



Versatile economist with a strong track record in leadership roles and fields of economics such as monetary policy and macroeconomics. Long-standing coverage of emerging markets.

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SKILLS

- Risk Management
- Economics

LANGUAGES

- German | Native
- English | Advanced
- French | Intermediate
- Spanish | Intermediate

CHIEF ECONOMIST

BIRGIT
NIESSNER

EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2023
Present
**PRESIDENT
CARE Austria.**
Head of Supervisory Board
- Sep 2021
Aug 2025
**CHIEF ECONOMIST
OeNB Austrian Central Bank.**
Supervision of sections on Monetary Policy, Business Cycle Analysis, Research, CESEE Hub, International Economics, Fiscal Council, Productivity Board, Editors and Translators (90 employees)
Representative at Monetary Policy Committee at ECB
Co-lead ECB Strategy Review
- Feb 2014
Aug 2021
**MANAGER
Raiffeisenbank International.**
Supervision of Ratings Department for Sovereigns, LRGs and financial institutions including ESG criteria Advisory for the Board on risks out of COVID pandemic and in CEE countries Agile transformation of a formerly heavy organisational structure 15-40 employees
- Sep 2013
Feb 2014
**SENIOR ECONOMIST
EIB.**
Participation in EIB Investment Report and the corresponding flagship conference
- Sep 2011
Aug 2013
**CHIEF ANALYST FOR CEE
Erste Group.**
Remote leadership of a decentral team in CEE High media visibility & publication activity
- Sep 2007
Aug 2011
**RISK MANAGER
Erste Group.**
- Jun 1997
Aug 2007
**COUNTRY DESK OFFICER
Austrian Development Cooperation.**

EDUCATION

- Jan 2001
Dec 2003
**PHD ECONOMICS
Vienna University of Economics.**
- Jan 1995
Dec 1996
**MSC DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
London School of Economics.**
- Jan 1989
Dec 1995
**MAGISTER SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY
University of Vienna.**