

Technical Central Bank Cooperation (TCBC) among Central Banks

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The start of TCBC at the Deutsche Bundesbank

- 1989 - Hungarian borders opened / Berlin wall fell
- Financial systems in Central and Eastern Europe needed restructuring
 - 15 new central banks were founded in the former USSR
 - Some countries used fundamentals of existing state banks
 - Others had to begin from scratch

Development of TCBC at Deutsche Bundesbank

- Bundesbank's TCBC was initially coordinated by a small section in External Department
- 1994: Status of TCBC in Bundesbank upgraded from section to division
- 2005: Status of TCBC division upgraded to TCBC centre
- 2011: TCBC centre becomes a division in the newly established department "Economic Education, University and Technical Central Bank Cooperation"

For Deutsche Bundesbank TCBC means.....

- Central Banks as equal partners
 - Promoting economic and financial stability
 - Supporting the entire global financial system
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- 300 TCBC events per year, focusing on the whole picture of central banking
- 3000 foreign central bankers involved, of whom 1000 in Germany and 2000 abroad
- More than 80 central bank partners worldwide
- Strictly demand driven
- Concept is showing, informing and discussing instead of lecturing

Today, Center for Technical Central Bank Cooperation

- has 28 employees, which means
- 1 Director and 1 Deputy Director
- 7 Senior Advisers
- 19 Project Coordinators, Project Managers and Support Staff
- Moreover, the support from specialists from entire Bundesbank is available

Our relationship with CEMLA

- Since 1996 Deutsche Bundesbank is collaborating partner of CEMLA
- The same year our cooperation in TCBC started
- In 2011 further deepening of the relationship by signing a Memorandum of Understanding

Our relationship with CEMLA

- CEMLA as a center of regional monetary cooperation offers Bundesbank the unique opportunity to share our knowledge, experience and procedures with central banks staff from all Latin American and Caribbean central banks
- Attention is always given to tailor-made seminars, courses or workshops focusing on modern central banking questions e.g. „Modelling and forecasting“, „Macroprudential supervision“, „Central Bank Governance“ or „Internal Audit in Central Banks“

Statistics

- Since the beginning of the relationship the number of activities performed by Bundesbank experts increased on a regular basis, especially since 2005
- The number of activities increased from two in 2005 to nine in 2011
- The number of participants reached 176 in 2011 compared to 36 in 2006

Experiences from our cooperation with CEMLA

- Good organisational background in the CEMLA-Headquarters in Mexico City
- For us, using CEMLA as South American contact platform is most favourable
- Cooperation through all those years was very pleasant

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEMLA!

Competition in TCBC?

- Today – many central banks and institutions worldwide offer TCBC
- Some of those central banks, who earlier have been TCBC recipients, changed into TCBC providers
- Bundesbank considers this as welcome, friendly competition!

Need for International TCBC coordination?

- International networking between all providers and recipients makes TCBC transparent. This is an advantage for all.
- But strong international TCBC coordination is rather a disadvantage, for it limits the freedom of choice and the flexibility for all.

TCBC among Central banks – what has it achieved?

- Generally, it is difficult to identify which part of Central Bank`s success is related to TCBC
- But there is no doubt, that the international integration of Central Banks is a sharp instrument for fighting against today`s and tomorrow`s financial crises.
- This scenario needs even more TCBC instead of less TCBC.