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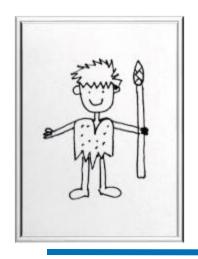


This is what I intend to talk about today.

- Why do we have money? The development of the payments market
- This is money, this is why there are different kinds
- Sweden's use of various methods of payment
- Should we accept that the use of cash comes to an end?
- Should the Riksbank issue e-krona?



















What is money?

Means of payment

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Unit of account

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A store of value

= MONEY





Money requires trust to be accepted









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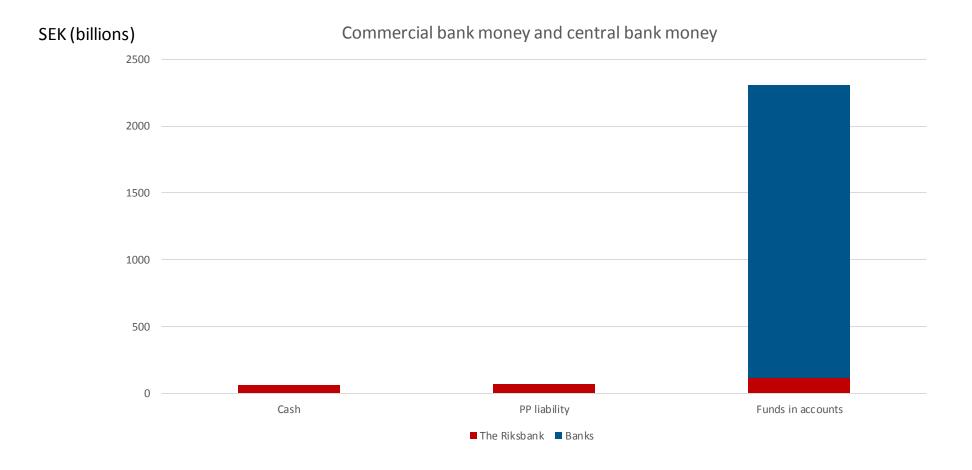




Not just banknotes and coins: Various issuers of money

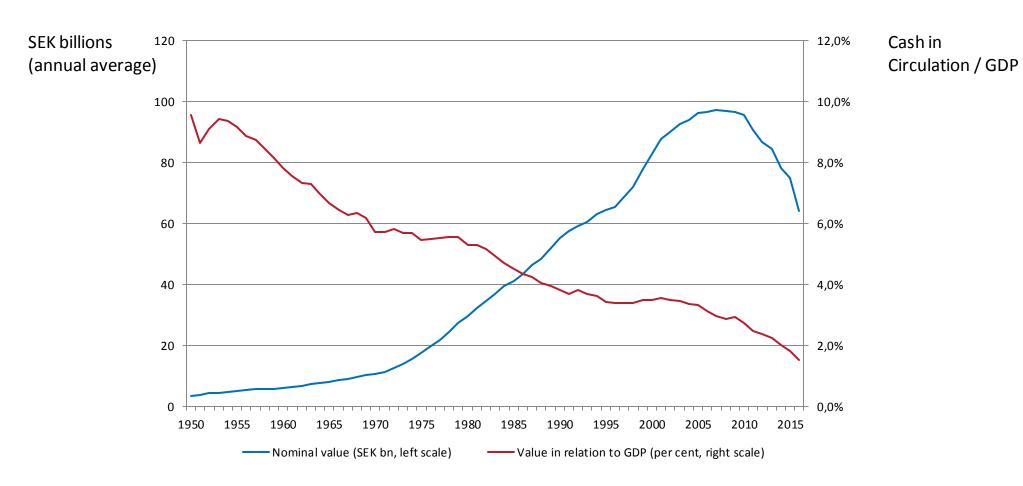


- Issued by the central bank: Banknotes and coins + Electronic
- Issued by the banks: Electronic (funds in accounts)





Demand for cash in Sweden



Sources: Statistics Sweden and Sveriges Riksbank



 Should the market determine the general public's access to central bank money?

 Should those living in Sweden who do not want to, may not or cannot have access to the banks' services be able to manage their payments?



Should the Riksbank issue e-krona?

- The printing press made it possible to print banknotes in its time – our current technology enables electronic payments
- E-krona a complement to banknotes and coins
 - not intended to replace them



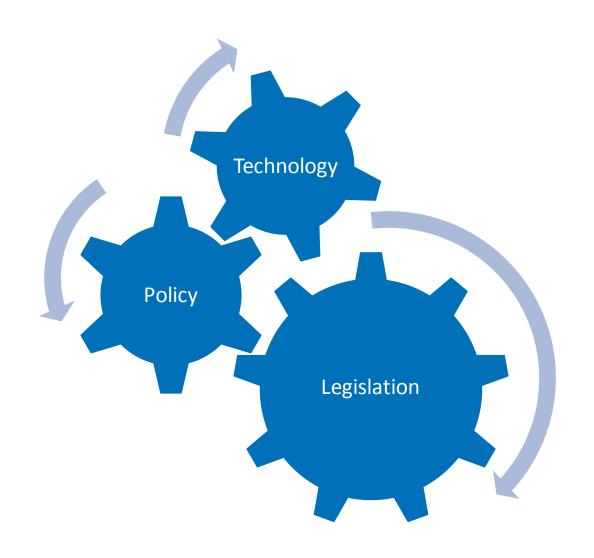


Many questions need investigating

- E-krona in an account?
- About accounts: With the Riksbank or via the banks?
- Should e-krona generate interest?
- Effects on monetary policy?
- Effects on financial stability?
- Technical issues and design
- Integrity
- E-krona in several different forms?

The Riksbank is investigating a possible introduction of e-krona







Examples of digitalised financial assets

From share certificates...



...to account statements

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