +420 2 2441 4459)

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