

Finns get their Euro bills speedily from cash ATMs

TietoEnator is responsible for the Euro readiness of Automatia's information systems

TietoEnator is on the home stretch with the Euro2002 project of Automatia, who is responsible for 'Otto' cash ATMs. Changes required by the Euro have been completed in good time and the final tests are gone through right now. The first ATMs will hand out Euros as soon as on the first night of the new year 2002. Within two weeks of the turn of the year all of the about 2.000 'Otto' ATMs everywhere in Finland will only deliver Euro bills.

To the Finns cash ATMs are a part of everyday life, in average over 10.000 withdrawals per month are being made with one ATM. In Europe, the corresponding number is about 3.500 withdrawals. A majority of bills, also Euro bills, are delivered via ATMs to the banks' customers. This allows a more speedy delivery of Euro bills in Finland than in many other European countries.

TietoEnator has been totally responsible for implementing the information system changes for Automatia. The planning of Euro changes was started as early as the year 1997. An important part of the development work has been to guarantee the uninterrupted and simultaneous operation between Automatia and the Finnish banks.

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