

Supervision with Impact: 15th Anniversary Conference

The EIOPA Conference 2026 marks the 15th anniversary of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority.

Since its inception, EIOPA has been shaping the landscape of insurance and pensions supervision in Europe, contributing to the stability and sustainable development of these sectors, and leaving an enduring imprint on financial stability and on the trust European consumers place in them.

As the Authority enters its next phase, the conference will have a forward-looking perspective. Discussions will spotlight how supervision can continue to deliver tangible benefits in the face of new and evolving challenges.

Conference Programme

Location: Hilton Frankfurt City Centre

Moderation: Jerneja Orthmayr, Communications Team Leader

Time (CET)	Session
08:15 – 09:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
09:00 – 09:20	Opening keynote Maria Luís Albuquerque , European Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union
09:20 – 09:40	Keynote Klaas Knot , Former President of De Nederlandsche Bank and Former Chair of the Financial Stability Board
09:40 – 10:00	Perspectives from the Chair Petra Hielkema , Chairperson of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
10:00 – 10:45	In conversation: EIOPA@15 – Past, present and future A conversation between Executive Directors looking back on what’s changed over the last 15 years in insurance and pensions, in supervision, at EIOPA, and what is on the horizon. <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlos Montalvo, PwC Global Insurance Regulatory Leader and former Executive Director of EIOPA • Fausto Parente, Executive Director of EIOPA • Future Executive Director of EIOPA <u>Moderator:</u> Lee Harris , Insurance Correspondent, Financial Times
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>

11:15 – 12:30	<p>Panel discussion: The resilient consumer</p> <p><i>Panel introduction: Voices from young consumers (video intervention) followed by panel discussion</i></p> <p>Exploring how consumers – particularly today’s young generation – can be prepared to navigate financial setbacks, with a focus on AI as a point of financial guidance and on how supervisors can adapt to safeguard and empower the next generation.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandra Maczyńska, Managing Director, BETTER FINANCE • Henk Becquaert, Member of the Management Committee, Financial Services and Markets Authority • Maria Paula Guimarães Baum, Senior Product Manager, Xaver • Nic De Maesschalck, Director General, BIPAR • Saskia van Berloo, Project Manager, International Office of the European Youth Parliament <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lee Harris, Insurance Correspondent, Financial Times</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Keynote: Aurore Lalucq, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (<i>video address</i>)</p>
14:15 – 15:30	<p>Panel discussion: The Rise of Non-Bank Finance: Implications for Insurers, Pensions, and Supervisors</p> <p>This panel explores the state of play of non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), the implications for insurers, pensions, and supervisors as well as the way forward.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimitris Zafeiris, Head of the Risks and Financial Stability Department, EIOPA • Francesco Mazzaferro, Head of the Secretariat, European Systemic Risk Board • Liane Hirner, Member of the Managing Board and CFRO, Vienna Insurance Group • Prof. Loriana Pelizzon, Ph.D., Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE, Goethe University Frankfurt and Ca’ Foscari University of Venice <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lee Harris, Insurance Correspondent, Financial Times</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:15	<p>Panel discussion: Sound supervision for a strong insurance and pensions sector</p> <p>This panel examines how effective, cohesive supervision can strengthen Europe’s insurance and pensions sector, balancing European-wide approaches with national perspectives and driving strategic resilience.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agustín Reyna, Director General, BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation • Frédéric de Courtois, President, Insurance Europe • John Berrigan, Director-General, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission (DG FISMA) • Gabriel Bernardino, President, Portuguese Insurance and Pension Funds Supervisory Authority <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lee Harris, Insurance Correspondent, Financial Times</p>
17:15 – 17:30	Closing remarks
17:30 – 18:30	Networking reception