



## Could you succeed as a central banker?

### The soon-to-be opened Bank of Finland Museum's monetary policy game is now on the Internet – test your skills!

The Bank of Finland Museum's monetary policy game is now available on the Internet. The game offers you the opportunity to try your hand at being a central banker. As soon as the game outcome is confirmed you will get immediate feedback on your performance. Will you succeed beyond all expectations, or will you get the sack? Test your skills now!

The monetary policy game takes place over an imaginary period of ten years, during which the player – in the role of a central bank governor – is given quarterly data on economic developments. The object is to guide interest rates in order to foster financial stability and the wellbeing of society. The game is by no means easy: the conflicting dangers of runaway inflation or a deflationary spiral are ever present. The candidate governor also has to deal with unsuspected crises. Guiding interest rates requires concentration, and as the game progresses the player learns the rules of the economy quickly and enjoyably, without even noticing it.

The monetary policy game is just one of the multimedia exhibits in the museum, which will open to the public in one week from now, on Tuesday 26 August at 12 noon. The museum is situated in the centre of Helsinki at Snellmaninkatu 2, and its role is to promote better understanding of our present day monetary economy. For this reason, the key themes are monetary policy and the role of the central bank as the watchdog of the monetary economy. The museum also displays the history of money and the Bank of Finland as well as banknotes and banknote art.

As well as the monetary policy game, the museum website at [www.rahamuseo.fi](http://www.rahamuseo.fi) also contains additional information on the museum itself. The site includes press material, for example the previous press release of Tuesday 17 June 2003, as well as frequently asked questions (FAQ) and their answers.

A press conference on the Bank of Finland Museum will be held at 11 am on Friday 22 August 2003. Over the next few days, journalists and press photographers are also welcome to follow the final stages of the work on museum prior to opening. For further information and appointments, please contact:

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