



## **EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group**



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I applied to be member of the OPSG willing to give a positive contribution for private pensions in Europe. In the coming years occupational and individual pensions will be one of majors' political issues in Europe and EIOPA plays a role of critical importance in this context.

My engagement in the activities of the Portuguese Association of Investment and Pension Funds and Asset Management (APFIPP), as Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Pensions Funds Technical Committee, as well as my participation, at the European level, in the PensionsEurope Subgroup on EIOPA's IORP Stress Test 2017 and in the Pensions Standing Committee of EFAMA, has given me the opportunity to work in a broader environment, benefiting from the exchange and sharing of experiences and knowledges, developing the ability of promoting consensus about the major topics under discussion.

I also think that the existing Portuguese Pension Funds governance model, organized with professional regulated and well supervised managers, can add a helpful approach in a European Pension Funds Market that is mostly organized in a different way.

After my graduation in Economics with specialization in International and Financial Economy, (ISEG of Lisbon), my professional career was mostly developed in the Pension Fund and Insurance Sectors. Before embracing my current function, I was Director of several departments among the Ageas Insurance Group: Commercial, Marketing, and General Management. For about two years, I had an international career experience, as Member of the Board of Directors of PTE PZU, S.A., as representative of Eureko, in Poland.

Since 2006, I am General Manager of Ageas Pensões (resulting from the rebranding of Ocidental Pensões in December 2019), leader in Portuguese Pension Funds Market and I am also Member of the Management Committee for Life Pensions and Bancassurance of the Ageas Portugal Group.