



# THE EURO AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN BRATISLAVA

At the end of last month, (18. 6. 2002), the Education Division of the National Bank of Slovakia organized a seminar with guests from the Belgian central bank in the premises of the Institute of Banking Education of the NBS. It was part of a long-term cooperation between the Banque Nationale de Belgique (BNB) and the National Bank of Slovakia (NBS). The theme was the still topical euro.

*Guests from the Banque Nationale de Belgique.  
Right: Y. Timmermans, F. Veldeman.*



The participants in the seminar from the NBS, representatives of the commercial banks (team of assistant teachers) and the Police Force listened to the topical lectures with interest. Mr. Yves Timmermans, administrative director of the printing operations of the BNB, recalled the history of the origin of the euro common currency. The information about the introduction of the euro banknotes and coins in Belgium was very interesting. A further part of the lecture covered experiences from monetary circulation during the first months of 2002. Mr. Francois Veldeman, a specialist from the technical division of the printing operations, gave information about the situation in the area of falsification of the euro currency.

Actual examples of some characteristic types of falsified euro banknotes also supplemented the lecture. Various specific questions about monetary circulation and the falsification of banknotes and coins were answered in the discussion.

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