

## Preface

With this special STATISTIKEN issue, entitled “Household income, consumption and wealth – Austrian sector accounts over the past 20 years,” the OeNB continues its effort to provide annual updates on changes in household income and consumption. Our analysis is meant to illustrate how strongly these changes have been driven by saving, financial investment and borrowing (to finance consumption expenditure and real investment). To complete the picture, we present data on the resulting financial and nonfinancial capital stocks, liabilities and property income. To enhance understanding of the heterogeneity among Austrian households, we moreover compare selected national accounts data with results from the second wave of the Eurosystem Household Finance and Consumption Survey for Austria (HFCS Austria 2014).