

EIOPA Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group



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Greg Van Elsen joined Ghent University in April 2018 as a doctoral researcher, focusing on EU financial regulation and financial consumer protection. In that position, he also gives lectures on EU (economic) integration.

Previously he worked over 4 years for BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, as a senior policy officer representing consumer interests in the field of EU financial services regulation. He worked on several legislative files, including MiFID II and the Insurance Distribution Directive. He was also responsible for tracking digital innovation in financial services from a consumer perspective. In that capacity he was active in the European Crowdfunding Stakeholder Forum. Furthermore, he published position papers on a wide range of financial consumer protection topics ranging from big data and motor insurance to automated financial advice, and the mitigation of conflicts of interest.

Building on his prior experience, Greg Van Elsen will now act as an academic advisor to BEUC on issues of financial consumer protection. He is also member of two distinct expert groups of the European Supervisory Authorities, i.e. the Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group of EIOPA and the Securities and Markets Stakeholders Group of ESMA.

Greg Van Elsen has a diverse civil society background, previously working inter alia for Fairfin, a non-governmental organisation advocating sustainable finance. As a policy officer he focused on banking structural reform and socially responsible investing. From 2007 onwards, he spent four years at Oxfam, working on issues of fair trade. Greg Van Elsen holds a master in Applied Economic Sciences (University of Antwerp, 2002) and a master's in International Politics (University of Leuven, 2003).