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# Preface

After having organised several conferences related to this topic and motivated by the upcoming changes for the ECB and the changing mentality on financial policies, the Ludwig von Mises Institute Europe and the Swiss Mises Institute have decided to publish the book “Banking and Monetary Policy from the Perspective of Austrian Economics”.

For a while there has indeed been a feeling of discontent about the policy of the European Central Bank (ECB). That is not only applicable to experts and academics, but also to other people. To show the arguments against the inflationary ECB policy, several prominent academics have given their thoughts on this topic, but there are also introductory articles explaining the several aspects of the theories of the Austrian School.

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- Connecting liberal-minded individuals and organizations at national and international levels.

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Patrik Vonlanthen is founder and president of the Swiss Mises Institute.

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