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Finantsinspektsioon held an open day on 17 April to present the institution and its work. The event was attended by some 50 students from different universities.

The open day was opened by Chair of the Finantsinspektsioon management board Kilvar Kessler, who spoke about how he first came to work at

Finantsinspektsioon and how the challenges faced by the financial supervisor still fascinate him more than 20 years later. “If you want to give something back to society, then Finantsinspektsioon is the right place to do that in an important way through the financial sector”, he said. He also noted the store of knowledge that Finantsinspektsioon has because it is part of the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) of the European Central Bank. Mr Kessler added that because Finantsinspektsioon is a small organisation, and the smallest financial supervisor in the European Union, its staff do not become overwhelmed by the organisational processes, and respect is always given to creative freedom.

Lawyers, financial analysts and IT experts told exciting stories at the open day about supervision of the financial sector and the smart tools that are used for it. The students were also able to ask questions about topics that had caught their interest. Staff from Finantsinspektsioon explained the career opportunities and practical openings that the institution offers. The day ended with networking and a tour of the historical buildings.

Feedback from the students shows that they particularly enjoyed the panel discussion with young staff from Finantsinspektsioon and the thematic workshops that gave more detail on work at the institution and allowed them to ask questions directly from experts on the Finantsinspektsioon staff. There are currently 134 people working at Finantsinspektsioon, and some of them have been there since the institution was first founded more than 20 years ago. The Finantsinspektsioon staff are a good balance of dedicated top-level experts with long experience and young specialists who have arrived in the past few years as the organisation has grown.

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