## Notes on the methodology

## to be applied in relation to the time series and to the information based on pension funds' data supervisory reporting

1. The time series concerning funds were compiled on the basis of the MNB's annual and quarterly data reporting tables. Owing to changes made to modified reports in some cases the data may differ from those published earlier.

2. From 2014 to 2024 the data of voluntary health funds and mutual aid funds are published only twice a year, from 2025 the data are published quarterly.

3. Certain data are not available in retrospect owing to changes in the table structures.

4. The categories to be found in the annual data reporting tables differ in some points from those of the quarterly tables, thus the two types of tables are not comparable.

5. The preliminary (unaudited) cumulated Q1-Q4 data are not always consistent with the annual audited data.

6. The fund members who report their intents to switch to other funds during the last month of the quarter are stated in the table of membership as switching members in the next quarter.

7. Between 2013-2016 the small sized health funds and mutual aid funds, and between 2013-2015 the small sized voluntary pension funds, reported their data only once a half-year. Therefore in Q1 and Q3 the sector-level data were supplemented by statistics estimates.

8. In view of the fact that, based on the Act on voluntary mutual insurance funds, from 1 January 2016 onwards there is an opportunity to create a new type of fund (a health and mutual aid fund) that can also provide mutual aid and health funds service, data of health funds, mutual aid funds, and health and mutual aid funds are published together as a group of health and mutual aid funds from 2016 in the time series.

9. From 2016 the health and mutual aid funds' service figures will not be separate by services in a comprehensive manner in the time series, but only the significant items of available services will be highlighted.

10. The data were rounded individually, therefore, partial data do not necessarily sum to the total figures.

11. From the third quarter of 2024, as the number of private pension funds decreased to two institutions, data on private pension funds will no longer be published for confidentiality reasons. Tables of the private pension funds will be archived by the first quarter of 2025. The archived data can be found on the MNB Statistics website under Statistical topics \ Supervisory statistics \ IV. Pension funds \ Time series of Pension funds \ Archives with the title of Time series of Pension funds until 2024 (archive). <u>Time series of pension funds</u>